

# Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Woodland

Bulletin, February 27, 2022

(10:30 AM In-Person & Live Stream Worship Service)

(We welcome you. Whoever you are, wherever you are from, wherever you are in your faith journey, whomever you love, whatever your ethnicity or first language, whatever your past, regardless of your abilities and whether you are rich or poor or in between...you are welcome here.)

**Musical Prelude**—Jay Surdell

## **Our shared life together, aka, announcements**

*Here are some things our church is doing this week which just might help us listen to, hear and follow Jesus more closely in the week ahead.*

**Call to Worship**—Larry Love

**Opening Song**—“*I Am the Light of the World!*” *Chalice Hymnal #469*  
(Verses #2 & 3)

### **Refrain:**

“I am the Light of the World!

You people come and follow me.”

If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery  
of what you were meant to do and be.

2. To find the lost and lonely one,  
to heal the broken soul with love,  
to feed the hungry children with warmth and good food,  
to feel the earth below, the sky above!
3. To free the prisoner from his chains,  
to make the powerful care,  
to rebuild the nations with strength and goodwill,  
to see God's children everywhere!

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Music: Jim Strathdee

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**Opening Prayer**—Unison—Nancy Love

Revealing God,

we would see Jesus.

Open our eyes now to Christ's living presence

as we attend to your word in holy scriptures

and listen for the voice of Christ speaking to us.

Through prayer and praise,  
through bread and wine,  
through scripture and silence,  
let us know that Christ is in our midst  
and communes with us. Amen

**Response**—“*Open Our Eyes, Lord*” *Chalice Hymnal #44*

Open our eyes, Lord,  
we want to see Jesus,  
to reach out and touch him,  
and say that we love him.  
Open our ears, Lord,  
and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord,  
we want to see Jesus.

Words and Music: Bob Cull

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**A Story for Children of All Ages**—Nancy Love

**Scripture Text**—*Exodus 34:29-35*—Nancy Love

**Anthem**—Chancel Choir

*“Transfigure Us, O Lord”*

*(Words and Music by Bob Hurd)*

**Sermon Text:** —*Luke 9:28-36*—Larry Love

**Reader:** *The message of God for the people of God.*

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Message**—“*Listen to Him*”—Pastor Larry Love

**Song of Commitment**—“—“*Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult*” *Chalice Hymnal #337*

1. Jesus calls us o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild restless sea,  
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,  
saying, "Christian, follow me";
3. Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store;  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more."

5. Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,  
Savior, may we hear thy call,  
give our hearts to thine obedience,  
serve and love thee best of all.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander  
Music: William H. Jude

### **Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from the evil:  
for thine is the kingdom, and the power  
and the glory, forever, and ever.  
Amen. Amen.

### **Responsive Song**—“*O Lord, Hear My Prayer*” *Chalice Praise #104*

O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

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### **Call to Stewardship**—Nancy Love

#### **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **Communion Call and Prayer**—Jeanelyse Doran

### **Words of Institution—Communion—Peace—Prayer**—Larry Love

**Closing Song**—“*Shine, Jesus, Shine*” *Chalice Praise #39*  
(Verses #1 & 3)

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining  
in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us;  
set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me

**Refrain:**

Shine, Jesus, shine,  
fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth your word,  
Lord, and let there be light.

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
so our faces display your likeness;  
ever changing from glory to glory,  
mirror'd here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me. (*to Refrain*)

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**Benediction and Postlude**

**Announcements:**

- Today—Welcome Table Worship, 8 a.m. Contact Beja Springer for Zoom link.
- Today—Zoom worship, 9 a.m.
- Today—In person worship, 10:30 a.m. There will also be a Zoom link sent out for this service.
- Today—Pastor's Class, 11:50 a.m. This is for anyone wishing to join the church and/or be baptized during the Easter season.
- Monday—Fellowship in Library, 9:30 a.m.
- Monday—Protocols meeting, Library, 1 p.m.
- Monday—Personnel Committee meeting, 6 p.m.

