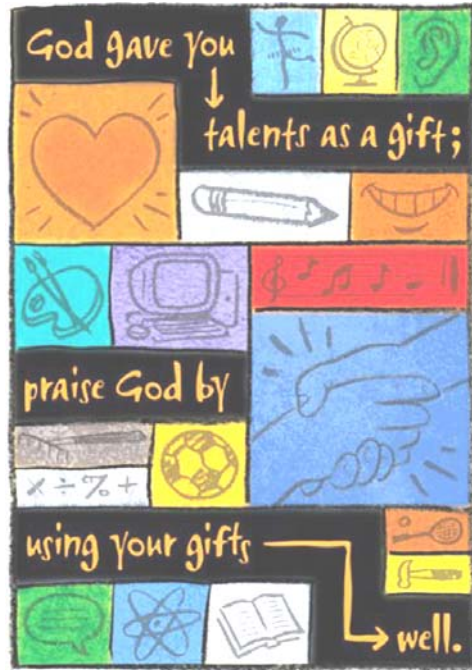




**Fullerton
First
United
Methodist
Church**
Second Sunday
of Easter
April 11, 2010



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 "Blessed Assurance", A. Phillips, Composer
Hyeyeon Kim, Organist/Pianist

WELCOME Pastor Keith Hwang

* **HYMN #310 - "He Lives"**

ANNOUNCEMENTS Shelly Nichols
(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 "O Most High, Almighty God"
The Aldersgate Chorale
Matthew Ringer, Director of Music

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsively) Pastor Keith Hwang
Leader: "Hear what the Lord says: 'Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.'" (Micah 6:1)
People: **Mountains and hills are God's witnesses.**

Leader: Isaiah prophesied, "the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands." (Isaiah 55:12b)

People: **Hills rejoice and trees applaud our God.**

Leader: Jesus said, "I tell you, if these [disciples] were silent, the stones would shout out." (Luke 19:40)

People: **Even stones trumpet God's praise.**

Leader: And what about us?

People: **What will we do?**

Leader: What will we do for the God who gives us the hope of the resurrection, the hope of grace, and the hope of God's omni-presence?

People: **We will be God's witnesses.**

Leader: Jesus said, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." (Matthew 5:44)

People: **We will pray.**

Leader: The Apostle Paul said, "I make it my ambition to proclaim the good news." (Romans 15: 20)

People: **We will share our faith.**

Leader: Who will be a witness for our God?

People: **We will!**

Leader: Today, by God's grace, let us declare that we will be witnesses for our Lord.

People: **We will!**

All: **We declare before all creation, we will be God's witnesses!**

(Adapted from "We Will Witness: Liturgies to Support New United Methodist Church Membership Vows" by Kwasi Kena.)

* **Hymn #333 - "I'm Goin'a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"**

UNISON PRAYER

Ever merciful God, we admit to you that sometimes we fall short. We have faith in you, but our hope is too often contingent upon a sign from you. We have faith in you, but our voices are too often quiet when we are called to share our faith stories with others. We have faith in you, but we put our trust in our own desires rather than align our will with yours. Grant us the courage to hope when all seems hopeless, to speak up though our knees may tremble and our voices shake, to trust your call for our lives despite the voices competing with yours. We are grateful for your steadfast love, your persistent grace, and your ever-present touch in our lives. Thank you for being with us through the doubts and the Good Friday fears and suffering. Thank you for the hope of Easter joy and renewal. Amen.

ANTHEM "Empty Now", Joseph M. Martin Composer
The Aldersgate Chorale
Hyeyeon Kim, Organist

OUR TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Bill McGarvey
(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 #572 - "Pass It On"

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 20:19-31 and Acts 5: 27-32
Page 108 & 115, New Testament, NRSV Holy Bible

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Who'll be a witness for my Lord?"
Becca Cramer, Seminary Intern

SERMON RESPONSE Becca Cramer

Leader: We are surrounded...
People: **by Moses and Miriam, by David and Deborah, and by three Hebrew boys who would rather burn than bow to other gods.**

Leader: We are surrounded...
People: **by prophets and priests, by prostitutes and poor folk, and by unnamed martyrs who were not afraid to declare the gospel of God's unending love.**

Leader: We are surrounded...
People: **by the famous and the forgotten, by the learned and the unlearned, and by millions who found meaning in following the Resurrected Jesus.**

Leader: "We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith." (Hebrews 12:1-2a)

People: **Today, we take our place among these witnesses and dare to love others as Christ loves us.**

All: Today, we take our place among these witnesses and dare to share our faith stories as they shared theirs with the world. Amen.

