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We extend a special welcome if you are a visitor with us. Please sign our guest book in the narthex and speak to our ushers regarding more information about our church. We share our “open and affirming statement” and want you to know that “wherever you are along your life’s journey, whatever your name, however you feel, you are welcome here.”



Open and Affirming Statement

We the members of The Congregational Church of Almaden Valley, United Church of Christ, seek a deeper understanding of God’s grace as it moves through the life of our church. We are called by Christ and empowered by God to love all people and affirm the sacred worth and dignity of each individual. We invite into the full life and ministry of our church all people, recognizing no boundaries of age, race, education, ethnic origin, gender identity, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, economic circumstance or family structure. We embrace our diversity of thought and scriptural understanding, and we respect and honor all who seek to be in covenant with us as we share in the joys and responsibilities of our church family.



***THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
 OF ALMADEN VALLEY
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 An Open and Affirming Congregation
 August 12, 2018
 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost***



**An Order of Worship for August 12, 2018
Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
Folk Sunday**

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Pastoral Welcome and Greeting

Congregational Sharing and Announcements, Joys, and Concerns

Sounding of the Bell

Prelude **All Things Bright and Beautiful**

~~~Moments of Silence~~~

Lighting of the Peace Candle

In silence we light the peace candle. May its light illuminate the path of peace and justice for God's creation.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: There are times when we feel like giving up,

People: Help us to give our burdens over to You, O God.

Leader: There are times when we don't want to go on,

People: Help us to find endurance in You, O God.

Leader: There are times when we think nothing will ever change,

People: Help us to trust in You, O God.

Leader: There are times when our faith is fragile,

People: Help us to grow in our faith, O God.

ALL: We come together in this time of worship, to renew our spirits in Christ, our Savior and our Light. *

Invocation (in unison)

Leader: Let us pray:

ALL: God of steadfast love, your love remains constant. Though the news is in the world is despairing, you breathe hope into us. Though we are afraid, your presence remains with us. Renew us and restore us when falter. Inspire us when we gather to worship, remind us that we are not alone. Amen.

the Sunday bulletin or at www.lectionarypage.net **All are welcome**—bring a friend! **JV Bridge Group** for all levels the last Wednesday of each month in Fellowship Hall, 2-4 pm. Everyone is welcome, bring a friend. Information call Amy Griffith, 408-268-0920.



Ongoing:

CCAV Council Meeting 2nd Sundays, 11:30 a.m.

Yoga, Mondays 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Joint Venture Board Meetings 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.

AA Meeting, Tuesdays 8:15 - 9:15 p.m. at our church.

*2nd Sundays are Folk Choir Sundays. Potluck Brunch Sunday!

BIRTHDAYS: Ted Feely 08/02, Betty Benson 08/06, Gwen Hacker 08/17,

Carolyn Crowley 08/20, Debbie Bemis 08/24, Kelly Yamanishi 08/24

ANNIVERSARIES: Ted and Risa Feely 08/21

**JOINT VENTURE OPPORTUNITIES AND FELLOWSHIP WITH OUR ECA
FAITH COMMUNITY**

Susie Ferguson is retiring from her position as the children's education coordinator on August 20th. ECA will be celebrating Susie in their service on Sunday the 19th as well as at their fellowship hour afterwards. Susie has done remarkable things for the children of both churches and around the community, and her leadership will be sorely missed. If you see her, please thank her for her years of dedication to our children and wish her well in her retirement!

JV Board Update The JV Board talked once again about the work that needs to be done in and around the church and the lack of support we are finding from both congregations to help with the maintenance of our building and grounds. To that end, the tasks have been broken down into a grid with descriptions and the approximate amount of time needed to complete each job. This list will be available to members of both churches in the very near future, and it is our hope that people will sign up to get some of the tasks completed — even the smallest tasks will be helpful. Please watch for that list to come out and consider where you might be able to help.

Centering Prayer, Wednesdays, 3:30pm in Sanctuary Everyone is invited for 20 minutes of silent centering prayer beginning at 3:30pm each Wednesday. Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of experiencing God's presence within us, and supplements more active forms of prayer. Join us!

ECA Lectionary Bible Study led by the Rector, continues on Thursdays from 10:00-11:30am in The Center. This is an ongoing Bible study open to everyone and we will be studying the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday each week, which is referenced in

***Hymn Sing**

Do Lord, Oh Do Lord

I've got a home in glory-land that outshines the sun,
I've got a home in glory-land that outshines the sun,
I've got a home in glory-land that outshines the sun,
'Way beyond the blue.

Chorus:

Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me.
Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me.
Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me.
'Way beyond the blue.

I took Jesus as my Savior, you take him too,
I took Jesus as my Savior, you take him too,
I took Jesus as my Savior, you take him too,
While He's calling you.

Chorus:

Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me.
Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me.
Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me.
While He's calling you.

I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing

I'd like to build the world a home and furnish it with love,
Grow apple trees and honey bees and snow white turtle doves

Chorus:

I'd like to teach the world to sing in perfect harmony,
I'd like to hold it in my arms and keep it company.

That's the song I hear, let the world sing today,
A song of peace that echoes on and never goes away
Put your hand in my hand, let's begin today.
Put your hand in my hand, help me find the way.

I'd like to see the world for once all standing hand-in-hand,
And hear them echo through the hills for peace throughout the land. (*Chorus*)

That's the song I hear, let the world sing today.
A song of peace that echoed on and never goes away.
A song of peace that echoed on and never goes away.

Reading from the Old Testament **Psalm 34:1-8** **(CEB)**

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise will always be in my mouth.

I praise the LORD—
let the suffering listen and rejoice.
Magnify the LORD with me!

Together let us lift his name up high!
I sought the LORD and he answered me.

He delivered me from all my fears.
Those who look to God will shine;
their faces are never ashamed.

This suffering person cried out:
the LORD listened and saved him from every trouble.

On every side, the LORD's messenger protects those who honor God;
and he delivers them.

Taste and see how good the LORD is!
The one who takes refuge in him is truly happy!

Response **Thy Word** **CH No. 326**

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Ponderings **Rev. Marty Williams**

1 Kings 19:4-8 **(The Message)**

When Elijah saw how things were, he ran for dear life to Beersheba, far in the south of Judah. He left his young servant there and then went on into the desert another day's journey. He came to a lone broom bush and collapsed in its shade, wanting in the worst way to be done with it all—to just die: "Enough of this, GOD! Take my life—I'm ready to join my ancestors in the grave!" Exhausted, he fell asleep under the lone broom bush.

Suddenly an angel shook him awake and said, "Get up and eat!"

He looked around and, to his surprise, right by his head were a loaf of bread baked on some coals and a jug of water. He ate the meal and went back to sleep.

The angel of GOD came back, shook him awake again, and said, "Get up and eat some more—you've got a long journey ahead of you."

He got up, ate and drank his fill, and set out. Nourished by that meal, he walked forty days and nights, all the way to the mountain of God, to Horeb. When he got there, he crawled into a cave and went to sleep.

Then the word of GOD came to him: "So Elijah, what are you doing here?"

***Hymn Sing** **Life Song**

John Leslie's Performance if you have not signed up to see Grace and John Leslie (mother and son) in their upcoming play "Souvenir," please do so. There are two performances: Saturday 9/8 6:30pm, and Sunday 9/9 1:30pm. Both performances will have desserts and finger food beforehand so that we all have a chance to socialize with John and each other.

If you know John, you know that this will be a remarkable performance — and lots of fun. Seating is limited, so don't delay! Email or call Ruthanne to reserve your seats. We have small flyers out on the tables in the Fellowship Hall; take some and invite your friends! Ticket prices are whatever you would like to donate. After John takes out his expenses, all remaining proceeds will go to support Joint Venture. What a wonderful gift from John! I hope you are able to come out and support John, his mom, and JV.

School Backpacks Back-to-school BACKPACKS are needed for children at the LifeMoves shelters (Georgia Travis, formerly known at Commercial St. Inn, and The Villa). If you are able/feel led to contribute, please write a check to "LifeMoves," with Backpacks in the memo section, and give/get them to Phyllis Chai. Yearly, we've been told that each filled backpack costs about \$70.00. Any amount tax-deductible donation will be greatly appreciated!

Interim Developments: The Council is looking for ways to release Marty from some of the things she has been doing for us in order to give her more time for individual sessions as well as all of the work she's putting into the interim work we are doing together. If you have some thoughts about how we might do that, please let Debbie Bemis know. There are already two excellent ones, both of which will be implemented this summer. We are particularly focused on trying to ease some of the Sunday morning worship responsibilities for her. Debbie welcomes your ideas!

You are invited to serve on Sunday: Contact Carolyn Crowley at Coffee Hour or email her if you are able to serve as a Reader, Coffee Host/Greeter, or Communion Server. Your service is greatly appreciated! If you want to view the matrix, you may go to our web site to see where there are openings for service.

If you would like to participate in Special Music one week this summer, please let John Hawes know.

Second Harvest Food Bank Bin Thank you for your donations! Knowing that the school year has ended reminds us that many children will be needing lunches; we can help by continuing to fill the bin!

