



Fullerton First United Methodist Church

*Fifth Sunday of Lent
Lenten Potluck
March 21, 2010*

Worship clears the mind and strengthens the Soul. Our Worship begins with the first notes of the Prelude. Let us prepare our hearts and minds to seek and praise our Creator.

* (Indicates: Please stand, if you are able)

PRELUDE Hyeyeon Kim, Organist/Pianist

WELCOME Pastor Keith Hwang

ANNOUNCEMENTS Kathy Norris
(If you request a prayer, you are welcome to fill out a prayer request card located in the holder on back of each pew. Your prayer will be read during the Pastoral Prayer. Our Acolytes will pick up your prayer request during the Anthem).

* **SHARING OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE** (Please stand and greet each other. Don't forget to extend a hand to our visitors as well).

INTROIT "God So Loved the World"
The Aldersgate Chorale
Matthew Ringer, Director of Music

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsively) Don McFarland

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: Also with you.

Leader: We worship God who gives more than we deserve.

People: God will open our eyes to see possibilities and promises.

Leader: We worship God with expectation for new things.

People: God will turn the bud of dreams into flowers and fruits.

All: Praise the Lord who makes all things beautiful. Amen.

* **HYMN #160** – "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

UNISON PRAYER

O God, who has endowed us with a thirst that you alone can quench, a hunger that you alone can satisfy, and a restlessness that you alone can still, we turn to you in adoration and prayer. We turn to you because there is no one else to whom we can turn, confident of finding answers to our questions and quiet for our souls. Yet we are reluctant to open our soul's doors wide because our vision is too narrow, our hearts too hardened, and our imagination too small. Help us to realize that your gifts are more than we can count, your abundance is more than we can comprehend. Like the woman who opened a jar of expensive perfume in adoration, help us to offer what we treasure in love and trust. In Christ, Amen.

ANTHEM "O Jesus, I Have Promised", Lloyd Larson, Composer
The Aldersgate Chorale

PRAYER for Extinguishing the 5th Lenten Candle (Unison)

During this time of Lenten preparation, we think of those who turned away from the light of Jesus. And we remember that we, too, turn away. The Pharisees fancied themselves as modern, up-to-date thinkers. But they so enjoyed the power they possessed, they were unable to recognize the power of God in Jesus. We are people of power. We each consume ten times more of the earth's resources than do other global citizens. Our power often blinds us to the simple power of Jesus' love for all creation and all people. We extinguish the fifth candle, fearful that our own powerful status will close our eyes and hearts to the light of Jesus. Amen.

OUR TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Shelly Nichols
(Children, please come forward.)

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." - Matthew 19: 14

* **HYMN #576** - "Rise Up, O Men of God" (v. 1 & 2)
(This hymn was composed by the Rev. William H. Walter in 1894. Rev. Walter is the great-grandfather of George Walter.)

SHARING OUR PRAYER CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Please sing)

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 evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 12:1-8
Page 100, New Testament, NVSV Holy Bible

Liturgist: The word of God, for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Sacred Waste"
Pastor Keith Hwang

SHARING OUR GOD-GIVEN RESOURCES

OFFERTORY Hyeyeon Kim, Organist/Pianist

* **DOXOLOGY** (Unison)
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

* **HYMN #408** - "The Gift of Love"

* **BENEDICTION** (Congregation, please join hands. We invite you to remain in our Sanctuary and listen to the Postlude.)

