



## **Welcome to Worship** **Sunday, March 27, 2016**

*We welcome you to this time of praise and worship. If you're joining us for the first time, please use a **WELCOME CARD** to let us know a little more about you. Everyone is invited to share prayer concerns with staff by filling out **PRAYER CARDS**. Both are **found in the pew racks** at the center and end of each pew. Please place them in the offering plate or hand them to an usher.*

*Our Ushers can help with **HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES** if needed. They can also guide you to our **NURSERY** program for children age two years and younger.*

# Preparation for the Word

Gathering Music

Fugue in G Minor

J.S. Bach

Silence

Introit

Were You There  
Trinity Conley, soloist

Get All Excited  
Choir

Easter Proclamation

Cami Inadomi

One: The Lord is Risen.

**ALL: He is Risen indeed.**

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One: Alleluia!

**ALL: ALLELUIA!!**

Hymn #123

Jesus Christ is Risen Today!

Call to Reconciliation and Affirmation

**Unison Prayer:** Lord Jesus, while we are busy with new Easter clothes and special Easter family gatherings, it's easy to forget that today is the day you quietly, without us even realizing it, defeated death for us. Help us see where we are blind. Help us greet you with open arms. Holy God, we believe – help us in our unbelief.

**Silent Prayer** *(for reflection and attentiveness to our own lives)*

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

**All: Amen.**

**Sung Response**                    **Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises**

*Hallelujah! We sing your praises,  
all our hearts are filled with gladness. (x2)*

**Assurance of God’s Grace**

**\*Sharing Christ’s Peace**

One: As God has given us peace through Christ, so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

**Welcome and Announcements**

## **The Word**

**Choral Offering**                    Awake, Arise!

**Scripture**                                 Luke 24:1-12

**Sermon**                                 “The Perplexing Disappearance of Christ”                    Pastor Avery

## **The Sacrament of Baptism**

**Steven Rattanamalee and Jeffrey James Mossman**

**Hymn #113**                                 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

## **Response to the Word**

**Prayers of the People** (*As joys and concerns are shared among us, please respond*)

One: Lord in your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayers.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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.

## Invitation to the Offering

**Offertory**                      Christ the Lord Has Risen Today                      arr. Jim Hammerly

**\*Response** (*Please stand as you are able*)

**Christ is Alive!**

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

## Going Out to Be the Church

**Hymn #104**                      **Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!**

**Benediction**

**Sending Music**                      Crown Him with Many Crowns                      arr. by Anne Krentz Organ

*Pastor Debra is available at the main sanctuary doors to greet you.  
Please join us in the **Reception Room** (through the cloister door to your left)  
for conversation and refreshments.*

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY, MARCH 27, 2016

**Pastor:** Rev. Debra Avery

**Worship Leaders:** Matthew, Suzie, Ryan, Lia and Cami Inadomi

**Guest Musicians:** Matthew Erikson and David Morales

**Acolytes:** Jason Jr. Witt and Jacob Stangl

**Lead Usher:** Matthew Inadomi

**Greeter:** Dorrie Dodge

**Flowers:** Bill Coburn

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### Today at First Church

**THE PARENT CORNER** is at the rear left corner of the sanctuary as you face the organ providing a place for parents with **infants or toddlers** who may not be ready to separate and go to childcare in the Nursery. You will find a soft blanket, cushions and toys that can be used during worship.

**WORSHIP BAGS ARE AVAILABLE** in the narthex for children to use during worship. Please return the bag to the narthex at the end of worship. When worship ends please collect young children from childcare to **join us for fellowship in the Reception Room and the Easter Egg Hunt** at 11:15 a.m. Parents, if your child has any food allergies, we ask that you supervise them carefully during the Easter Egg Hunt on the lawn. A special **THANK YOU** to all our members and friends who generously contributed the eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt today!

Thanks to all who donated lilies to decorate the Sanctuary. **ANYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED LILIES** is welcome to take them home following worship.

**PLEASE ASSIST IN RECYCLING** by placing used bulletins and inserts *in the wire baskets on the tables by the sanctuary exits* as you leave. You are welcome to take a portion of our beautiful flower arrangements to share with a friend or enjoy in your own home.

