

***THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
OF ALMADEN VALLEY  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
OPENING AND AFFIRMING  
June 18, 2017  
Second Sunday after Pentecost***



**An Order of Worship for June 18, 2017**  
**Second Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Father's Day**

**Lighting of the Altar Candles**

**Pastoral Greeting and Centering**

**Congregational Sharing and Announcements, Joys, and Concerns**

**Sounding of the Bell**

**Prelude**

**Prelude in c minor**

**J.S. Bach**

**Lighting of the Peace Candle**

*When the events of the day seem to bring darkness and despair, may the light of this peace candle shine grace, hope, and love into our hearts. May our words and actions carry the light of peace to all.*

~~~*Moments of Silence*~~~

**\*Call to Worship** (*Please rise in body or spirit*)

**Psalm 100 CH No. 752**

*(Congregation reads bold text. All sing response where indicated by "R")*

**\*Hymn**

**Standing on the Promises** (*vss. 1, 2, 4*)

**CH No. 552**

**Reading of the Old Testament**

**Genesis 18:1-15 (NRSV)**

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup> He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup> He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup> Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." <sup>6</sup> And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." <sup>7</sup> Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup> Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup> They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent."

*Please silence phones, \*=Stand if you are able, Bold Print indicates congregation responds*

NOTE CH= Chalice Hymnal, NCH = New Century Hymnal

<sup>10</sup> Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. <sup>11</sup> Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. <sup>12</sup> So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?” <sup>13</sup> The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ <sup>14</sup> Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” <sup>15</sup> But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh”; for she was afraid. He said, “Oh yes, you did laugh.”

**Special Music**

**Bart and Karen Smith, vocal**

**Sermon**

**No Guts, No Glory**

**\*Hymn of Response**

**O, Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life**

**CH No. 432**

**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**

**Mazurka in F major**

**Chopin**

**\*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 Thanksgiving**

**Rev. Marty**

**\*Closing Hymn**

**Pass It On**

**CH No. 477**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sung Response**

**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)**

**Sonata in F major**

**Mozart**

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

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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: John Hawes**

**Greeters/Coffee Hour: Judy & Dennis Elliott**

**Music: Bart & Karen Smith**

**Semi-Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>** The semi-annual congregational meeting that we must hold each year is next week!

**Three Posters** are up in the Fellowship Hall during coffee hour. These posters were generated from ideas brainstormed during our session on ways to share our ministry at CCAV. Each poster focuses on a specific aspect of our church:

1. **CCAV community** — social activities we could do together to keep our bond with each other strong.
2. **Wider Community Engagement** — ways we might bring the outside community into our CCAV space.
3. **Fundraising and Finance** — ideas for the purpose of increasing our finances at CCAV.

Please look at these posters and SIGN UP for things that interest you... things you would participate in if they came to fruition. IN ADDITION, however, also sign up for things you would like to help “get off the ground” — either spearhead or agree to be part of a group of people working together to make it happen. It is one thing to participate and yet another to agree to actually spearhead an activity for others. If these things are important to us, as they appeared to be when we had our discussion related to them, we need people to step up to help make them happen so that no one person or small group of the same people are burdened with too much. Please consider putting something together for us all to enjoy. If you are not planning to be in church in the coming weeks to sign up for something, email offers are accepted!

**Caring for One Another** – This week we passed around a sign up sheet for folks to provide rides for Debra to/from PT starting at the end of the month. Thanks to all who signed up! There may still be dates open. If you can help, contact Debra directly at her email, [dnewcomb922@gmail.com](mailto:dnewcomb922@gmail.com). If you have questions, want to sign up, or need to make a change – contact Debra. Much appreciation to all!

**The Summer Kalos** is now published on our CCAV, UCC website - check it out! Many thanks to Risa and Ted for their help and for all our contributors! Hard-copies are in the rack in the narthex.

**Quest** The last meeting for the Quest ladies' group will be on Wednesday, June 21 from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.; meetings will then resume on Wednesday, September 6, at the same time.

**Shelter Feeding** The next shelter feeding will be on Tuesday, June 20. Please let Phyllis Chai know if you are able/feel "called" to serve in any way. Banana jell-0 preparation will be on Sunday June 18 after our service.

**You are invited to serve on Sunday:** Contact Debbie Bemis at Coffee Hour or email her if you are able to serve as a Reader, Coffee Host/Greeter, or Communion Server. If 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 contribute to special music or be a part of it in some way this summer, please talk to John Hawes. There are still some open dates.

### **Ongoing:**

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

CCAV Council Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays, 7:00 p.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.

Ladies Quest Group, Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.

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

**BIRTHDAYS:** Risa Feely 6/20, Karen Smith 6/22, Dennis Widman 6/24, David Crowley 6/25, Janice Krahenbuhl 6/28, Randall Newcomb 6/28, Ariss Thomas 6/28

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Randall and Debra Newcomb 6/02, Hi-Dong and Phyllis Chai 6/08, David and Carolyn Crowley 6/08, John and Diane Hawes 6/14, Harold and Laura Hall 6/21, Tom and Carla Gerber 6/22, Bart and Karen Smith 6/27

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

**QUIET DAY - June 24 from 9-4** Come and be transformed, inspired, and renewed. Come away and rest. This will be a safe space to reconnect and to explore our connection to the sacred. If you want to kick start your spiritual practice for the summer or are just looking for new ways to be with God, join us! All levels of experience are welcome! Let's come together and rest in God.

**Joint Venture Worship & Picnic Potluck** July 2 we are planning a summer-time Joint Venture service of worship and "July 4" Picnic Potluck to follow. We will have one worship service at 10am with lunch to follow.

**Community Blood Drive** The next Red Cross blood drive is on July 8th at the ECA, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. To schedule an appointment, please log on to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), enter the Zip Code: 95120 and follow the instructions, or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). If you have any questions regarding your eligibility to donate blood, please call 1-800-236-3276. Identification is required. Other questions and/or if you'd like to volunteer, please contact Leslie Rousseau (408-386-3271 or [Lprousseau@aol.com](mailto:Lprousseau@aol.com)).

**Update on Rev. Shelley (from Marianne Schmidt):** The doctor reported that the four hour operation last Friday went very well. Shelley was in the hospital for two nights and came home on Sunday afternoon. She is in good spirits despite the pain and discomfort as she knows it will get better each day. She is receiving physical therapy at home so is walking each day. She feels the prayers from all of us and sends her love.

**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.

**JV Book Group** THERE IS NO BOOK GROUP MEETING IN JUNE. We will meet in July, 5:30 pm, at Marie Calendar's, a reminder will go out just before. The books for the remaining year are:

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| July      | Amy Griffith    | "A Man Called Ove" by Fredric Backman               |
| August    | Sandra Mueller  | "The Book of Joy" by the Dali Lama and Desmond Tutu |
| September | Ardis Roseberry | "Spool of Blue Thread" by Anne Tyler                |
| October   | Leslie Rousseau | "Frankenstein" by Mary Shelley                      |

CCAV Interim Pastor ..... Rev. Dr. Marty Williams (revmartyccavucc@gmail.com)  
 Music Director/Organist/Pianist..... Maria Brodsky  
 JV Handbell Director..... Ruthanne Adams Martinez  
 CCAV Folk Music Director ..... John Hawes  
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**Check out our new Facebook page: Congregational Church of Almaden Valley, UCC.**

**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.*

