



PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
OF THE ROSES

Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All God's People



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020

Zoom Worship 10 am

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: Althea Wright

"The Love of God"

by Frederick Martin Lehman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Pastor Cindy

God is our rock and our fortress.

You turn your ear to us and come to our rescue.

You are certainly the rock that protects us and the fortress of our salvation.

Guide us because you are our rock and our fortress; lead us for the sake of your name.

Into your hands we commit our spirit. Our whole life is in your hands.

Let your face shine upon us and let us worship in your light and love forever.

*HYMN #720

"Jesus Calls Us"

William H. Jude, 1887

*Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth
saying, "Christian, follow me."*

*Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."*

*In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."*

*Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thy obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.*

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Eddie Seamans

Holy God, treasure of faithful hearts, through Jesus Christ you taught us how to pray, to give, to serve, to live. Reshape, restore, and renew us by the hidden power of your Spirit, so that we may receive the way of life that is the true reward of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

OFFERTORY: Althea Wright *"Spirit of God"* by George Croly/Frederick C. Atkinson

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 66: 8-20 Jim Taylor
This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM: Myles Ellis on Vibraphone *"Peace"* by Horace Silver

GATHERING OF THE CHILDREN

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 14:15-21
This is the Word of the Lord!
Holy Word, Holy Wisdom!

SERMON *"Our Counselor"* Commissioned Ruling Elder, Martha Madrid de Lopez

HYMN #366 *"Love Divine All Love Excelling"* Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831

*Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.*

*Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without
ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.*

*Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE Pastor Cindy

Rejoicing in God's promise of new creation, let us pray to the Maker of heaven and earth, saying: **God of new life, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church . . . Keep us ever faithful in our worship and service, bearing witness to what Christ has done among us and to the hope of his coming in glory to reign.
God of new life, hear our prayer.

We pray for the world . . . Let your majesty shine; let your mercy rain down. Humble the leaders of the nations; teach them to serve with justice and peace.

God of new life, hear our prayer.

We pray for this community . . . Encourage those who watch and wait for justice. Empower them with the gifts of your Spirit to live, even now, in the light of your holy realm.

God of new life, hear our prayer.

We pray for loved ones . . . Put your heavenly, healing power to work in the lives of all who are suffering or sick. Fill them with the fullness of life you offer.

God of new life, hear our prayer.

Gracious God, keep us working and praying for the coming of your holy realm of peace, when we will share abundant life with you; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

We ask these things as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us to say: (*The 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 evil. For thine is the kingdom and the
power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*HYMN #833 (vs. 1-3) "*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go!*" Albert Lister Peace, 1884

*O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.*

*O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.*

*O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Althea Wright "*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*" by Edwin Hatch/Joseph Harker

Guest Preacher: *Martha Madrid de Lopez*
Liturgists: *Pastor Cindy, Eddie Seamans, Jim Taylor*
Music: *Althea Wright, Myles Ellis*
Technology Director: *Norm Smith*
Script Writer: *Bajun Mavalhalla*

GET TO KNOW YOUR PREACHER...Martha Madrid de Lopez

I was born and raised in Mexico City. At a young age I knew my call was to serve my Lord, Jesus Christ. I enrolled myself at the Theological Reformed Seminary John Calvin in Mexico City. The National Presbyterian Church in Mexico does not ordain women in ministry. Nevertheless, I got my BA in Theology and started working in different churches in Mexico City; leading bible studies, spiritual retreats, women groups, VBS and developing Christian education programs and preaching as a guest speaker. Fifteen years ago, I received a job offer from a small congregation in Northern California; so I followed the call from the Lord and moved to the United States to a very small town, Fort Bragg. There, I started working with the Hispanic - Latino Congregation, Los Amigos the Cristo, who were part of the First Presbyterian Church in Fort Bragg.

Living in this country gave me the opportunity to become a Commissioned Lay Pastor at that time. Since then, I have been working with Spanish speaking people. I started preaching in English more frequently and working more with the Anglo congregation, developing Christian Education programs and youth groups. A few years later I became a Candidate for Ordination. Occasionally, I get invitations to preach at different churches around my area. I continue helping my church in different ministries. I also have a job at one of the elementary schools as an administrative assistant. In Fort Bragg.

I met the love of my life, Oscar, who is a Law Enforcement Officer at our Police Department. He has been my partner, my friend, my support in all aspects of my life and especially in my ministry. We have been able to combine our strengths and abilities to communicate with people of all backgrounds in our little community. We have a nine-year-old daughter who enjoys nature, science and animals. I am very delighted for the opportunity to worship with you this morning.

PRAYER REQUESTS *Please include in your prayers*

*The family of Jeanette Nichols, as they mourn her passing on April 21, 2020

*The family of Norma Cooper, as they mourn her recent passing.

*The family of Jim Taylor's father, as they mourn his recent passing.

*The family of Frank Hansen, as they mourn his passing on Feb. 23, 2020.

THOSE WITH HEALTH ISSUES

****Ann Palmer is in hospice care in Concord, Ca, near her son, Tom.***

****Gwen Christiansen is in hospice Renee Home, 2028 Dennis Ln., Sant Rosa, CA 95403***

Bill Beaumont	Marilyn Hilen	Bob Simmons
Bob Bunting	Janice Holmes	Sharon Sorani
Patrick Butler	Carolyn Kenworthy	Shirley Walton
Peggy Call	Vivian Mazeski	Bob Weber
Gwen Christiansen	Luu Maxwell	Helen Wikle
Christy, <i>Jim Taylor's friend</i>	Jessica Morse	Betty Witchey-Ryer
Doreen Cowden	Ann Palmer	Avery Yudice
Dick Draper	Diane Schuler	
Barbara Flannery	Debbie Seat	

THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY

Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, Coast Guard Lt. Ian Alloway Culver, Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. is stationed at the Joint Air Force Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, Ak and serves as a Cardiologist with the Alaska Native Medical Center, Chris Loranger serving in Afghanistan.

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