

***THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
OF ALMADEN VALLEY  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
An Open and Affirming Congregation  
May 27, 2018  
Trinity Sunday***





**Reading from the Old Testament****Isaiah 6:1-8****(CEB)**

In the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw the Lord sitting on a high and exalted throne, the edges of his robe filling the temple. Winged creatures were stationed around him. Each had six wings: with two they veiled their faces, with two their feet, and with two they flew about. They shouted to each other, saying:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of heavenly forces!

All the earth is filled with God's glory!”

The doorframe shook at the sound of their shouting, and the house was filled with smoke.

I said, “Mourn for me; I'm ruined! I'm a man with unclean lips, and I live among a people with unclean lips. Yet I've seen the king, the LORD of heavenly forces!”

Then one of the winged creatures flew to me, holding a glowing coal that he had taken from the altar with tongs. He touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips. Your guilt has departed, and your sin is removed.”

Then I heard the Lord's voice saying, “Whom should I send, and who will go for us?”

I said, “I'm here; send me.”

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

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

**Sermon***Love**Rev. Michael Curry***\*Hymn of Response****This Little Light of Mine****Insert****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****Jesus Makes House Calls****\*Doxology****OLD HUNDREDDTH****(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**

**When the Saints Go Marching In/  
I'm Gonna Sing, Sing, Sing**

**Insert**

**\*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)**

**Peace Is Flowing Like a River**

**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: Betty Benson, Harriet Yamada**

**Music: CCAV Folk Choir**

**Update: Pastor Marty's Schedule over the next few weeks:**

*I ask for prayers for Steve. On Monday afternoon, Steve fell coming out of his house and broke his hip. Fortunately it was a clean break that could be addressed with surgery and a hip nail. He is doing well and has begun rehab. Thankfully I was with him when it happened. **Week of:***

***May 27 – Riverside May 28-31 , working from Pleasanton 5/31 and 6/1***

***June 3 – preaching on 6/3, CCAV 6/6 and 6/7***

**Let's Talk Review:** Thanks to all of you who participated in the Let's Talk last Sunday. What a fun trip down memory lane we all had! If you weren't there, no worries. We will put the timelines out at least a couple more times during our fellowship hour for everyone to enjoy and add to. The purpose, of course, is for us to tell our story. As all of our Let's Talk sessions are designed to do, this will make things that much easier for the search committee when we put one together in the very near future.

As Marty said on Sunday, the next phase of our Let's Talk sessions will be individual chats with her. During the month of June, Marty plans to visit with everyone, either individually or in small family groups depending on your preference, to have private conversations about how you yourself are feeling about the future of CCAV. She is in the process of developing "interview questions" (for lack of a better word) that she will be asking each of you. Once those are developed, she will send them out to all so that you have time to think about your responses before she meets with you.

As I mentioned at the Let's Talk session on Sunday, 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 these individual sessions as well as all of the work she is putting into the interim work we are doing together. If you have some thoughts about how we might do that, please let Debbie know. We are particularly focused on trying to ease some of the Sunday morning worship responsibilities for her. We welcome your ideas!

**Shalom Choir** The last Sunday for the Shalom Choir is next Sunday, June 3rd, and there are two special anthems planned. After that, they will take a well-deserved summer break. If you would like to participate in Special Music one week this summer, please let John Hawes know.

**Save the date** June 24th is our Semi-Annual congregational meeting.

**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.

### **Looking ahead:**

**June 10**, Bell Choir Sunday, AND the Yamanishi family will provide food for the usual potluck Sunday to celebrate Hannah's graduation! Watch for details!

**June 14-17, NCNC Annual Gathering**, Sonoma State (registration has opened!)

*Please see Pastor Marty if you are interested in attending all or part of the event.*

**June 17**, Folk Sunday

**June 24**, CCAV Mid-Year Congregational Meeting, after worship.

**July 1**, Joint Venture Worship service at **10am** with Summer Picnic Potluck to follow!

**Second Harvest Food Bank Bin** Second Harvest Food Bank is truly grateful for all the gifts of food (and is always thankful, too, for checks...) Please contact Phyllis Chai at 408-442-5098 or hidong@pacbell.net for questions... Thank you!

### **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 Choir Rehearsal, Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.

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

**BIRTHDAYS:** Judy Martin 05/02, Mike Moore 05/02, Thyra Tegner 05/04,

Alison Yamanishi 05/08, Hannah Yamanishi 05/11, Jan Blake 05/13,

Kathleen Quint 05/18, Dennis Elliot 05/20, Barbara Alumbaugh 05/22,

Tom Gerber 05/28, Bessie Hutchins 05/30

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Norbert and Perla Runge 05/15

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

**JV Maintenance Position** JV Board has spent a great deal of time discussing the problem of how to keep our beloved church building and grounds maintained with no one stepping forward who is willing to coordinate things - or even agreeing to do some of the work. We will continue to discuss ways to keep things maintained with our dwindling capacity and resources, and any thoughts or suggestions you have would be welcomed! Feel free to mention your ideas to Kathryn, Toh-Bee, Rev. Marty, or Debbie, and we will gladly pass ideas along.



**JOHN LESLIE'S PRODUCTION** of his 2-person play entitled "Souvenir," based on the true story of Florence Foster Jenkins, the wannabe opera singer who performed at Carnegie Hall. John will be coming to California with his mom after Labor Day, and they will be doing two shows. John's mom will be playing the part of the opera singer and John will be her accompanist.

Both performances will take place in the Fellowship Hall at church: **One on Saturday, Sept. 8th at 7:00 PM and the other on Sunday, Sept. 9th at 2:00.** Proceeds of ticket sales will go to benefit Joint Venture Churches.



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**Check out our Facebook page:** Congregational Church of Almaden Valley, UCC.  
<https://www.facebook.com/CCAVUCC>

**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.*