POSTLUDE Hyeyeon Kim, Organist/Pianist



ASSISTING WITH THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP

Preacher: Pastor Keith Hwang
Liturgist: Don McFarland
Director of Music: Matthew Ringer
Organist/Pianist: Hyeeyeon Kim
The Aldersgate Chorale
Announcements: Kathy Norris
Children's Time: Shelly Nichols
Sound: Steve Freeland
Acolytes: Eryn Eaton and Thomas Adamson
Ushers: Floyd Allen, Captain; Maxine Allen,
Dona Anderson, Molly McClanhan



PRAYER CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

Mark Bankhead, father of Mike Bankhead, recovering from surgery to repair broken hip.
Les Christensen is in Park Vista.
Patrick Fallon's mother passed away.
Betty Grandey is at Park Vista after a bout with infection.
Louise Green from complications due to medication.
The family of **the Rev. Bob Rohdenburg** who passed away.
Bruce Mueller has been diagnosed with cancer.
Larry Orr's mother, Betty, is in poor health in Park Vista.
Ruth Rogers is recuperating at home.
Tom Stodgel, Jr. as he battles cancer.
Skyler Stevenson, Jean Briggs' great granddaughter, for upcoming medical tests.
Prayers for the family of Margaret Wiseman. She passed away. No plans for a memorial service at this time. Cards may be sent to Margaret Wiseman, c/o Emerald Court, 1731 Medical Center Drive, Anaheim, CA 92801.

F.Y.I.

Those with little children under age 3 years are welcome to place your child in the loving care of our caregivers in our nursery. Our ushers will gladly direct you to the nursery which is open each Sunday starting at 9:45AM.

Large print bulletins and hearing devices are available for those who need them. Please ask one of our Ushers for help.

Sunday School is available for Children grades Pre-K to 12th grade. Our Children and Youth leave to attend Sunday School after the Children's Time.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Join us in the South Lounge right after Worship this morning for our Lenten Potluck and Workshop.



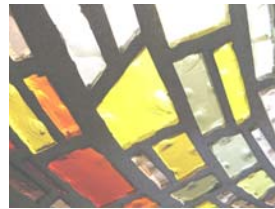
PASTOR'S LENTEN RETREAT

March 27, 2010 (Saturday)

From 9:00 a.m. - Noon

THE SOUTH LOUNGE

You are invited to prepare your mind, spirit and soul for the Holy Week - Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter - through a short retreat with Pastor Keith. Grow closer to God through songs, videos, silence, scripture reading, prayers, journaling, and holy communion.



Please contact Molly McClanahan (714-526-6559) for information on Holy Monday retreat - "Radical Acceptance: Praying with Wisdom Jesus" - at the Prince of Peace Abbey in Oceanside on March 29, 2010, 10:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. The retreat

leader is the Rev. Judith Favor who is a spiritual guide, retreat leader and contemplative teacher. She is a pastor in the United Church of Christ.



HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday

April 1 at 7:00PM

Good Friday

April 2 at Noon

Easter

April 4 at 10:00AM



We really need to add more Ushers to our team. Please contact our Head Usher, Mary Marcus at 714-447-0708 if interested in serving your church.



We also need a more volunteers to serve on our Sunday Secretary team. Please call the church office if you would like to serve or for more information.



Easter Morning 2009

Don't forget to bring your favorite flower(s) to church on Easter Sunday morning to add to our gorgeous Easter Cross.

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Throughout the year we collect food items such as canned goods, boxed goods, pasta, rice, beans, diapers, and household cleaning supplies, and personal care products that are taken to the F. I. E. S. Warehouse for distribution to those in need. Bring your donations to the Church Office.

We have a "Hot Meals Ministry" which serves a hot meal to about 175 hungry people. We serve these meals at the First Christian Church, located on the corner of Harbor and Wilshire, the third Wednesday of every month, starting at 6:00PM.

Narcotics Anonymous meetings are held in our building – Monday night Friday nights starting at 7:00PM in Room # 250.

Fullerton Interfaith Emergency Services (F. I. E. S.) Shelter Network (shelter for those individuals who are searching for work and places to live) is now housed in our Fellowship Hall.

The first Saturday of each month is a paper drive with all proceeds going to support the "Chapel on Wheels" program. Paper of any kind is accepted from 9:00AM to Noon at the Southeast corner of Chapman and Raymond, Southeast corners of Chapman at Euclid and on Laguna Road between Valencia Mesa and Bastanchury.