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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
 November 11, 2018
 Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost***



An Order of Worship for November 11, 2018
Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
STEWARDSHIP SEASON
“What Shall We Bring?”

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Pastoral Welcome and Greeting

Congregational Sharing and Announcements, Joys, and Concerns

Sounding of the Bell

Prelude This is the Day JV Handbells
arr. Guy Radcliffe

~~~*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: Together we come to herald the good news of God:

**People: for God so loves the world!**

Leader: Together we come proclaiming a hopeful understanding of God:

**People: we are the salt of the earth!**

Leader: Together we come bearing new life in God:

**People: we are the light of the world!**

Leader: Come, let us love one another:

**People: we are the city of God! \*\***

**\*Invocation**

Leader: Let us pray together:

**ALL: Meet us here, O God, in these moments as we share your story and endeavor to be your salt to a bland world. We pray that our songs, prayers, and praise will be light in the shadows of this world. Guide us as we further our work for you. Move us as we continue to do good works in your name. We share this in the name of the One You Sent to be Love and Light, Amen. \*\***

*Please silence phones, \*=Stand if you are able, Bold Print indicates congregation responds*  
NOTE CH= Chalice Hymnal, NCH = New Century Hymnal

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

**LIVING ROOM CONVERSATION here at ECA: Sunday, November 11th, 3-5pm.**

Our Connection Team is hosting a Living Room Conversation (a structured small group conversation) on our response to homelessness on 11/11. We have worked hard on helping homeless folks in our area, but this event is a beginning conversation to find and engage folks who are committed to doing something about the systemic problems that create homelessness in our area. We want to build relationships with others who are passionate about working toward actual solutions. We see this as a companion effort to our work with Village House, but different because this is “going upstream” to help work on the problems that cause homelessness. As we all know, these problems are big and require power - that is people working together - to make a difference. Our Living Room Conversation is the first step in this effort. It will be followed by a House Meeting here at ECA in February or March to follow up on next steps. Please plan to attend this event and invite friends who might have an interest in or opinion about homelessness.

**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 the Sunday bulletin or at [www.lectionarypage.net](http://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.

**Pastor Marty's Schedule:**

**Nov. 11 - "What Shall We Bring?" Stewardship Theme Continues. CCAV – Tuesday, Nov. 13 and Wednesday, Nov. 14.**

**Nov. 18 – Thanksgiving Sunday, Dedication of our Gifts, and Folk Sunday!  
Working from home Tuesday, Nov. 20. Available by email and phone – 925-785-6258. Happy Thanksgiving, y'all!**

**Considering Holy Communion. . .** In October and November we experienced communion in a different way – by coming to the table and taking the bread and dipping it in the wine or juice, then returning to our seats. I have received a little bit of feedback – and it falls at either end of the spectrum – “let’s go back to how we were doing it – it’s more meaningful” at one end and at the other “I like communion done in this way – it’s more meaningful.” More conversation and consideration is needed and is both healthy and helpful. I hope you will take some time to reflect on worship and especially communion and share what you are thinking. I’d love to hear from you – email, phone, in person. We will continue to consider, ponder, and work together on this deeply meaningful and important part of our worship life together. *Rev. Marty*

**Ongoing:**

CCAV Council Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays, 11:30 a.m.

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

Joint Venture Board Meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.

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

Quest, Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.

JV Handbell Rehearsal, Wednesdays 4:30 p.m.

CCAV Shalom Choir, Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.

\*2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays are Folk Choir Sundays. Potluck Brunch Sunday!

**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.

**Second Harvest Food Bank Bin** Thank you for your donations!

**BIRTHDAYS:** Harriet Yamada 11/03, Harold Hall 11/06, Dave Harris 11/06,

Joan Curtice 11/09, Sue Scaff 11/11, Linda Farr 11/15, Bob Green 11/17,

Toh-Bee Syn 11/21

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Al and Tami Nieders 11/17

\*Hymn

I Am the Light of the World

NCH No. 584

Reading from the Gospels

Mathew 5:13-16

(CEB)

“You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its saltiness, how will it become salty again? It’s good for nothing except to be thrown away and trampled under people’s feet. You are the light of the world. A city on top of a hill can’t be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they put it on top of a lampstand, and it shines on all who are in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven.

Response

Thy Word

CH No. 326

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

Special Music

“Count Your Blessings”

Shalom Choir

**When upon life’s billows you are tempest tossed.**

**When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost.**

**Count your many blessings; name them one by one,**

**And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.**

**When you look at others with their land and gold,**

**Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold.**

**Count your many blessings; wealth can never buy**

**Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high.**

***Chorus:* Count your many blessings; name them one by one.**

**Count your blessings; see what God hath done!**

**Count your blessings; name them one by one,**

**And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done!**

**When you look at others with a load of care,**

**Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?**

**Count your many blessings; every doubt will fly,**

**And you will keep singing as the days go by.**

***Chorus x2***

Sermon

***What Shall We Bring?  
Repairing a Broken World***

**Rev. Marty Williams**

**\*Hymn of Response**                      **This Little Light of Mine**                      **NCH No. 524**  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine (oh let it shine)  
Every where I go, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine (oh let it shine)  
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine (oh let it shine)

**Prayers of the People (your intercessions will be invited)**                      **Rev. Marty**

**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.

**Stewardship Witness**                      **What Shall We Bring?**                      **Debbie Bemis**

**Special Music**                      **"Locus Iste"**                      **Shalom Choir**  
*Anton Bruckner*

*Locus iste a Deo factus est,  
inaestimabile sacramentum,  
irreprehensibilis est.*                      This place was made by God,  
a priceless sacrament;  
it is without reproach.

**Call to Offering**                      **Rev. Marty**

**Offertory**                      **Give Thanks**                      **JV Handbells**  
*arr. Patricia Cota*

**\*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**

**\*Closing Hymn**                      **You Are Salt for the Earth, O People**                      **NCH No. 181**  
*(vss. 1,2,4)*

**\*Benediction**

**\*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)**                      **Let All Things Now Living**                      **JV Handbells**  
*arr. R.A. Martinez*

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

*Worship has ended, let the service begin!*

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**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: Sue Goddard**

**Greeters/Coffee Hosts: Judy Martin & Dennis Elliott**

**Communion: Betty Benson, Toh Bee Syn**

**Music: CCAV Shalom Choir**

**Stewardship Season - "What Shall We Bring?"** - Over the next several Sundays we will explore gifts, abundance, generosity and more. November 18, Thanksgiving Sunday, will be our dedication Sunday. You will be receiving your giving cards and more information in the next few weeks. We are invited to plant this question in our hearts as we look toward 2019 - *"What shall we bring?"*

**ECA is sponsoring a "conversation" on homelessness – Sunday, November 11, 3pm - 5pm** This conversation on the crisis of homelessness will held at the church and all are invited. There is more information below.