

*Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All God's People*



*Ascension, Kiko Arguello*

**May 17, 2015  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
Ascension of our Lord**

**First time here?** We are happy to have you visit with us today and hope that your worship experience is blessed. Please pick up a free visitor bag in the narthex. All are invited for coffee and fellowship in Bowen Hall after the service.

**Children with you?** Activity materials for young worshipers are in the entry way. Child care (2-3yrs) and Sunday School are provided during the service. Infants with a parent may enjoy our quiet room while listening to the service.  
**Assistance needed?** The ushers have large print bulletins and hearing devices for you.

## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

\*One asterisk signifies the congregation stands if able.  
Throughout the service the bold type is spoken by the congregation

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Commissioning of Haiti Mission Trip members*

### **THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES**

**INTROIT** Bellisimo            “*Hosanna in the Highest!*”            *Douglas E. Wagner*

\***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively) based on Psalm 47

Come and worship, people of God!

**Let's celebrate with songs of praise!**

For our God—the Most High—is seated on his holy throne,

**Sovereign over all the earth!**

Let's worship God together!

\***HYMN #263**            “*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*”            *Oliver Holden, 1793*

\***CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER** (in unison)

Precious God of love, your ascended Son promised the gift of holy power. We come, O Lord, to confess our lack of trust. While we sing of your lordship over all creation, we have too often acted as though you are powerless in the face of today's events. Help us to live with confidence in your presence today and in hope for life with you forever. Send your Spirit of revelation and wisdom, that in the blessed freedom of hope, we may witness to the grace of forgiveness and sing songs of joy with the peoples of earth to the One who makes us one body. Amen.

\***WORDS OF AFFIRMATION** (in unison)

The tomb is empty. The stone is rolled away. There is no darkness now, only light. God continues to renew us and restore us. God's love through Jesus the Christ has forgiven all our sins. Alleluia! Amen.

*CALL FOR OFFERING*

*OFFERTORY*

*\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (responsively)*

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.

**Amen.**

*FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 24:44-53*

This is the Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

*ANTHEM:*                   *“Crown Him Lord of All!”*                   *Marty Parks*

*SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 1:1-11*

This is the Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

*SERMON:*                   *“Ready for the Gifts of the Spirit?”*                   *Rev. Dr Cindy Alloway*

*HYMN “Will the Circle Be Unbroken” words, Ada Habershon; music Charles H. Gabriel*

*There are loved ones in the glory whose dear forms you often miss.  
When you close your earthly story will you join them in their bliss?*

*Refrain*

*Will The Circle Be Unbroken by and by, Lord, by and by  
In a better home awaiting in the sky, Lord, in the sky.  
In the joyous days of childhood oft' they told of wond'rrous love.  
Pointed to the dying Savior, now they dwell with Him above.*

*Refrain*

*You can picture happy gath'rings 'round the fireside long ago.  
And you think of tearful partings when they left you her below.*

*Refrain*

*PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (responsively)*

You are free, Lord, your Ascension has set you free: free from the constraints of human existence, outside the limitations of time and space; free to be here with us now, in our worship and fellowship; and free to be with us always; for in your freedom you have bound yourself to us with a promise:

**“Lo! I am with you always even to the very end of time.”**

We pray, Lord, for we all need to feel you close, we need the assurance of your love and the encouragement of your Spirit. We pray for those who are persecuted, who are discriminated against, who are mocked because of their faith or race or color. [Silence]

We pray for those who are imprisoned, who are tortured, who are exiled, because they have fought, struggled and spoken out for the rights of their people. [Silence]

We pray for those who are destitute, who are hungry, who are refugees, because of the selfishness and apathy of the world. [Silence]

We pray for those who are filled with guilt, who are broken-hearted, who are perplexed, because a relationship has gone wrong. [Silence]

We pray for those who are feeling fed up, who are in discomfort, who are afraid, because they are ill in body, mind or spirit. [Silence]

