

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Woodland
Bulletin, September 12, 2021
Zoom Worship

(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 live with greater trust and strength, love and hope in these confusing and sometimes chaotic times.”

Call to Worship—Larry Love

Opening Song—“*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*” *Chalice Hymnal #6*

1. Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!
2. Our God is never far away,
but through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand
God gently leads the chosen band;
to God all praise and glory!
3. Then all my gladsome way along
I sing aloud your praises
that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,
both soul and body take your part;
to God all praise and glory!
4. Let all who name Christ's holy name
give God all praise and glory;
let all who own God's power proclaim
around the wondrous story!

Cast each false idol from its throne,
for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone;
to God all praise and glory!

Words: Johann J. Schütz; Translator: Frances E. Cox
Music: Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesänge*
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Opening Prayer—Unison—Larry Love

God of all creation, our hearts are broken
over the destruction and loss we remember this day.
And we acknowledge, O Lord, that on that day
of human carnage yours was the first heart to break.
In our remembering,
may we stand with those who mourn and those who cannot stop mourning.
Through remembering,
may we find new comfort in your care.
In our remembering
may we be drawn to a new hope for the whole world,
and may we gain for ourselves a measure of your peace.
You who can turn the shadow of night into the bright promise of a new day,
empower us to shape a world marked by justice and peace for all peoples.
Form us as a people determined to heal wounds rather than inflict them.
We pray at last that you would cultivate such love in us
that we may reach out in compassion to all those who are still wounded;
and in seeking to heal others, may we experience a love that makes us whole.
This we pray in the strong name of Jesus our Christ. 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.

Scripture Text: *Matthew 5:1-14*—Larry Love

Special Music—Jay Surdell

Sermon Text: *Psalms 46*—Larry Love

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Message—“*Still Striving for Peace Twenty Years Later*” Larry Love

Song of Commitment—“*This Is My Song*” *Chalice Hymnal* #722

1. This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
2. My country’s skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
3. This is my prayer, O Ruler of all nations:
let thy reign come; on earth thy will be done.
In peace may all earth’s people draw together,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

Words: Sts. 1, 2 , Lloyd Stone; St. 3, Georgia Harkness

Music: Jean Sibelius

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Prayers of Remembrance, Comfort and Hope (a litany), Pastoral Prayer, Lord’s Prayer

Prayers of Remembrance

Leader:

God of the years, we call to you this day when the memories of 9/11 weigh so heavily upon our hearts. We recall with horror and renewed shock that day when airplanes flew into buildings and people perished.

We remember our fear and anger, our confusion, and sense of threat.

All:

We remember all that was lost to us that day:

our sense of security, our peace, our innocence,

our belief that we were safely beyond such random violence and death.

Most of all we remember those who died in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania, their lives of promise extinguished in hatred.

Prayers of Comfort

Leader:

God of mercy, even in our worst moments your loving kindness surrounds us. In those tragic days two decades ago, our confident faith that you were with us enabled us to go on.

We give you thanks for the ways in which you comforted us in those grim days through a deepened sense of community.

We trace the movement of your grace through those among us who risked their lives to save others.

We are comforted by those who offered kindness and shelter to persons in distress, and by those who would not let hatred overcome love.

For those whose witness to a deeper wisdom and faith comforted us, we give you thanks.

All:

For public officials, neighbors, friends and strangers who brought to our troubled lives solace and clarity of purpose, we give thanks.

For the calm and reassuring voices of the wise who gave us comfort and strength, we give thanks.

Prayers of Hope

Leader:

O God, you have taught us that faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen.

We live by hope in the future you hold for us and the whole world.

Grant us, we pray, hope for our children and our children's children that they may not know or inflict the horror and terror we recall this day.

Bolster our hope when it flags and teach us to strive in all that we do to realize the hope that is in your Word and witness.

All:

Eternal God, in you our hope is boundless.

