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WE WORSHIP GOD

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Acolyte: Allen King

*OPENING PRAYER (unison) (Psalm 67)

Connie James-Gililand

Great Spirit, we come into Your House of Prayer with thanksgiving. We honor you and seek your ear. Hear us as we pray: “May God be gracious to us and bless us and make your face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon the earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. Let all the ends of the earth fear God. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

“Come Now, Almighty God”
Congregation

NCH #275
Giardini

The congregation may be seated.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

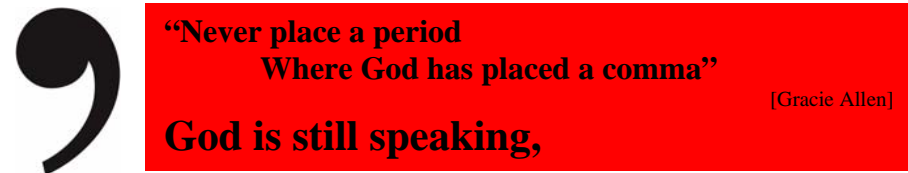
Offering (the children’s plate is passed to collect their offerings)

Story “What Do We Humans Know?” Ross King

Our Common 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

All children are invited to process to their summer session at this time.



June 24, 2007 – 10:00 a.m. Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

For Reflection

“Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Parent (sic), family (sic) all are we.
Let me walk with my family (sic), in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me. Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment
In peace eternally.
Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me.”
(“Let There Be Peace on Earth – Sy Miller, 1955)

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

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

WE GATHER

PIANO PRELUDE

Chip Colvin

WELCOME & OUR COMMON LIFE

Connie James-Gililand

Music to Bless the Children

“Children Welcome”
Edwards, arr. Fitch

Refrain: **Children welcome in the name of Jesus.
Children welcome in the name of love.
All are welcome in the name of Jesus.
All are welcome in the name of love.**

**Children offer us gifts for living, with hearts opened wide, clear eyes to see,
Minds full of wonder, hands full of helping, joy as we follow where they lead.**

WE EXPERIENCE THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 61:8
Pew Bible page 896

Connie James-Gililand

SUMMERSONG

Soloist: Gabrielle DeMers

REFLECTIONS

Guest Speaker: Mr. Clive Hoffman
"Extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice.
Moderation in the pursuit of justice is no
virtue"(Barry Goldwater, 1963)

WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS, OUR LIVES

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Call for the Offering

Connie James-Gililand

Offertory

Soloist: Gabrielle DeMers

*Congregational Response

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

NCH #780
Bourgeois/Ken

*Dedication of Ourselves and Our Gifts (unison)

Connie James-Gililand

Receive these gifts, Oh Lord. We give back what is yours. Bless the ministries for which this offering is intended. May this money be used for the uplift of your people in many places, and may those who serve you be inspired to do your will. We dedicate ourselves and our gifts to you. Thank you for all we have received and now return to you. Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

A TIME OF PRAYER

Preparation for Prayer

“God, Fill Me Now”

Congregation

**God, fill me now, fill me with your Holy Spirit.
You give me life, and you draw me to your presence.
Here before you now; see, my hands are empty.
God, fill me now with you.**

Prayers of the People

Connie James-Gililand

*SENDING HYMN

“Lead Us from Death to Life”

Congregation

NCH #581
Satish Kumar/Haugen

BENEDICTION

Ross King

CHANGING OF THE LIGHT

Connie James-Gililand

PIANO POSTLUDE

Chip Colvin

***Everyone is welcome to enjoy food, beverages
and conversation in Crist Hall following the service.***

We express a **warm welcome** to all who have joined us this morning. This Church is affiliated with the United Church of Christ, a denomination dedicated to spiritual growth, faith with action and social transformation.

VISITORS: Please stop by our Visitor's Center in the Entryway to sign our Guest Book, **fill out a visitor card** (*with nametag so we can greet you by name!*) and receive information about the exciting things happening here!

Welcome our Guest Speaker, Mr. Clive Hoffman!

Clive Hoffman, president of Clive Hoffman Associates, a public relations firm headquartered in Beverly Hills since 1966, joins us as today's preacher.

Born in Cape Town, South Africa, Clive graduated from UCLA with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theater Arts and a minor in History. He has taught real estate marketing and public relations in the USC School of Policy, Planning & Development, as well as UCLA Extension, where he also coordinated and taught a course on Initial Public Offerings (IPOs).

Among his many civic and community endeavors, Clive was appointed by Governor Gray Davis to the Board of Trustees of the California State Summer School for the Arts where he served as Board Secretary. He also participated on the New Schools - Better Neighborhoods - ULI task force seeking methods to create public/private partnerships in the development of public schools.

Clive was formerly Chair of the Los Angeles Unified School District's Community Affairs Advisory Committee, Founding President of the Community Magnet School, Los Angeles' first integrated neighborhood magnet school and Vice President of the Educational Foundation of the Greater Los Angeles Press Club.

He and his wife Carol were sponsors of the Hoffman Media Scholarship presented through the Press Club which provided several four-year college scholarships to high school students of color wishing to pursue journalistic careers.

Clive and Pastor Art first met in 1965 at Brotherhood Camp, a weeklong summer program sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews (later renamed the National Conference for Community and Justice - NCCJ). Clive was the Director of Communications for the NCCJ. He also directed the organization's youth leadership program, Brotherhood/Sisterhood USA, maintaining his role as Program Director for 10 years.

Long-time Los Angeles residents, he and Carol live in the Beverlywood neighborhood. They have two daughters, Jill and Lisa.



We welcome Clive and Carol Hoffman to San Marino Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. After many years of absence and separation, Clive and I have been joined together by our dear and mutual friend, Nancy Trask, former executive director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews in Los Angeles. Seeing Clive again after nearly 41 years was a great joy beyond measure. We quickly discovered how time can collapse and our conversation recaptured our passion for knowledge and justice.

In the mid-1960s Clive was on staff of the NCCJ and participated in an annual summer camp experience for high school students. In that capacity, he worked with teen leaders from Southern California and other Western States. For one week in the San Bernardino Mountains, youth were introduced to various religions, political perspectives, and races. "Brotherhood/Sisterhood Camp" was a place where differences were explored and opportunities to imagine another world were presented.

There was a time in America when young people truly believed they could change the world and make new history. There was a feeling of possibility for racial harmony and world peace. Early in the morning and late at night, high school students discussed the critical issues of the day. We were encouraged to speak openly and sincerely about our lives and expectations. We learned the thoughts of others and shared points of mutuality. Clive Hoffman was part of that experience. Nancy Trask headed the programs that brought together an array of adult supervisors, counselors, and youth.

41 years later, the conversations continued. Clive remains committed to racial and social justice. He uses his business to advance equity and opportunities in real estate and education. He demonstrates ways communities can work together to improve quality of life across Los Angeles.

It is a great honor to have him share this thoughts and vision with us. A lasting friendship is not deterred by time and distance. It is the foundation upon which collaboration can be built to work toward a vision framed by hope, love, peace, and goodwill.

Thank you, Clive, for coming and speaking your truth.

-Pastor Art Cribbs

Next Sunday * July 1, 2007

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship

Pastor Art returns to preach.

Liturgist: Susan Jakubowski Weiner

Summersong Series continues with Emma Corvin

This Week...

Friday: Christian Education staff worship session

**Tuesday: 7pm - Bible Study continues with discussion and prayer.
Come join us in the Fireside Parlour.**