

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Woodland
Bulletin, November 22, 2020
Zoom Worship

Musical Prelude—Jay Surdell

Greeting—Larry Love

Song—*“From you I receive, to you I give, together we share, and from this we live.”*

Our shared life together, aka, announcements—

“Here are some things our church offers this week that might help us experience the power and joy of life together as God’s children.”

Call to Worship—Larry Love

Opening Song—*“ For the Beauty of the Earth ” Chalice Hymnal #56*
(Verses 1, 2, & 4)

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
2. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise .
4. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

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Opening Prayer—Unison—Pastor Larry

Almighty God, we give you thanks
for this life and all its blessings,
for joys great and simple,
for gifts and powers more than we deserve,
for love at the heart of your purpose and a surpassing wisdom in all your works,
for light in the world brought once in Christ and shining ever through his Spirit.

We pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord,

for that light to dawn upon us daily, that we may always have a grateful heart, and a will
to love and to serve to the end of our days.

Lord, hear our prayer and our praises: Alleluia, we bless you, O God. Amen.

Response—“*River of Mercy*” *Chalice Praise #105*

1. Mercy, compassion, kindness and love,
justice, forgiveness, poured out from above.

Refrain:

There’s a river of mercy flowing on high. Waters of justice cross the sky.
There’s a river of mercy that shines in the night,
a river of mercy that flows through you and I.

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A Story for Children of All Ages—Marjorie Brown

Scripture Text—*Ephesians 1:3-14*—Sue Tarleton

Special Music—Jay Surdell and Pam Prater—

“*Now Thank We All Our God,*”
(arranged by Mark Hayes.)

Message—“*An Avalanche of Praise*”—Psalm 100—Pastor Larry Love

Song of Commitment—“*For the Fruit of All Creation*” *Chalice Hymnal #714*
(Verses #1 & 3)

1. For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God;
For good gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth’s safe keeping, thanks be to God
3. For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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Prayers of the Community...and Lord’s Prayer—Pastor Larry Love

Responsive Song, “*O Lord, Hear My Prayer*”

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.

The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise: All my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

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Call to Stewardship and Prayer—Sue Tarleton

Doxology

Communion—Call—Larry Love

Words of Institution—Communion—Peace—Prayer

Closing Song—" *Let All Things Now Living* " *Chalice Hymnal* #717

1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us.
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;
till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,
as forward we travel from light into Light.
2. By law God enforces. The stars in their courses,
the sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing
with glad adoration, a song let us raise:
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

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Benediction

Postlude and Fellowship

Announcements:

- Today—Welcome Table Worship, 8 a.m. Contact **Beja Springer** for Zoom link.
- Today—Live stream worship at 8:30 a.m.
- Today—Zoom worship, 10 a.m.
- Monday—Monday fellowship in the courtyard, 9:30 a.m.
- Tuesday—Prayer time via Zoom, 11 a.m.
- Tuesday—Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday—Children’s story time, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday—Book study of **Brian McLaren’s** new book Theology Unbound: Theology in the Wild, 7 p.m.
- Next Sunday—live streaming worship via Facebook and website, 8:30 a.m.
- Next Sunday Zoom worship, 10 a.m.
- Annual Reports are now due to Greg Hayakawa
- We are preparing for **WEMM Christmas baskets** for hungry families here in Woodland. We are again responsible for 600+ cans of fruit. **Lon Springer** will once again purchase for us. If you would like to make a donation to the baskets, please give the money directly to Lon.
- **Sarah Tarleton** is participating in a blanket drive for *HomeAid Sacramento*, a non-profit that works with homeless families. If you would like to donate a twin sized blanket, you can bring it by the church (leave it in the Gravink Room (next to Larry’s office) and Sarah will pick it up before December 1st. Another way to participate in this is to give some money directly to **Ann Edwards** and Ann will purchase blankets through Amazon. Each blanket costs about \$25. Please let Ann know if you have donated a blanket. Since we will not be needing very many poinsettias this year, you can give a blanket in memory or honor of a loved one.
- The Advent Devotionals are available here at the church. This year’s devotional entitled “*Imagining a New World*” is written by our **General Minister and President, Terri Hord Owens**.
- Also available are several copies of the November/December issue of the Upper Room devotionals. Contact Pastor Larry for a copy.
- Zoom instructions and etiquette—Click on the highlighted Zoom link in the email Jeanelyse sent...Download the Zoom app if it asks you to (it is safe)...Please make sure you click the mute button on the bottom left of the zoom screen. It looks like a microphone. If you are not muted, everything you say can be heard by everyone else. You can unmute temporarily by pressing the space bar on your computer or by clicking on the microphone icon.
- If you would like to join in the sharing of communion, please have some bread, crackers or cookies and some juice, water or milk within reach.
- If you have announcements or prayer requests, please contact Larry (530-666-2069 or pastorlarrywcc@sbcglobal.net). You can also write announcements or prayer requests in the “Chat” box at the bottom of the Zoom screen.