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SHARING OUR GOD-GIVEN RESOURCES

OFFERTORY "Allegretto from Sonata No. 4"
F. Mendelssohn, Composer
Hyeyeon Kim, Organist

* **DOXOLOGY** (#94 UMH - Unison)
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

* **HYMN # 2130 - "The Summons"** (from "The Faith We Sing")
See insert

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

Go now, as disciples of Jesus Christ,
Pray fervently,
Love unconditionally,
Witness boldly.
Make a difference.

Share God's love with a world hungry for good news.

(From "We Will Witness: Liturgies to Support New United Methodist Church Membership Vows" by Kwasi Kena)

POSTLUDE "Plein Jeu a la Couperin" *G. Young, Composer*
Hyeyeon Kim, Organist



ALTAR FLOWERS

This mornings flowers are presented by Anne Gray in loving memory of Benjamin Gray on the ninetieth anniversary of his birth.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Preaching: Becca Cramer, Seminary Intern
Liturgist: Pastor Keith Hwang
Director of Music: Matthew Ringer
Organist/Pianist: Hyeyeon Kim
The Aldersgate Chorale
Announcements: Shelly Nichols
Children's Time: Bill McGarvey
Acolyte: Millie Faber
Sound: Floyd Allen
Ushers: Mary Marcus, Captain; Linda Heiss,
Fran Mueller, Vicki Johnson, Doug Jelinek

PRAYER CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS



Those continuing to undergo chemotherapy:
Ruth Rogers, Bruce Mueller, Victoria Lopez.
Those still in Park Vista: **Les Christensen and Larry Orr's mother, Betty.**
Colleen Bartley is having back surgery on Tuesday, April 13th. She will be at *Cedar Sinai Hospital.*

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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 tonight starting at 5:00PM in our South Lounge for a Potato Bake (sponsored by UMW - toppings, dessert and drinks provided) **followed by our Annual All Church Talent Show.** **This is a really, really fun evening!**

Reminder - All articles for our April 19th newsletter (includes all activities happening between April 15th and April 30th) **are due to me by Thursday, April 15th (Tax Day).** **May calendar items and articles for the May 3rd newsletter** (includes activities happening between May 3rd and May 15th) **are due to me no later than April 26th.**

Safe Sanctuary Training, open to all, right after Worship on Sunday, April 18th. Please see enclosed flyer.

You are welcome to attend another North Orange County Community Concert held in our Sanctuary at 7:30PM on Sunday, April 18th. This concert features **"The Amstel Saxophone Quartet."** This quartet is from the Netherlands and they have won a *Management Award* and the *Audience Prize* at the *2006 Concert Artists International Competition.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS



We 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.



For 2 weeks in May, *FFUMC* has the opportunity to share our cooking skills with the 11 guests who are a part of the *Fullerton Interfaith Shelter Network* which is housed in our Fellowship Hall throughout the year. **We need groups or individuals who are willing to prepare an evening meal for them during the weekdays only from May 10th thru May 21st.** If you wish to volunteer to make a meal, please call Richard Quackenbush at 714-879-4805; Ellie Bohall at 714-773-0172; or Janine Farquhar at 714-670-6621.

MEETINGS - WEEK OF APRIL 12TH TO 18TH

Monday - 1:30PM - Women's Prayer/Bible Group
Monday - 7:00PM - Finance Committee
Tuesday - 5:30PM - Outreach Committee
Wednesday - 9:30AM - Quilters
Wednesday - Noon - "Sanctuary Hour"
Thursday - 7:00PM - Aldersgate Choir Practice
Thursday - 7:00PM - Handbells Rehearsal
Saturday - 7:00AM - Men's Breakfast Group
Sunday - 11:15AM - Safe Sanctuary Seminar
Sunday - 11:15AM - Worship Committee
Sunday - 7:30PM - NOC Community Concert in our Sanctuary.