- Tuesday—Bible Study via Zoom, 10:30 a.m.
- Tuesday—Prayer Time via Zoom, 11:30 a.m.
- Tuesday—Woodland Ecumenical and Multi-faith Ministries (WEMM) meeting, American Lutheran Church on College Street, 12 noon.
- Wednesday—Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary
- Thursday—Choir practice, 6:15 p.m.
- Next Sunday—Zoom worship, 9:00 a.m.
- Next Sunday—In person worship, 10:30 a.m., which will also be Zoomed.
- Next Sunday—Pastor’s Class for anyone wishing to be baptized during the Easter Season begins today (about 11:50 a.m. for about an hour). The class will be offered for six Sundays until just before Easter.
- Larry’s hours in the church office are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Thursday.
- Pastor Larry’s days off are Friday and Saturday.

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## **Prayer Requests:**

Thanks for:

- The well-lived life of **Gloria Nadine Martin**, mother of **Nancy Love**, grandmother of **Micah and Alexa Love**, and mother-in-law extraordinaire of **Pastor Larry**. Gloria passed away on Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Prayers for the whole family including Gloria’s husband of 67 years, **Ellis Martin**.
- Successful gall bladder surgery for **Del Zeiger**.
- New piano—thanks to **Jay Surdell** and **Susie Hardman** for securing it.
- New glass on the communion table thanks to **Esther and Robin Stiles**.

Prayers of concern for:

- The people of Ukraine in face of the Russian invasion. Prayers for peace.
- Family of **Emma**, a young middle school girl who died tragically a few weeks ago.
- The Woodland Food Closet as they expand their mission and go through the process of moving to another site after 50+ years in our church building.
- **Alice Schoner**—her hand is quite painful.
- **Judy Mehren's sister, Helen**, recovering from a stroke.
- **Richard, an acquaintance of Jeanelyse Doran**. He is going through cancer treatments.
- **Trevor, Becky Holland's nephew**, now stationed at the U. S. Embassy in Poland to help with Ukrainian refugees.
- **Sarah Tarleton** as she lost a friend named **Kori** recently. Prayers, too for Kori's husband and children.
- **Jaime Gordon** as she does the taxing work of contact tracing for those testing positive for COVID.
- The family of **George Costa** who passed away much too young.
- **Marjorie Brown's cousins, David and Kelly** on a missionary trip to Iraq.
- **Josue Garcia** and other homeless persons and especially those dealing with mental illness.
- **Neil Elder** asked for prayers for his **cousin, Jim Peterson**, whose wife just died. Jim lives in Wisconsin.
- **Mike Parker, the brother of Nancy Ramirez (who is the Love's neighbor)**. Mike is having surgery in the not-too-distant future for brain aneurysms.
- **Kam Arnold, younger brother of Alexa Love's boyfriend**. Kam is undergoing a regimen of chemotherapy.
- **Penny, neighbor of Sosa's and Love's** dealing with cancer.
- **Abby Wilmot's great-grandmother** in Oregon
- **Laura Daggett's** family member, **Pauline, Roger, Sherry, Paul**, dealing with health issues...and Laura as she has begun her theological education.
- **Leigh Dieckmann** diagnosed with an eye disorder called solar retinopathy, extreme light sensitivity, and severe chronic pain.
- Prayers for the healing of our country in this deeply divided time.

Ongoing prayers for:

**Joyce Henning, Chuck and Barbara Blaisdell, Ricardo Rico, Kevin Dooley, Beth Erickson, Ted Pitts and daughter (Margaret), Willie Paulucci, Katharine (Patty Overfield's mother), Flo Tinsley, Lisa Austin (friend of Megan Shull), Jim Craig (Heather Craig's uncle on hospice), Kathy and Dick (friends of Barb Patterson—Dick has Parkinson's Disease), Alberta and Phil Bradley**

## WHAT IS THE 24-HOUR PRAYER VIGIL?

Every year the Christian Church Disciples of Christ asks local congregations to pray every day (24 hours a day) during Lent (Ash Wednesday through Easter).

Woodland Christian Church traditionally participated on ASH WEDNESDAY. From 12:00AM-12:00AM on **March 2, 2022**, folks from our church will be praying. This year we can pray at home or in the chapel at church. You can sign up for ½ hour or an hour. You can pray for our church, our community, a friend or family member, yourself, our world or.....

You can sign up today (February 27) at church or contact Gloria Dewey at (530) 665-3815.



### Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

Hopefully in the sanctuary...though perhaps online...or both.