- Larry's work hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday.
- Greg Hayakawa's work hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact # 530-304-5153
- Though church life is dramatically changed, our ministry continues in new and exciting ways. Please continue to support the life and ministry of the Christian Church of Woodland. You can mail your offering to 509 College Street, Woodland, 95695...or you can give electronically through our website.

Prayer Requests

- Thanks be to God for the good efforts of **Jeanelyse Doran, Lon Springer, Sue Tarleton and Larry Love** in the development of this year's stewardship emphasis based on the movie "*It's a Wonderful Life.*" And thanks be to God for each of you whose gifts of time, energy and money make this church's ministry happen.
- Thanks to God for the work of the elders who are preparing a recorded ***Christmas Eve Service*** that you can view on Christmas Eve. Those recording the service Thursday night included **Katie Wilmot, Melissa Paulucci, Marjorie Brown, Cheryl Bentz, Diana Fallbeck, Steven Wong (videographer) and Larry Love.**
- Prayers as the COVID-19 pandemic surges nation-wide. Doctors nurses and other hospital workers...and all essential workers. The unemployed...and struggling businesses. People in danger of losing their housing.
- Lea Hull who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- **Sophie Robertson, Gloria Dewey's granddaughter,** has recently been EMT certified and has accepted a short term disaster relief assignment to help with COVID relief in Colorado at the Denver Coliseum. She is serving there now. Prayers for her safety and for the well-being of those she serves.
- Prayers for **Gloria Dewey** at the death of her *cousin, Jim Grasty.* Prayers too for his children, grandchildren and great-grandchild and extended family.
- Prayers for **Brenda Small's son, Dakota, and his wife, Tori,** who are trying to get back home from a trip to Brazil that has gotten complicated.
- Prayers for **Jim and Mary Johnson** as Jim is dealing with tongue cancer. Jim is the *cousin of Susie Hardman's brother-in-law.*
- Prayers for **Linda and Doyle Tuman** as they spend a couple of weeks caring for . **Linda's cousin, Polly Swilley** who recently had her arm and shoulder removed.
- Prayers for **Mike and Jane Love, Jeremy, Shelby, Braden and Kailee Cooper** at the suicide of *son, brother, grandson, Brodie Cooper,* in Eugene, Oregon.

- Prayers for **Jodi and Shawn Fisher** and family at the death of **Gloria Ackley**.
- **Bill and Jan Powell's friends, Eric and Sean**, both dealing with cancer.
- **Janiese Jenkin's neighbors, Greg and Susan** at the death of Greg's only son, **Brock**, in a motorcycle accident. Also prayers for **Renee *who is Brock's mother***.
- Prayers for the healing of our country in this difficult post-election time.
- Aldersons Convalescent Hospital
- Students and teachers, parents and grandparents dealing with online school.
- Our country's ongoing struggle with racism.
- Ongoing prayers for: the Parker family, **Shull family, Jeanelyse, Joyce Henning, Roy Holmes, Deanna Hinkle, Leigh Dieckmann, Shirley Wilson, Donald Dunn, . Ana Mangandi seeking a job, Alice Schoner, Katharine (*Patty Overfield's mother*), Edith (*Pam Prater's mother*), Hilary Oldenkamp (*Love's family friend*), Becky Holland, Flo Tinsley, Jenny Bietel**