We pray for those caught up in war, and violence, and hatred; especially the innocent victims of these evils. [Silence]

Be with us all, Lord: in all our daily struggles as we seek to follow you. Be with us all, Lord: in our periods of doubt and despair; and in our times of happiness, health and loving. Be with us all, Lord as we pray together: (The Lord’s Prayer) **Amen.**

\*HYMN #268

*“Crown Him with many Crowns”*

*George Job Elvey, 1868*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**



*Flowers are given to the glory of God  
by Ellen Marks in memory of her  
beloved Harry.*

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**Prayer Requests: Please include in your prayers  
Those mourning the loss of a friend or family member**

- ❖ Please pray for the family of Amy Tompkins as they mourn her mother, Mary Deaver Slater, who passed away on April 18<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Ted Crouch as they mourn his passing on April 8<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Jack Gaffney as they mourn his passing on Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>.
- ❖ Please pray for Dave Nelson as he mourns the death of his brother in Oregon.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Sally Henderson as they mourn her passing, Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Thomas Peugh as they mourn his recent passing.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Art Borchers who passed away on February 8, 2015.

*Please pray for those facing health issues*

Robert McNutt

Pamela Sage

Judy Bello

Albert Reil

Alan Reil

David Downard

John Baker

Joyce Beckner

Lorraine Nichol

Brooke Smith

Ed and Fay St. John

Bob and Marge Snater

Marie Patchin

Mary Olson

Sharon Sorani

Helen McKenzie

Julie Marquette

Bill Moberly

Dan Christian's family

Krissy Healy

Randy Pierce

Joyce Cairns

Phil Goede

*Those serving in our military*

Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, US Navy Jason Imbimbo, Coast Guard Lt. Ian Alloway Culver, Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, U.S. Army, Fort Lewis, WA. David continues to serve in the Army as Chief of Cardiology at Madigan Hospital.

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**DO YOU HAVE ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY IN YOUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY SUCH AS GRANDCHILDREN?**  
If you would like their picture in the new photo directory, please contact Cindy Goede at [cigoede@gmail.com](mailto:cigoede@gmail.com) by June 10.



**Photo Directory Sign-ups in May!**

We have a new day available! Lifetouch will be here on **Tue. June 2, Wed. June 3, Sat. June 13, and Thursday June 18**. Choose your time slot. Please sign up Sundays after church.

*We would like to close the account on the new hymnals.  
If you have not paid for your hymnal order, please do so.*



Sunday

May 17

2:00 p.m.

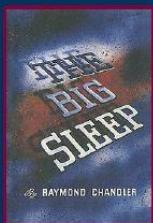
Women  
Singing  
for  
Joy!



## Song of Sonoma Chorus

A Women's Barbershop Chorus  
Sharon Carlson: Director

Admission is free but donations are welcomed.



**Book Club**  
**Thurs. May 21 3:30 P.M.**  
**The Big Sleep**  
**by Raymond Chandler**

**A complex mystery novel**  
**Copies in the Library**



**Favorite Film Series**  
**Thurs. May 28**  
**2:00 p.m.**  
**in the Rose Room**

## Nebraska

Winner of 6 Academy Awards including  
Best Film and Best Actor



**Presbyterian  
Disaster  
Assistance is  
already in**

## NEPAL

**More help and prayer is needed.**

**Designate your checks for Nepal in the  
memo or donate online. We have a link  
on our website.**

**CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!  
Thank you Robin Monroe and SRJC!**

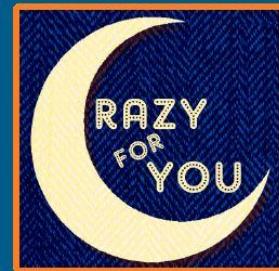


The Bravo Family

## Presbyterian Women Tuesday May 19

Bible Study: 10:30 a.m.  
Lesson Nine  
Salad Potluck Luncheon 12:15  
Birthday Offering Dedication

## Getting to Know our Hispanic Neighbors



### Voyagers!

**Sat. May 23 2:00 p.m.**  
6th Street Playhouse  
Order your \$25 tickets from  
Vera Patten 838-4554  
Anita Pinney 573-0546

You'll be crazy for this musical  
with all your favorite Gershwin songs.