All are welcome to this service  
that includes the imposition of ashes upon our foreheads.

**March Dominoes**  
**Friday, March 11th**  
**At 6:30 PM**  
**Parker Hall**

Theme is  
***“Erin Go Bragh”***

Hosted by  
Sharon Armus

Please bring a dish to share and  
a gift that fits the theme.

## **Lenten Study Series**

**Wednesday evenings, March 9<sup>th</sup> through April 13<sup>th</sup>,**  
6 p.m.

We will be using **Judith Jones'** book,  
***The Women in the Gospel of John: The Divine Feminine.***

(As you may know, Judith is a new member of our congregation, and is an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Hopefully this study series will include dinner together in Parker Hall (the church social hall in the education building)... and a study time together.

The sermons and worship services for Lent will also be taken from the passages in the Gospel of John that are the subject of the Wednesday night studies.

All are welcome to join us on these Wednesday evenings.

(If there are any persons who would like to do this book study at another time, in person or via Zoom, we would be glad to assist you in calendaring the time and advertising your study group.)

## **Lenten Lunches**

Each Wednesday of Lent beginning **March 9<sup>th</sup>**, 12 noon, a different church in **Woodland Ecumenical and Multi-faith Ministries** will host a luncheon and a brief service of worship.

(We will, of course, only do these if the COVID Omicron

Watch the Sunday bulletins for more information and for wave has ended by then.) locations of the lunches.

## **GOOD FRIDAY—APRIL 15**

### ***Stations of the Cross***

On Friday April 15 we will have Interactive Stations of the Cross

From 3-6 PM

*What are Stations of the Cross?*

There will be 10 stations which represent an event in the last week of Jesus' life.

The stations will be in the sanctuary and courtyard and will be self-guided.

You can come anytime during the 3-hour time period and stay as long as you would like. There will be a "quiet place" if you just want to simply be still or pray.

## **The Upper Room**

Copies of the March/April 2022

***Upper Room***

are now available in the Church Narthex



# COVID Protocols

As we are sure you are aware, the state and county have lifted the indoor mask mandates for persons who are fully vaccinated. ***Persons who are not vaccinated are still required to wear masks indoors in public settings...like our church.*** However, given that Yolo County is still in the “high” range of community transmission, and given the recommendation from Yolo County Health Officer, Dr. Aimee Sisson that “everybody wear masks indoors until community transmission reaches the Moderate tier or lower,” ***it is our recommendation that we continue to wear masks in worship for the time being.*** Omicron continues to be highly contagious, and there are considerable numbers of breakthrough cases even with fully vaccinated persons. Given the age of our congregation and the reality that persons over 65 are the most susceptible to severe illness or even death, ***the church board of directors urges us, out of love for one another’s well-being, to continue wearing masks in worship until the community transmission level drops to moderate as the county health officer recommends.*** Thank you for your willingness to seek the well-being of your siblings in Christ.

## **RETURN TO IN PERSON WORSHIP**

***“I was glad when they said to me,  
Let us go to the house of the Lord!”***

***Psalm 122:1***

**WE ARE BACK!** Things may not be the same for a while at Church, but we celebrate coming together. **Here are some temporary changes we are implementing to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19:**

1. **Masks** – Please wear them to cover your nose and mouth. If you need one, we can provide one.
2. **Singing** – Please hum or sing quietly from behind your mask.
3. **The Lord’s Prayer** – Please join in praying the Lord’s Prayer from behind your mask.
4. **Please refrain from handshakes and hugs.** Please share waves and “air hugs.” Elbow bumps are okay, too.
1. **Offering** – You may give online, through the mail, or place your offering in the plates located near the front of the Sanctuary when you go forward for communion.
5. **Communion** – The diaconate will guide you in no contact communion.
6. **Dismissal** – Please observe social distance as you exit the building.
7. **There will be no nursery nor *Children’s Worship and Wonder* for the time being.** Activity Packets for children will be provided upon entering Worship, if requested. ***We welcome children and babies in our worship services. We will take joy in their occasional noises and in their presence.***

***We are overjoyed to be back in our church home with ALL of our church family.***

**These changes are intended to create a safer space for everyone. We are so very glad you chose to be with us in worship today! May God bless you.**