

Grapevine

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"For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus ... took a loaf of bread..."
1 Corinthians 11:23

The Lord's Supper is integral to our worship and some of us have missed it almost as much as we've missed gathering in person over these last weeks. The taste of the bread that Karen Green lovingly prepares and the sweetness of the juice on our tongues nourish our faith as they draw us into a very particular kind of prayer. As with so many other things, doing without for a time gives us a chance to reflect on what is important about this part of our worship.

That reflection drove me to my old books from seminary. I spent some time geeking out on eucharistic theology, chuckling to myself as I tried to apply the scholars' wise words to a situation they never dared imagine. While the logistics are different, some foundational truths remain. The bread and the cup sustain our Christian faith. They help us remember how wide the circle of God's love extends. They give us strength as we are motivated to share the love and mercy we receive at the table with the world outside the doors the church.

One of our elders had an interesting take on "virtual" communion. He observed that there is normally a virtual element to communion as "Christ is not with us except in the remembrance through the broken body and shed blood. His presence is not visible." John Calvin made just the same point, emphasizing the "real presence" of Christ at the table, by the work of the Holy Spirit.

After Session's careful consideration, we plan to include communion in our online worship this coming Sunday. While we won't be able to see the parade of believers come forward to take the bread and the cup, we will be nourished in our faith and strengthened by the presence of our Lord. In a very real way, Christ will be present with each of us, and we will be present to one another. Just as communion is meant to be a "foretaste of the feast to come," our online communion can whet our appetites for the joyful day that we can gather again in person – real people, in the same real place all at that same time!

So, whenever you tune in to this week's worship service, have some bread (homemade, store bought, cracker, pretzel or tortilla) and a cup of some kind of fruit juice (grape, apple, orange, wine or even water) at the ready. Some of you might even want to post a picture of your table on Facebook so we can have a sense that we're communing together. Though we are physically distant, we will be spiritually connected. Together, we will "taste and see that the Lord is good!"

With you in ministry,
Lynn.

Still Church

The Session voted unanimously to suspend all official on campus church activities until the state of California lifts its stay at home order.

Upcoming Meetings:

Saturday, May 2, 16 & 30 @ 8:00 a.m.	Men's group by Zoom
Sundays @ 7:00 p.m.	Youth group by Zoom
Tuesday, May 5 @ 6:30 p.m.	Renovation team meeting by Zoom
Wednesday, May 6 @ 6:00 p.m.	Deacon's meeting by Zoom
Wednesday, May 6 @ 7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee meeting by Zoom
Thursdays @ 9:30 a.m.	TLC meeting by Zoom
Tuesday, May 12 @ 9:30 a.m.	Priscilla meeting by Zoom
Tuesday, May 12 @ 7:00 p.m.	Esther meeting by Zoom
Wednesday, May 13 @ 9:00 a.m.	Mission Committee meeting by Zoom
Wednesday, May 13 @ 4:30 p.m.	Caregiver's meeting by Zoom
Wednesday, May 13 @ 7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Committee meeting by Zoom
Saturday, May 16	Virtual Walk for Water



Global 6K for Water

by Becky Sproal

Have you washed your hands lately?

The availability of clean water has never been more important in the prevention of disease. Join our team and take a virtual walk with me on Saturday, May 16.

Thousands of people worldwide are gearing up for World Vision's Global 6K for Water. A little more than 3.7 miles is the average distance people in the developing world walk for water - water that's often contaminated with life threatening diseases. Clean water changes everything!

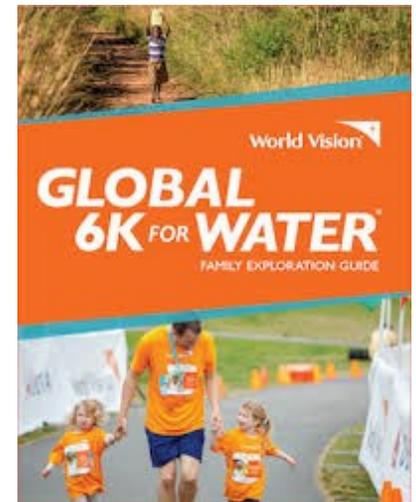
YLPC is a host team for this year's Walk for Water. We and our friends and neighbors will make a difference in a child's life, their family and community. We walk so they won't have to anymore.

