

6th Sunday after Epiphany

16 February 2025

(****) *Please be seated if you are standing.*
(UMH) *Indicates "The United Methodist Hymnal," the hardcover songbook.*
(TFWS) *Indicates "The Faith We Sing," the black softcover songbook.*

Gathering in God's Presence

Music for Gathering & CenteringJoyce Rhodes

"Allegro" from "Organ Concerto, F Major" ~ GF Handel

Choral Introit Chancel Choir

"My Life is in You, Lord" ~ TFWS 2032

Prayer for the Day Pastor Daniel

Leader: Let us pray.

ALL: Holy God, you sent your apostles into the world, and gave them the work of proclaiming the Good News to all creation: Let your name be great among the nations, build your reign in my heart, and guide our lives that all we do and say brings your honor and glory. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

* Hymn: *Marching to Zion* UMH 733

Greetings & Community Announcements Pastor Daniel

Time with Young Christians

Before leaving for Kid's Church & Sunday School, our students are invited to join Pastor Daniel at the front for a time of learning. Parents are asked to escort children to their classroom and to pick-up children following the service. Please sign your child in and out. Thank you.

Listening for the Word of God

First Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

So if the message that is preached says that Christ has been raised from the dead, then how can some of you say, "There's no resurrection of the dead"? If there's no resurrection of the dead, then Christ hasn't been raised either. If Christ hasn't been

raised, then our preaching is useless and your faith is useless. We are found to be false witnesses about God, because we testified against God that he raised Christ, when he didn't raise him if it's the case that the dead aren't raised. If the dead aren't raised, then Christ hasn't been raised either. If Christ hasn't been raised, then your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins, and what's more, those who have died in Christ are gone forever. If we have a hope in Christ only in this life, then we deserve to be pitied more than anyone else.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead. He's the first crop of the harvest[a] of those who have died.

Reader: The Word of God for you the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem..... Chancel Choir

"Since by Man Came Death" ~ GF Handel, 1741

Second Scripture Reading..... Luke 6:17-26

Jesus came down from the mountain with them and stood on a large area of level ground. A great company of his disciples and a huge crowd of people from all around Judea and Jerusalem and the area around Tyre and Sidon joined him there. They came to hear him and to be healed from their diseases, and those bothered by unclean spirits were healed. The whole crowd wanted to touch him, because power was going out from him and he was healing everyone.

Jesus raised his eyes to his disciples and said:

"Happy are you who are poor,
because God's kingdom is yours.

Happy are you who hunger now,
because you will be satisfied.

Happy are you who weep now,
because you will laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, reject you, insult you, and condemn your name as evil because of the Human One. Rejoice when that happens! Leap for joy because you have a great reward in heaven. Their ancestors did the same things to the prophets.

But how terrible for you who are rich,
because you have already received your comfort.

How terrible for you who have plenty now,
because you will be hungry.

How terrible for you who laugh now,
because you will mourn and weep.

How terrible for you when all speak well of you.

Their ancestors did the same things to the false prophets.

Reader: The Word of God for you the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Discerning the Hidden* Pastor Daniel

God knows us at our absolute worst, and loves us in spite of how unlovable we can sometimes be. Uncovering that which we try to hide, even from ourselves, is liberating. God's love invites us to that liberated living.

* Hymn: *Jesus Calls Us* UMH 398

Responding to the Word

Invitation to Give Pastor Daniel

Offertory Music Joyce Rhodes

"Sinfonia in B Flat" ~ GF Handel

*Doxology UMH 94

* Sharing the Peace of Christ Pastor Daniel

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

Leader: Let us offer one another signs of God's peace and love.

Please be mindful that not everyone is comfortable with all signs of Christian affection, exchange signs of peace with others near you. Moving throughout the worship space is discouraged. Signs of peace might include: hugs, handshakes, fist bumps, a head nod, or a wave are all possibilities. Please be respectful of each other's comfort levels with physical contact.

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Prayers of the People Pastor Daniel

Petitions will be offered which are those known to the pastor, as well as those you add to the "Prayer Request" sheet in the Narthex. Pastor will invite the congregation to respond to the joys and concerns received with, "Lord in your mercy," and the congregation is invited to respond, "Hear our prayer."

* Hymn: *A Charge to Keep I Have* UMH 413

Sending into the Mission Field

* Dismissal with Blessing Rev. Samuel Hong

We United Methodists are guided by three simple principles:

Do no harm.

Do good.

Stay in love with God.

