

June 14, 2020 Worship Experience and Enews



Worship Experience June 14, 2020 First Presbyterian Church of San Rafael

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Music *God of Truth* by John Steiner (music and slides)

[Click here for video](#)

Opening Prayer Morning Prayer read by Marcia DeZwarte

[Click here for video](#)

How shall we pray this morning?
let us pray for grace this day:
the grace to see each person
not as protestor or police,
not as a Democrat or Republican,
not as an evangelical or progressive,
but as a sister, a brother,
a beloved child of God just like us.

We pray for justice this day:
justice for those who find none in their community,
and justice for those who would destroy neighborhoods.
justice for those hoping those in power
will hear their voices and listen to their hearts,
and justice for those who wonder
why no one marches on behalf of them.
O God, hear our prayers for justice.

We pray for peace this day:
yes, for the peace that passes understanding
and for the peace we cannot seem to live out.
yes, for that peace which is the absence of violence,
and for the peace which is the presence of hope.
for that peace which seems to always be just out of our reach,
and for the peace which we can hand to another.

God in Community, Holy in One, we pray
for peace, in our hearts and in our communities,
for justice, in all places and for all people,
for grace, in our souls and on our lips. Amen.

by Thom M. Shuman

Scripture Reading Luke 15: 11-32

[Click here for video of scripture reading](#)

Sermon **A Homecoming Story** Rev. Cynthia Cochran-Carney

[Click here for video](#)

[Click here for video on Vimeo](#)

[Click here for PDF text of sermon](#) safe file

[Click here to see and read about the **painting** in sermon](#)

Sending Song *Amazing Grace* sung by Gospel Touch Gospel Choir

[Click here for video](#)

Song for this week *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Demarre McGill is an orchestral musician, and now principal flute of the Seattle Symphony. He writes, "A month ago, my colleagues from across the USA and I decided to record 'Lift Every Voice and Sing' to inspire young black musicians who don't often see representation of themselves in orchestral music. Instead, here we are again mourning senseless loss of lives and fighting for justice. This recording is for every protester, every freedom fighter, everyone who needs to be lifted up."

[Click here for video](#)

Phases for Reopening - Updates from our pastor

The Session met on June 8 and discussed phases of reopening created by the church's task force. The supplies for reopening the building have been ordered. Ann Pope and I along with the task force are preparing the Site Specific Preparation Plan as required by the county health dept. When all supplies are on hand and plan is complete, then the Phase 1 of reopening the church can begin by late June.

Phase 1 of Re-Opening the Church Building

- Use County guidelines for office buildings
- Will begin when all supplies stocked at church (late June)
- Masks required in the building. Physical distancing. Chairs set up 6 feet apart
- Limited Church Office hours – stagger staffing.
- Groups of 10 or fewer people permitted to meet together – Ann Pope will schedule
- All groups meet in designated areas where chairs are set up Canoles Hall and chapel
- Online worship and Zoom groups continue

Phase 2 of Re-Opening - Outdoor Services

Marin County HHS Faith Communities Industry Group approved outdoor services as of 6/5. Our Worship Committee is now working on details of our outdoor services

Start with Patio outdoor services (date to begin – to be determined _____)

- Spaced folding chairs, portable speaker & keyboard, red umbrellas. Limited capacity
- People wear masks, physical distancing on patio and sidewalk. Clear entry & exits
- No singing by choir or congregation.
- No offering plates passed. No passing of the peace (no hugs or handshakes)
- Online services continue. Recording of live services to go on line.

We will keep you updated. May we continue to love our neighbors and church family by protecting the health and wellbeing of all.

Grace and peace,

Cynthia

Anti-Racism and White Privilege Resources

Article - An Open Letter to My Fellow White Christians

By Margaret Renkl NYT June 8, 2020

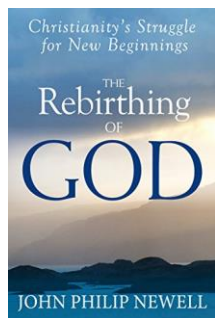
[Click here for article](#)

Movie – 13th (on Netflix)

13th is a 2016 American documentary by director Ava DuVernay. The film explores the "intersection of race, justice, and mass incarceration in the United States. It is titled after the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, adopted in 1865, which abolished slavery throughout the United States and ended involuntary servitude except as a punishment for conviction of a crime.

Book Study and Wednesday Book Reflections on Zoom

Launching A New Adventure – Rebirthing the Church



The Rebirthing of God: Christianity's Struggle for New Beginnings

By John Phillip Newell

Zoom Weekly Discussion – Wednesdays, 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Wednesday, June 17

Reconnecting with Compassion

Chapter 2 pages 15-23

Zoom Info

Zoom Sundays Today 11:00 am – 11:45

+ Share responses to the sermon and service based on your personal experiences.

Click on link <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/738258079>

Password for the FPCSR Zoom room. **996359**

Meeting ID: 738 258 079

Call in number 1-669-900-9128

Wednesday Book Study 12:00 noon

Wednesday Reflections focused on the book study. All are welcome. Come join us! Same log in as above

Centering Prayer Thursdays 10:00 am

Contact Kay Collette for information kaycollette25@gmail.com

Announcements



June is Pride Month

As a More Light Church in the PCUSA, FPCSR celebrates LGBTQ siblings. We continue the work to follow God's call for welcome of all God's beloved children.

Marin LGBTQ+ Pride (Virtually)

On **Thursday, June 18 at 5:30 p.m.** join on Zoom to honor Jane Spahr and learn about Marin LGBTQ+ history

The Spahr Center will hold the Marin LGBTQ+ Pride event to honor founder Jane Spahr for her decades of incredible leadership of efforts to build the well-being of Marin's LGBTQ+ community and end our HIV/AIDS epidemic. Jane was elected a Grand Marshall of the 2020 San Francisco LGBTQ+ Pride Parade and Celebration. Jane will also participate in a panel discussion of the history of LGBTQ+ and HIV communities in Marin. Rev. Jane Spahr was an Associate Pastor of FPCSR and is a longtime friend of our congregation. www.thespahrcenter.org

Zoom info

Meeting ID: 899 9461 9971

Password: 092786 +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

Room for Rent in Sausalito

Our former 8:30 am service cantor, Sarah Wolf, is subletting her room in Sausalito. Beautiful house with two nice roommates, Patti and John.

\$1200 including utilities.

Through November or December 2020.

Sarah's mobile: 415 465 0806



Financial Support

Our church continues to be a community of faith that provides spiritual inspiration, online worship, loving support while we shelter in place, and help for the most vulnerable in our community. We continue to pay all of our staff and maintain the building. Your financial support is needed and appreciated.

1) Send a check to the church

First Presbyterian Church, 1510 5th Ave, San Rafael, CA 94901

2) Set up automatic payments through your bank

3) Give on line through our secure link - <https://www.fpcsr.org/giving>

Pentecost Offering – special offering of PCUSA

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering is used by our congregation to support the Youth on the Move local programs, including after school enrichment for underserved Short School. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Donations for the Pentecost Offering may be sent by check. Make checks to FPCSR with note Pentecost Offering. Donations may also be made on line – use category “Other” and note Pentecost.

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