## Spring Fling!

**Sat. May 30**  
**12 – 4 pm**

**Luncheon      Art Show & Sale**  
**Art Demo      Silent Auction**  
**Fashion Show      Wine Tasting**

**Tickets are available on our website!**

Donations for Silent Auction Baskets may  
be dropped off for Diane Pierce in the  
office. Themes will be \*SPA, \*PICNIC,  
\*4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY, \*KITCHEN/BAKING, and  
\*KIDS.

**Do you have a high school graduate  
in your family?** If you would like them  
featured in the June Newsletter please send  
in or drop off their photo, name and caption  
to the office or [ruth@churchoftheroses.org](mailto:ruth@churchoftheroses.org)

## **Urgent! Sound Techs & Projectionists Needed**

Hearing the Word of God and reading from the projection slides is a large part of our worship service. We need a few new soundboard technicians and projectionists. Please help us continue to provide excellent sound and projection of words and images during the worship services. And if you can learn how to "script" a service, Jim Spahr would love to teach you how! Contact Pastor Cindy, or Hal Sneath (578-7143).

**FRIDAYS NOON HOUR OF PRAYER, MEDITATIVE MUSIC AND READINGS. JOIN US!  
SATURDAYS COMMUNITY GARDEN, COME OUT AND HELP SATURDAYS AT 9 AM!**

**TODAY! MAY 17 Sunday, 11:30 am ADULT FORUM: PROJECTION & SOUND**  
**Meet Jim in the back of the sanctuary.**

**TODAY! MAY 17 Sunday, 2 PM, SONG OF SONOMA CONCERT!**  
**Women's Barbershop Chorus! Admission is free but donations are welcomed.**

**May 17 Vacation Church School Meeting**

**MAY 17 Sunday, 11:15 am PHOTO DIRECTORY SIGN-UPS!** We have a new day!

**MAY 18 at 10 am on Mondays , Easy Senior Exercise** in the Rose Room!

**MAY 18 at 7 pm on Mondays, Bible Study, Fascinating Video Course on the New Testament** taught by Professor Bart Ehrman of the UNC.

**MAY 18 at 7 pm, Monday PW Evening Bible Study.** In the library.

**MAY 19 Tuesday, 10:30 am PW WOMEN: Getting to Know our Hispanic Neighbors**  
Lesson 9. Salad Potluck Luncheon 12:15 pm Birthday Offering Dedication

**MAY 20, Wednesday, 5:15 – 6 pm, VOENA Children's Choir Recital.** All are invited!

**MAY 20, Wednesdays 7-8:30 pm, GRIEFSHARE Support Group** enter through back

**May 20, Wednesday ROSE CLIPPINGS DEADLINE** – send in your graduate's photos.

**MAY 21 Thursday 3:30 pm BOOK CLUB: The Big Sleep by Raymond Chandler.** A complex mystery novel. Copies available in the library.

**MAY 23 Saturday, 2 pm VOYAGERS THEATRE EVENT “Crazy For You”** at 6<sup>th</sup> Street Playhouse. Order \$25 tickets from Vera Patten 838-4554 or Anita Pinney 573-0546. You'll go crazy for this musical filled with all your Gershwin favorites!

**MAY 28 Thursday, 2 pm FAVORITE FILM SERIES “Nebraska”** Winner of 6 Academy Awards including Best Film and Best Actor.

**MAY 30 Saturday, 12 – 4 pm SPRING FLING! Open to the community!** Join us for Food, Fun, Wine tasting, Fashion Show, Art Show, Silent Auction and Art Demonstration. Tickets available online!