* Choral Benediction Chancel Choir

"Give Thanks" ~ TFWS 2036

Music to Inspire the JourneyJoyce Rhodes

"Allegro" from "Organ Concerto, F Major" ~ GF Handel

Other Texts Assigned, but not used for today: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1

Next Week's Assigned Readings:

Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38

*Read and pray with these texts in the coming week as
part of your preparation for worship next Sunday.*

In Our Prayers

For Those Who Mourn: The Family of Anne-Marie Wiggers

For Those with Movement and Other Limitations: Willy Barcnas (Cancer Treatment), Eleanor Blumenthal (Hospitalized), Ginny Cochran (Leukemia), Aki Okuno, Celia Palm, Becky Schmitt, Ryan Secor (Hospice), Ada Sutton, Kay Thoresen, and Ruth Marie Wolf

For Our World, Community & Country: All or our elected leaders, local, regional, state, and national, that they might be men and women who see equity, peace, justice, and whose heart is toward the common good of all; All those who serve our communities through the work of first response: police, fire, and emergency medical services; All those experiencing natural disasters: fires; earthquakes; volcanos; hurricane and its recovery; landslides; and tsunamis.

For Peace upon the Earth: Particularly in Ukraine, East Africa (Sudan, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Egypt), the South China Sea region, the Indian/Chinese border, Gaza, the Lebanese/Israeli border, Syria

Calendar for the Coming Week, Week of 16 February 2025

Monday 2/17 Office Closed – Happy President’s Day
11:30 am Live Oak Sr. Nutrition, Social Hall
7:30 pm Men’s Spirituality Group, Library

Tuesday 2/18 Office Hours: 11 am to 2 pm
10:45 am Senior Chair Yoga, Social Hall
11:30 am Live Oak Sr. Nutrition, Social Hall
12:30 pm Gift Stitchers, Art Gallery
4 pmLive Oak Nutrition Center Board Meeting, Fireside
7 pm Grace Preschool Board Meeting, Fireside

Wednesday 2/19 Office Hours: 9 am to 2 pm
11:30 am Live Oak Sr. Nutrition, Social Hall
1 pm Kindred Spirits, Art Gallery
7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday 2/20 Office Hours: 11 am to 2 pm
10:45 am Senior Tai Chi, Social Hall
11:30 am Live Oak Sr. Nutrition, Social Hall
1 pm Faith, Reason & Community Group, Fireside
2 pmShower Ministry, Gymnasium
7 pm Praise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Friday 2/21 Office Hours: 9 am to 2 pm
11:30 am Live Oak Sr. Nutrition, Social Hall

Saturday 2/22 Office Closed

Sunday 2/23 Office Closed

10 am Worship & Sunday School

11:30 am Adult Sunday School, Fireside

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Announcements

In Memoriam: Anne-Marie Wiggers passed away peacefully on January 27th. She had been in hospice care at home for a few weeks. Anne-Marie was a long-time member who was very active in the choir, the bell choir, and as a memorial coordinator, to name just a few of her contributions to LGUMC over the years. Please keep Hans, sons Joris and Robert, and their families in your prayers as they go through this difficult time.

There was a private, family interment yesterday and a public memorial is planned for later in the Spring/Summer.

Cards of condolence can be sent to:

Hans Wiggers
12110 Mellowood Drive
Saratoga, CA 95070

Adult Sunday School continues today at 11:30am in the Fireside room. Pastor will continue to lead a discussion of Native American (Sioux) spiritual practices related to the "sacred

pipe.” This image, misportrayed in Hollywood movies, offers insight for our day-to-day circumstances. We are reading The Sacred Pipe: Black Elk’s Account of Seven Rites of the Oglala Sioux and Black Elk Speaks (choose one or the other).

Outreach Ministry is once again holding a Briefs and Sock Drive for the month of February. Please see the eBlast sent this week for details of items needed as well links to purchase. Informational flyers are also available in the Narthex and office.

The gorgeous quilts on display in the Sanctuary are also the work of the talented quilter, Joy Palmer, and are displayed courtesy of John Palmer.

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Shower Ministry Charitable Need Continues: Thank you to those who have already donated! The need for additional one-pound Liquid Propane bottles continues to help those living in unhooded circumstances have a way to stay warm or make a hot meal. If you are able to help, please drop off the one-pound LP bottles outside the Worship Center on Sunday mornings or bring to the office. The LP bottles are widely available for camping and picnics in many stores this time of year and throughout the summer (Ace Hardware, Home Depot, etc.). Thank you in advance for any assistance you can provide.