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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
 February 17, 2019
 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany***



An Order of Worship for February 17, 2019
Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Greetings

Congregational Sharing and Announcements, Joys, and Concerns

Sounding of the Bell

Prelude All Things Bright and Beautiful CCAV Folk Choir

Lighting of the Peace Candle

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

~~~*Moments of Silence*~~~

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

Leader: Jesus, the healer, draws crowds poor and rich, fragile, troubled, hope-filled:

**People: He heals them all.**

Leader: Jesus, the teacher, draws crowds of neighbors and foreigners, the pious and the curious,

**People: He teaches them all.**

Leader: Jesus, the leader, draws crowds hoping for a rallying cry, a slogan, a catchphrase of power,

**People: He surprises them all with beatitudes instead.**

Leader: Let us welcome the One who leads us deeply into the generous power of the Reign of God, where healing, wisdom, and blessing await!

\*Invocation Phyllis Chai\*

\*Hymn Spirit CH No. 249

**Ongoing:**

CCAV Council Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays, 10:45 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!

**BIRTHDAYS:** Patty Johnson 02/03, Lynn Widman 02/07, Phyllis Green 02/19,  
Shirley Lind 02/24

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Debbie Bemis and Jan Blake 02/14

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

**Interfaith Blood Drive at JV - Saturday, Feb. 23, 8am-2pm** To schedule your appointment, please log on to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter the Sponsor Code InterfaithCommunity or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). If you have questions regarding your eligibility to donate blood, please call 1-866-236-3276. Identification is required on the day of the blood drive.

**The Annual Spring Tea** will be held Wednesday, May 1st. Our theme this year is Congregational Creations. We invite members of our 2 congregations to share their own creations during the tea. We suggest one creation per church member – paintings, woodworking, poems, etc. – this is an opportunity for members to share their own God given gifts. Creations will need to be brought to the church prior to the tea so that appropriate displays can be managed. This is not an opportunity to sell items. More information will follow soon.

**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!

**Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner** Remember those Pancake Dinners we used to have on Shrove Tuesday that were hosted by the youth group? We don't have an active youth group, but who doesn't still love Pancake Dinners? We would like to have a ***Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner*** at CCAV! I hope we will have enough people interested in attending....

When? ***Tuesday, March 5th 5:30-7:15 PM***

What do we need?

Volunteers to help SET UP 4:00-5:30

Volunteers to help COOK starting at 4:45

People to come ENJOY THE MEAL 5:30-6:30

Worshippers at an informal SERVICE led by Rev. Marty 6:30-7:15

Volunteers to help with CLEAN UP 7:15-8:15

Why should you come?

Good FOOD and Great FELLOWSHIP

Mardi Gras GAME — simple, I promise

Mardi Gras DECORATIONS to spice up the evening

PHOTO BOOTH to help upgrade the photo board with informal and fun photos

Informal SERVICE to mark the beginning of Lent

There will be a signup sheet available on Sunday to see if we can get enough people interested in helping and attending in order to make this worth our while. Won't you consider how you can help? If you can't help, won't you consider coming to join in the fun? We would LOVE to make this happen..... The more the merrier! If you will not be there on Sunday but would like to be a part of this, please email me at [debbiebemis@gmail.com](mailto:debbiebemis@gmail.com) and I will be sure to add your name to the list.

**Second Harvest Food Bank Bin** Any food donations for the Second Harvest Food Bank bin will be gratefully received.

**Join the Yoga Group** every Monday, 9:30-10:30, in the Narthex. Everyone is welcome, bring a friend. Details call Amy Griffith, 408-268-0920 or Phyllis Chai, 408-226-7150.

**You are invited to serve on Sunday:** Look for the matrix clipboard at Coffee Hour 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.

**Reading from the Old Testament Jeremiah 17:5-10 (Common English Bible)**

The LORD proclaims:

Cursed are those who trust in mere humans,  
who depend on human strength  
and turn their hearts from the LORD.

They will be like a desert shrub  
that doesn't know when relief comes.

They will live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in a barren land where no one survives.

Happy are those who trust in the LORD,  
who rely on the LORD.

They will be like trees planted by the streams,  
whose roots reach down to the water.

They won't fear drought when it comes;  
their leaves will remain green.

They won't be stressed in the time of drought  
or fail to bear fruit.

The most cunning heart—  
it's beyond help.

Who can figure it out?

I, the LORD, probe the heart  
and discern hidden motives,  
to give everyone what they deserve,  
the consequences of their deeds.

**Response**

**Thy Word**

**CH No. 326**

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

**Sermon**

**Luke 6:17-26**

**Rev. Marty Williams**

**\*Hymn of Response**                      **Prayer of St. Francis**

Make me a channel of Your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love.  
Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord.  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of Your peace.  
Where there is despair in life, let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness, only light.  
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek,  
So much to be consoled as to console,  
To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of Your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving to all that we receive,  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

**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**

**Offertory**                                      **Rooted and Grounded**                                      **Jim Manley**

**\*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**

**\*Closing**                                      **Just a Closer Walk with Thee**                                      **CH No. 557**

**\*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) The Church is Where God's People are Praising**

**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: Phyllis Chai**

**Greeter/Coffee Host: Bessie Hutchins, Phyllis Chai**

**Music: CCAV Folk Choir**

**Flowers: Kathleen Eagan, in memory of her dad**