Note: The church **OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THIS MONDAY. DI PAGEL WILL BE AWAY on vacation** next week, visiting her new granddaughter Zoe! She will be back on Sunday, April 3.

## Next Sunday

In worship – Sunday, April 3, 2016

Pastor Avery

Scripture: John 20:19-31; Sermon: Taking Risks

## Upcoming Events

**WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY** with Pastor Debra meets Thursday mornings at 10:30 am in the Reception Room.

**GODLY PLAY FOR ADULTS** begins its *ninth series* on **Wednesday, April 6 at 7 p.m.** for six weeks in the Reception Room. This series is entitled “**Knowing Jesus in a New Way**”. Each session provides music, song, story and a response time with a selection of good quality art mediums. Greg Murai leads community singing and Di Pagel is the storyteller. Check out the Welcome table for visitors for the theme for each session.

**WOMEN’S CIRCLE** led by Di Pagel meets next on **Tuesday, April 26 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.** in the Session Room. This is open to women of all ages seeking companions on the spiritual journey. The time together is spent on prayer and the practice of *lectio divina*.

**ARTS UNDER THE SPIRE** on **Sunday, May 15, 4PM** - The Leon Joyce Trio. Leon Joyce Jr., a native of Meriden, Connecticut. As a drummer Leon has worked for a wide variety of top artists. Leon is currently a regular with the Leon Joyce Trio, Quartet and Quintet, the Sista Monica Band, the Jamie Davis Quintet, and the 57th Street Galley House Band. He also freelances in and around the Chicago and San Francisco Bay areas with numerous other artists.

**Monday, August 15th - Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**-Save the date for **RECREATION VBS 2016 DAY CAMP** for campers entering Kindergarten through Middle School. This year we're meeting at College Avenue Presbyterian Church in the Rockridge District of our great city of Oakland at 5951 College Avenue, CA 94618. Camp will follow our established schedule from 9am-3pm each day including Art Instruction, VBS Bible Stories, Community Service and FUN! Registration is not yet open but save the date!

## Remember in Prayer

**Requested Prayers:** Jean Ishimaru (aunt of Matthew Inadomi); Heather (cousin of Anna Lisa Fear)— *battling cancer*; Joyce Whiteford (former member) and Paul (her son); Debbie Williams (cousin of Barbara Williams); and Kelsie (cousin of Kristin Stangl)—*health concerns*.

**Joy and Thanksgiving:** Zoe Grace Lukaszewski was born on Monday, March 21, grand-daughter to Di Pagel.

**Focused Prayers:** Staff is praying through the church directory, focusing on a new group each week. We invite you to join in praying for these members and friends: Don and Helen Anderson; Tom and Sandra Anderson; Pastor Debra, Peter and Callelia Avery; Gladys Baah; James and Martha Bauman; Bill and Beth Beatty.

**Prayers for Our Homebound Friends:** Gwendolyn Buchholz, Ora DeBose, Martha Hill; Marian Kerr, Pat Todhunter, Ben Weir.

*Please contact the office if you know of others who would like to be included.*

## The Week Ahead

### Sunday, March 27

- 8:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*
- 10:00 a.m. Easter Service, *Sanctuary*
- 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time, *Reception Room*
- 11:10 p.m. Children's Egg Hunt, *Broadway lawn*
- 12:30 p.m. Food Ministry, *Kitchen*

### Monday, March 28

**Church Office Closed**

- 11:00 a.m. Food Ministry, *Fellowship Hall*

### Tuesday, March 29

- 10:00 a.m. Food Not Bombs, *Kitchen*

### Wednesday, March 30

- 11:00 a.m. Food Ministry, *Fellowship Hall*

### Thursday, March 31

- 10:00 a.m. Food Not Bombs, *Fellowship Hall*
- 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study, *Reception Room*

### Saturday, April 2

- 11:00 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, Choir Rehearsal, *Session Room*

### Sunday, April 3

- 8:50 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, *Sanctuary*
- 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time, *Reception Room*
- 12:30 p.m. Food Ministry, *Kitchen*



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