



10:00 AM

Rincon Congregational U.C.C.

February 2, 2025

To be a beacon of God's love and justice.

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*"...For every end, there is always a new beginning.
And now here is my secret, a very simple secret:
It is only with the heart that one can see rightly;
what is essential is invisible to the eye."*

- Antoine de Saint-Exupery (29 June 1900 – c. 31 July 1944)

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Nocturne op. 19

by P. I. Tchaikovsky

Welcome and Announcements

Ann Geiger

+Call to Worship

Sean Riley

(Your Ways Are Not Our Own, NCH 170)

One: Your ways are not our own, O Gracious God most high

All: Yet we would follow in your paths and on your love rely.

One: Christ teaches us to bless the ones who curse and harm

All: To turn the other cheek when struck, attackers to disarm.

One: Yet we cannot excuse abuse in any form

All: For all are children of your care, and love must be our norm.

One: How shall we show your love, your pardon to believe?

All: You bid us share as we are blessed and give as we receive.

One: Forgiveness is our joy, receiving, giving, too.

**All: Keep us from judgments hard and cruel, that we may dwell with you.
Amen.**

+Response to Call to Worship *Sanctuary*

+Contemporary Voice

+ Hymn # 28 *For the Beauty of the Earth* vs 1 - 2

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Scripture Psalm 71:1-6

Anthem *Romance op. 51* by P. I. Tchaikovsky

Sermon “*Blessed Assurance*” Rev. Louis J. Mitchell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

+ Hymn # 86 *Taste and See* vs 1 - 2

Communion

Communion Music

Communion Prayer

**Gracious God,
we thank you for the gift
of your chosen and beloved One.**

**Jesus, we take you into ourselves,
symbolically but earnestly.
We strive to be one flesh with You,
one heart with You.
We strive to be Your hands here
in this time and place
where You have planted us to serve.
Amen.**

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory *Poured Out For You* by Austin North

Prayer of Dedication

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

+Hymn # 570

We Shall Overcome

We shall overcome....
We'll walk hand in hand...
We shall live in peace...
We can move in faith...
We will stay the course...
We will all be free...

+Benediction

+Postlude

I Am Bound for the Promised Land

arr. Hugh Livingston

+ Please stand if able

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Loen Arrington, Gene Buell, Kathy Clow, Rachel Cox, Vicente Granillo, Christine Lamoreaux, Jackie McKenzie, Donna McCue, