

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Woodland
Bulletin, September 26, 2021
(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 learn more fully God’s wise way to live in these confusing and sometimes chaotic times.”

Call to Worship—Larry Love

Opening Song—“*Be Thou My Vision*” *Chalice Hymnal* #595

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art,
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won,
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art

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Music: Traditional Irish melody
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Opening Prayer—Unison—Beth Erickson

Creator of the universe,
we gather as a portion of your world centered in Christ.
As your community of faith strengthen us this hour,
not to be conformed to the world,
but transformed by the renewal of our minds.
Equip us to express the kind of world you intended when you spoke it into existence.
Join us together with all your people to live your wise way,
doing your good and perfect will.

Grant that your great day may come when all creation fully pleases you.
In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Response—“*Gloria Patri*”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.

A Story for Children of All Ages—Gloria Dewey

Scripture Text: *Mark 9:30-37*—Beth Erickson

Special Music—Jay Surdell

Sermon Text: *James 3:13-4:1-8a, 10*—Larry Love

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Message—“*Struggling Toward the Wise Way*”—Pastor Larry Love

Song of Commitment—“*Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race*” *Chalice Hymnal* #485

1. Diverse, nation, race, we come together by your grace.
God, let us be in culture a meeting ground where hope and healing love are found.
2. God, let us be a bridge of care connecting people ev-‘rywhere.
Help us confront all fear and hate and lust for pow’r that separate.
3. When chasms widen, storms arise, O Holy Spirit, make us wise.
Let our resolve, like steel, be strong to stand with those who suffer wrong.
4. God, let us be a table spread with gifts of love and broken bread,
where all find welcome, grace attends, and enemies arise as friends.

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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...and Doxology— Beth Erickson

Communion Call and Prayer— Cheryl Grant

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

Closing Song—“*Jesu, Jesu*” *Chalice Hymnal #600*

Refrain

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.
4. Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves,
this is the way we should live with you..
5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you.

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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 and livestream worship, 10:30 a.m.
- Today—Elders meeting after worship, approximately 11:50 a.m.
- Monday—Fellowship in the courtyard, 9:30 a.m.
- Monday—Nominating Committee, 5 p.m.
- Tuesday—Prayer Time via Zoom, 11:00 a.m.
- Tuesday—Board meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- **Next Saturday, October 2nd—Celebration of Life for MARY JO HOLMES, 11 a.m. here in the sanctuary. Light refreshments in the courtyard following.**
- Next Sunday—Zoom worship, 9:00 a.m.
- Next Sunday—In person and livestream worship, 10:30 a.m.
- **Sunday, October 10th—Memorial service here in the sanctuary for PAM ZEIGER, after worship, approximately 11:50 a.m. A reception will follow.**
- You can watch our worship services anytime on the church's Facebook page or on our church's website—christianchurchofwoodland.com.
- Larry's hours in the church office are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Call him at 530-662-9356 or 666-2069.
- Greg Hayakawa's work hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact # 530-304-5153

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Prayer Requests:

Thanks be to God for:

- **Janese Jenkins** re-connecting with her family in recent weeks.

Prayers of concern for:

- **Nancy, Micah, Alexa, and Larry Love, Ellis Martin**
- **(Nancy's father), Cindy, Rachelle and Robert Ryness as mother, wife, grandmother, Gloria Martin** has gone on hospice.

- **Jason Wilmot**, hospitalized this week with COVID...and **Katie and Abby** recovering.
- **Marjie Echols' friend, Bill**, dealing with mental health issues.
- **Roger, Laura Daggett's step-father**, who has had an abnormal blood test.
- Travel mercies for **Sue Tarleton and Nancy Love** as they attend a friend's wedding in North Carolina.
- An eight year old child dealing with COVID...and needing to be quarantined from family.
- **Jack Scherer, a very good friend of Lori and Randy Strong**. Jack was diagnosed with large, malignant abdominal and liver tumors. Jack had surgery on Friday. Prayers for **Jack and his wife, Holly**.
- **Doyle Tuman** who continues to deal with back pain even after surgery.
- **Nancy Love and her whole family** at the death of her **uncle, Ed Martin**, in Yakima, WA
- Alice Manus suffering with Guillain-Barre (gee-YAH-buh-RAY) syndrome.
- **Charles Tarleton, Sarah Tarleton's father** who is now on hospice.
- **Del and Jenny Zeiger** as they grieve the loss of **wife and mother, Pam Zeiger**.
- **Brenda Small's son and daughter-in-law** dealing with some difficult times in Florida.
- Crisis at the border in Del Rio, Texas with immigrants and refugees.
- Afghan refugees as they settle into new life here in the U.S. and other host countries.
- All the people of Afghanistan (especially women) as they come again under Taliban rule.
- The people of Haiti as they try to recover from an earthquake and tropical storm.
- The people of Louisiana, Texas, the Midwest and Northeast as they recover from storms
- Fires, firefighters and all of those residents who are adversely affected by the fires.
- **Ana Mangandi** as she seeks a job and permanent housing.
- **Ivana Cruz (Ana Mangandi's daughter in El Salvador)** dealing with an inflamed leg.
- **Marg, Linda Tuman's friend** dealing with health issues.
- **Susan, Janese Jenkins' friend and neighbor** awaiting surgery.
- **Laura Daggett** as she seeks to qualify for disability.
- **Curtis and Red Shockley** as they prepare to move to Georgia this fall.
- **Kevin (Tuman's neighbor)** awaiting a bone marrow transplant on September 23rd.
- **Barb Tucker, Ann Edward's friend**, dealing with serious health issues.
- **Family and friends of Alan Flory** who died recently.
- Prayers for the healing of our country in this deeply divided time.

Ongoing prayers for: **Joyce Henning, Roy Holmes, Leigh Dieckman, Laura Daggett, Alberta Bradley, Ricardo Rico, Marj Hansen, Noah and Lea Hull, Jenny Bietel, Ted Pitts and daughter (Margaret), Jose Treho (exchange student to Germany), Liz Shull, Willie Paulucci, Chrissy Paulucci, Judah Morgan, Katharine (Patty Overfield's mother), Flo Tinsley, Lisa Austin (friend of Megan Shull), Debbie Staeden (Brenda Small's sister)**



The Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering will be received in congregations this year on **September 26th** and **October 3rd**. Our theme is *“Revealing God’s Justice: “The Time is Always Ripe to Do What is Right.”* As we reflect on the events following the televised death of George Floyd, anti-Asian violence, and disparities in contraction rates of the novel Coronavirus in ethnic and racial communities, our Church strengthens its commitment to actively seek God’s justice. As followers of Christ, we believe every life is precious and valued in God’s beloved community.

Reconciliation Ministry is the church wide mission fund which supports programs and program partners that enable full human flourishing for everyone in every community. Your generosity has supported our capacity to provide grant awards to Bethany College’s Equity Community Guide, Diversity Audit and the Region of Greater Kansas City’s Becoming Beloved Community Program, as well as local congregational racial and social justice educational events. We believe that the Christian Church (Disciple of Christ) is uniquely equipped to encourage racial equity and justice in the communities where we worship and serve.

Your gifts to Reconciliation Ministry promote our mission of creating a just and loving society. The prophet Isaiah reminds us that God’s salvation is for ALL of us. The scripture in Isaiah 56:1 reads, “This is what the LORD says:

“Maintain justice
and do what is right,
for my salvation is close at hand
and my righteousness will soon be revealed.”

All of us have a role in revealing God’s justice. It is our call as the community of faith, the body of believers, and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Your giving promotes our capacity to respond and to reveal God’s love and justice in such a time as this!