The World Vision Global 6K Walk for Water is still on! People all around the world are going to walk - not in large groups - but in small family groups or by yourself. You will start and end at your very own front door. How far is 6K you ask? It takes about an hour and a half to walk at a leisurely pace. May is the most beautiful time of year to walk in our neighborhoods.

Your \$50 donation (\$25 for under 18 years) will bring clean water to one person. You will receive a race day shirt and bib with a child's picture on it whose community will receive clean water as a result of your efforts. And, you will receive a finishers medal! You have the opportunity to sponsor the child on your bib for an ongoing \$39/month if your heart desires.

When communities have reliable access to clean water, it transforms every aspect of their lives. Clean water brings the gifts of education, better health and economic opportunities. Children are better protected from disease and infection. Families can increase livestock production and grow vegetables year-round. Communities can focus less on basic needs and more on programs that foster growth.

See what we can do! Be part of the global movement to bring clean water to thousands of people in need in developing nations! Visit worldvision6k.org and join our team, "Yorba Linda Presbyterian Walk for Water".



Rooted Summer Arts Camp

by Kim Wisnia

August 3 - 7, 2020

Our theme for Summer Arts Camp this year is "Rooted". It is based on Ephesians 3:17 *And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ... Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong.*

Although we have no way of knowing for certain right now what August will bring, we are moving ahead with our planning. We are looking for ideas for workshops, crafts and leaders. Perhaps you've read a good book that has inspired you or perfected a recipe you would be willing to share. Maybe you have come across a website or craft idea that would fit perfectly with our theme. We would love to hear your ideas, and if you're willing to lead something, even better! Contact Kim Wisnia at kwisnia@ylpc.org



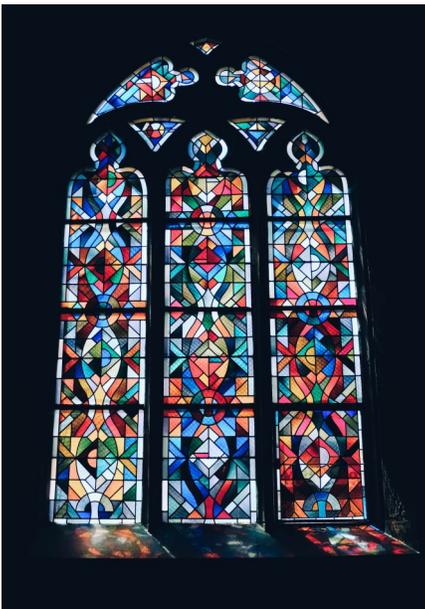
Together at Home

by Roxanne Ford

Your Worship Committee asks, "How are we doing?"

The outward form of worship is not of primary importance. What matters in worship is whether God is pleased with the worship we offer him, and whether or not we focus our attention on Jesus' presence in our worship.

Rev. David Wicks



We are five videos into our on-line worship activities. We hope you have joined us on YLPC's [YouTube](#) channel. The easiest way to find it is to click on the link from the YLPC website's homepage. Explore! You might even find a yoga and prayer class or two!

As we discuss our video-aided worship at YLPC, I want to suggest something about nomenclature we use these days. In my mind, "virtual worship", like "social distancing," are misnomers with misleading meanings. When I listen to Lynn's sermon on my laptop, what I experience is **real** worship, not a virtual or vicarious experience. It is a different experience, as it is not the **communal** worship we all cherish, but it is no less valued or moving. When we stay at home or six feet apart, we are **physically** distanced, but we still seek to be **socially and emotionally present** for each other. In that spirit of caring and love, how are you doing? What can we do to help? Do you have suggestions for worship you would like to share?

We'd be remiss if we didn't take this opportunity to thank the many people working behind the scenes to create our worship videos. The technical crew

includes Jonathan Stone in "Sermon Central," Dave Nicholson, Aaron Ford and last but so important, Sarah Adams, who has learned to use YouTube and uploads the videos and sends out the links in time for Sunday morning. Musicians Janet Keulen Thorson, Jessica Nicholson and Emily Outhier have all spent time and energy to record the beautiful music you hear on each video, and there are more to come. If the bell choir could figure out how to physically distance themselves and play, you can bet we'd be joining in!