You renew hope in us through the promise of a future in which none shall be afraid or lift up sword against a neighbor.

We pray in hope for the peace of the world among peoples and nations, religions and cultures, until we become a beloved community reconciled to one another under your sovereignty.

We give you thanks for the community created, the friendships forged in this 9/11 tragedy, friendships across ethnic and religious bounds, friendships that bring hope for more friendship to come.

Pastoral Prayer

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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Communion Call and Prayer—Larry Love

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

Closing Song—“*Fill the World with Love*” *Chalice Hymnal #467 (Verses #1, 3, & 4)*

1. With the vision in our minds of how the world could be,
and the fullness of our hearts from the suffering we see;
when we make all that we are and have part of God's destiny,
we can fill the world with love, we can fill the world with love.
3. We whose spirits long to share, long to comfort and to heal,
know that when we act alone, hope is difficult to feel;
but together as we labor God's compassion to reveal
we will fill the world with love, we will fill the world with love.
4. Let us hesitate no longer in our doubt and our dismay;
there's a pow'r at work within us that has promised a new day.
And the time will surely come, it will not be long delayed
when God fills the world with love, when God fills the world with love.

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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. (Please note that this is a new time.)
- Today—In person and livestream worship, 10:30 a.m.
- Monday—Fellowship in the courtyard, 9:30 a.m.
- Tuesday—PEO, 10 a.m.
- Tuesday—Prayer Time via Zoom, 11:00 a.m.
- Tuesday—Stewardship Team, 5:30 p.m.
- Friday and Saturday—*CCNC-N Disciples Women's Fall Retreat* on Zoom.
- Next Sunday—Zoom worship, 9:00 a.m.—Note that this is a new time!
- Next Sunday—In person and livestream worship, 10:30 a.m.
- 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:

- **Matt Henderson** as he has been assisting with evacuation efforts in the South Lake Tahoe.
- **Del and Jenny Zeiger** as they grieve the loss of **wife and mother, Pam Zeiger.**
- **Linda Tuman** following a visit to the ER.
- 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, the Midwest and Northeast as they recover from Hurricane Ida.
- Fires, firefighters and all of those residents who are
- adversely affected by the fires.

- **Jillian (Sheets) Martin and family** who had to evacuate due to the Caldor fire in the Pollack Pines area.
- **Maria Jenkins, Jo Ann Jasper**, and all of their family as they grieve the death of **husband, cousin, father and friend, Duane Jenkins**.
- **Ana Mangandi** as she seeks a job and permanent housing.
- **Ivana Cruz** (*Ana Mangandi's daughter* in El Salvador) hospitalized with an inflamed leg.
- **Marg, Linda Tuman's friend** dealing with health issues.
- **Susan, Janese Jenkins' friend and neighbor** awaiting surgery.
- **Doyle Tuman** as he continues to have severe back pain following 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**, awaiting results of a lung biopsy
- Family and friends of **Alan Flory** (*former Yolo County Assessor*) who died recently.
- The family and friends of **Carmen Tafoya** who passed away of COVID. **Carmen was Gloria Dewey's next-door neighbor**.
- Prayers for the healing of our country in this deeply divided time.
- Ongoing prayers for:
 - Joyce Henning, Roy Holmes, Leigh Dieckmann, Laura Daggett, Alberta Bradley, Ricardo Rico, Marj Hansen, Ted Pitts and daughter (Margaret), Jose Treho** (*exchange student to Germany*), **Alberta Bradley, Liz Shull, Noah and Lea Hull, Willie Paulucci, Chrissy Paulucci, Judah Morgan, Flo Tinsley, Jenny Bietel, Charles Tarleton** (*Sarah's father*), **Lisa Austin** (*friend of Megan Shull*), **Katharine** (*Patty Overfield's mother*), **Debbie Staeden** (*Brenda Small's sister*), **Debbie** (*Bill and Jan Powell's friend*)