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**“Never place a period where God has placed a COMMA,
God is STILL SPEAKING!”**



March 21, 2010 – 10:00 a.m.

5th Sunday in Lent

For Reflection

It is good (to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night.
You, O Lord, are exalted for ever.
It is good to praise your Name, O Most High!

Please stop by the Sound Booth if you wish to use a sound receiver today.

You are invited to watch the screen up front to increase your participation in today's service of worship.

**The asterisk indicates the times when you are invited to stand if the Spirit so moves you.*

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Music provided by Albert Mendoza

WELCOME

Donald Shenk, Pastoral Assistant

***SONGS FOR THE SPIRIT OF LENT**

“Longing for Light” and “God of the Bible”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Provided by Rev. Susan Garett

Sunny Kim

Liturgist: Let us tell the old, old story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.

People: Tell us the old, old story, of Jesus and His love.

Liturgist: Let us tell the story simply, as to a little child,
Of Jesus strong and mighty of Jesus meek and mild.

People: Tell us the old, old story, of Jesus and His love.

Liturgist: Let us tell the story slowly, that we may take it in,
That wonderful redemption, God's remedy for sin.

People: Tell us the old, old story, of Jesus and His love.

Liturgist: Let us tell the story always, for it will always be,
In any time of trouble, a comfort to you and me.

People: Tell us the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

***A SONG ON TODAY'S THEME**

“Tell me the Story of Jesus”

The Congregation may be seated.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Rev. Susan Garett, Guest Preacher

OUR COMMON PRAYER

Congregation

MUSIC TO BLESS THE CHILDREN

“Jesus Loves Me”

Congregation

*Children and Youth are welcome to join our Sunday School and Children Worship & Wonder program!
After the children's time, children aged 3 through those in 5th grade are invited to process downstairs to the
Wonder Room and those in 6th through 12th grade to the Green Room. Childcare for children under age 4 is
available in our nursery today with trained and certified childcare provider, Mrs. Barbara Sanchez.*

What's Happening...

- **TODAY:** The **LEADERSHIP TEAM** will meet in the theatre today after worship.
- **THURS. 7pm – THE UNITED VOICES** will rehearse in the sanctuary.
- **WEDS. 6:45pm - THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES** will meet in the Green Room.
- **SAT. 6:45pm - THE SPIRIT & THE SCREEN** presents a special in-home screening of the comedy, "The Invention of Lying" at the home of Susan and Bruce Weiner. Starring Ricky Gervais, Jennifer Garner, and Tina Fey, "The Invention of Lying" will have you looking at our world in new ways for years to come. This film is rated PG-13 and is recommended for adults only. RSVP to Susan (susanjinla@sbcglobal.net) if you'd like to attend.

NEXT SUNDAY: Our pastor, the **Rev. Dr. Art Cribbs** returns to preach.

GOING ON NOW: Our own resident artist and watercolor teacher VIVI OLDKNOW has a lot of her art on display and for sale at the San Marino Stationers shop through mid-April.

COMING UP:

A **Maunder Thursday service** will be held on **April 1 at Arcadia United Church of Christ**. The evening will begin with a Seder meal in Prince Erik Hall at **6 p.m.** This will be followed by a simple service in their sanctuary that includes communion and "the washing of our neighbors' hands." Arcadia UCC is located at 2607 South Santa Anita Drive in Arcadia between Longden and E. Live Oak Avenues.



A **Good Friday Service** sponsored by the Ecumenical Council of Pasadena Area Churches (ECPAC) will be held on **Friday, April 2 at 12 noon at Messiah Lutheran Church in Pasadena**. The service will feature music and preaching from area pastors and churches and will include an opportunity to give to the programs sponsored by ECPAC which has been serving those in need in the Pasadena area for over 100 years. Messiah Lutheran Church is located at 570 E. Orange Grove Blvd. in Pasadena at the corner of Madison Avenue between N. Los Robles and N. El Molino Avenues. **A car pool will leave from our church parking lot at 11:40am on Friday, April 2nd.**

A **joint service of worship for GOOD FRIDAY** will be held at the **Montebello Plymouth Congregational Church on Friday, April 2 at 7pm**. Our Pastor and Moderator will be participating in the service which will be creatively exploring the themes of this significant day in our Christian year. Montebello Plymouth Congregational Church is located at 144 South Greenwood Avenue in Montebello. **A car pool will leave from our church parking lot at 6:15pm on Friday, April 2nd.**

Global Ministries: Faith of Many Dimensions

Faith apart from works is dead. James 2:26

Many groups travel from the US to another part of the world on a mission trip. Some of these groups plan their trip with Global Ministries' People to People Pilgrimages office in order to maximize their spiritual experience as well. One group from Atlanta, GA recently traveled to India. One pilgrim wrote:

"One month ago today we were ringing in the New Year sitting half way around the world in the Christian Church of Mungeli, India. Even though the words spoken were unrecognizable Hindi, there were some comfortably familiar sights as I gazed around the sanctuary: wooden pews filled with worshippers, Bibles and hymnals in their hands; the open communion table; a temperamental sound system that worked intermittently, and the cadence of the Lord's Prayer - recognizable even when spoken in a language foreign to my ears. My eyes came to rest upon the wooden cross on the table and I reflected on how this symbol of Christianity had taken on a new meaning for me recently. In learning of the concepts of vertical and horizontal faith, I have come to look at the cross as a symbolic representation of these two dimensions of faith.

VERTICAL faith is about one's relationship with God; an awareness of God's teachings and his presence in your life.

HORIZONTAL faith is about sharing those vertical discoveries; serving outside our comfort zone; reaching out and touching others with God's love.

TRUE faith needs both components: our love and action (the horizontal piece) is grounded in the love we receive from God (which we discover through the vertical piece). Without the horizontal piece, there is a disconnect between faith and life.

For me, the cross has become a beautiful, visual depiction of vertical and horizontal faith."



ANIL HENRY

Missionary Anil Henry shared this story of an individual with a mission group. He works with the Synodical Board of Health Services of the Church of North India. He serves as Acting Director at Christian Hospital, Mungeli along with his wife, Teresa, as Senior Medical Officer.