Finally, many and enduring thanks to Lynn for her leadership. When we on the Worship Committee had to suddenly step up to a whole new world, she never flagged and never settled for second best. We pretty much have the routine figured out, so now we have the bandwidth to ask, "what can we provide for you to guide your spiritual discipline during this time?" We invite you to contact Lynn Stone, John Israel or Roxanne Ford with your wish list or to talk about how your worship experience is affecting you.

April Session Notes

**Session met on April 28 by Zoom video conference call.

- The Session voted unanimously to suspend all official on campus church activities until the state of California lifts its stay at home order.
- Deacons reported that they are continuing to reach out to our members and friends. \$250 from the Deacon's Emergency Fund was given in support to Front Line Assistance Group (FLAG).
- Nominating Committee is seeking people to fill 2 elder and 1 nominating committee positions. Session discussed how and when to hold a congregational meeting for election.
- Personnel reported that YLPC's committed staff members continue to serve faithfully in these unusual circumstances.
- Stewardship reported that our application for the Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) did not make the first round of distributions. We are still in the queue for the next round. The church is saving money in a variety of ways, however, the need for continued financial support was addressed. Contribution statements, along with a letter from the Pastor and a self-addressed, stamped envelope were mailed today. March financials were approved.
- Worship Committee reported positive feedback about the YouTube worship services. These videos allow people who otherwise couldn't join to be involved in worship. Session approved online celebration of communion for services held online for the first Sunday of the month in 2020.
- Christian Ed reported that Karla Peterson is continuing to meet with the youth using Zoom with "Sundays at 7:00". Bible study groups continue to meet using Zoom and Ministry Architects has deferred payments until the end of July. Men's Fellowship continues to meet using Zoom.
- Facilities has completed an inventory of all church property. He asked those still going on campus to double check the doors are locked when they leave.
- Mission Committee advised that World Vision is still having their "Walk for Water" event on 5/16. It will be a virtual walk and Session approved our participation in this fundraiser. Hot Meals is being temporarily supported financially rather than with servers. The HIS House fundraiser goal of \$20,000 was exceeded with more than \$31,000 received. A third of these gifts came from YLPC.
- Session was encouraged to begin thinking about what things will look like when we return to campus. Social distancing, masks, sanitizers, etc. will all need to be discussed. Many suggestions from congregants have already been received and all is being taken into consideration.

Chris Hills - Clerk of Session

May Birthdays

Bryce Hendrickson	5/01
Olivia Sproal	5/01
Aaron Ford	5/01
Karla Peterson	5/03
Lauren Richey	5/03
Brigitte Wolverton	5/04
Susan Hillman	5/10
Brian Hess	5/11
Gary Willett	5/12
Heather Ventresco	5/13
Kent Arnold	5/14
Judy Robert	5/14
Karson Criswell	5/16
Jessica Schempp	5/18
Rowen Sabala	5/19
Frieda Holman	5/20
Elana Rosenthal	5/20
Sophie Barrett	5/21
Craig Matthews	5/22
Doug Uyematsu	5/22
Marge Cargo	5/23
Laurie Stokes	5/23
Holly Ventresco	5/24
Eric Sproal	5/24
Summer Peterson	5/27
Gil Wolverton	5/28
Andreas Apitz	5/31
Becky Sproal	5/31
Elaine Vouga	5/31

March 2020 Financial Report

OPERATING FUND Summary Results Through March, we expected to receive \$124,152 and actually received \$128,308. Also through March, we expected to spend \$137,821 and actually spent \$158,325. And reserved \$8,384 for funds budgeted but not spent.

	Operating	Mtg. Reduction	Total
Cash Position	\$ 531,354	\$ 9,990	\$ 541,344
Less: Restricted Funds*	\$ 280,827	\$ -	\$ 280,827
Unrestricted Funds	\$ 250,527	\$ 9,990	\$ 260,517

* Restricted funds are restricted to use for a specific purpose. These include designated gifts, program reserves, payables, reserves for building maintenance, and reserves for unspent program budget.

MORTGAGE REDUCTION FUND Through March, we have received contributions of \$8,600 and paid \$13,289 in principal. The current mortgage balance is \$184,437. The current mortgage balance is \$186,490.