Welcome to our church, a sacred space where, indeed, all are welcome. A special greeting if you are a visitor with us today. Thanks for signing our guest register!

We welcome children in our service—activity boxes are available for children in the sanctuary. Our ushers are glad to help families locate the Nursery in case you have little ones who are in need of Nursery Care.

We appreciate those who are leading in our service today:

Worship Leader: Rev. Marty Williams

Reader: Carla Gerber

Greeters/Coffee Hosts: Audrey Wiedrick, Joan Okamura

Music: CCAV Folk Choir

Let's Talk – Individual Conversations off to a good start!

Last Sunday, Pat worked on the sign up sheets for individual conversations. Seven conversations have been completed and eleven more are scheduled. That means we are about halfway there!

How can you help? It would be most helpful if you could either sign up on Sunday while at church or if you could email Rev. Marty and let her know which one of the dates listed below works best for you.

As a reminder, Rev. Marty want to meet with individuals or couples for about an hour to reflect on what's next for CCAV. In the interest of saving travel time, there are many blocks of time scheduled in the office and you are invited to sign up for one that works for you. There are times on Saturdays, Sundays, and weekday afternoons and evenings. She can also travel to meet with folks at their homes and looks forward to spending time with you over the next several weeks.

Dates for conversations:

Sunday, August 12, currently full

Monday, August 13, one evening spot, 6:00pm

Tuesday, August 14, 3 morning spots, 1 afternoon, 1 evening slot open

Saturday, August 18, 10:30, 12:30, 2:30 open

Thursday, August 23 (reserved for appointments at the Terraces.)

Saturday, August 25, 10:30, 12:30, 2:30

Jeannie Martin's 100th Birthday is on Th. 8/9. If you would like to wish her happy birthday, you could bring a card on Sunday and give it to Judy, or send it to her address (7009 Silver Fox Dr, SJ 95120-3129).

Kum Ba Yah

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! (x3)
O Lord, kum ba yah, O Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah! (x3)
O Lord, kum ba yah, O Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah! (x3)
O Lord, kum ba yah, O Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah! (x3)
O Lord, kum ba yah, O Lord, kum ba yah!

Prayers of the People (your intercessions will be invited)

Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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.

Call to Offering

Rev. Marty

Offertory

Magic Penny

***Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

(NCH, No 778)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

***Offertory Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Marty

***Hymn Sing**

Michael Row The Boat Ashore

Michael row the boat ashore, Allelujah! (x2)

Michael's boat's a music boat, Allelujah! (x2)

Sister helped to trim the sails, Allelujah! (x2)

Jordan's River is chilly and cold, Allelujah!

Chills the body but not the soul, Allelujah!

River Jordan is deep and wide, Allelujah!

Milk and honey on the other side, Allelujah!

Michael row the boat ashore, Allelujah! (x2)

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Chorus:

Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home.

Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home.

I looked over Jordan and what did I see, comin' for to carry me home?

A band of angels comin' after me, comin' for to carry me home! (*Chorus*)

If you get there before I do, comin' for to carry me home,

Jes tell my friends that I'm a-comin' too, comin' for to carry me home! (*Chorus*)

I'm sometimes up and sometimes down, comin' for to carry me home.

But still my soul feels heavenly bound, comin' for to carry me home! (*Chorus*)

***Benediction**

Rev. Marty

***Sung Response** (the congregation joins hands around the sanctuary and sings)

Peace I Leave With You

Peace I leave with you, my friends; Shalom, my peace in all you do;

Peace I leave with you, my friends; I give to you, so you can give to others too.

Postlude (please be seated)

When You Pray



1. When you pray, will you pray for me, for I need His
2. When I pray, I will pray for you, for you need His



Love and His care. — When you pray will you pray for
Love and His care. — When I pray I will pray for



me; will you whis - per my name in your prayer?
you; I will whis - per your name in my prayer. —

Taking Out the Light and Words of Dismissal (please remain seated)

Worship has ended, let the service begin!

*** Call to Worship:** Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, <http://rev-o-lution.org>.

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Life Song by Casting Crowns

Empty hands held high

Such small sacrifice

Now joined with my life

I sing in vain tonight

May the words I say

And the things I do

Make my lifesong sing

Bring a smile to you

Let my lifesong sing to you

Let my lifesong sing to you

I want to sign your name

To the end of this day

Lord led my heart was true

Let my lifesong sing to you

Lord I give my life

A living sacrifice

To reach a world in need

To be your hands and feet

So may the words I say

And the things I do

Make my lifesong sing

Bring a smile to you

Let my lifesong sing to you

Let my lifesong sing to you

I want to sign your name

To the end of this day

Lord led my heart was true

Let my lifesong sing to you

Hallelujah, Hallelujah let my lifesong sing to you

Hallelujah, Hallelujah let my lifesong sing to you

Hallelujah,...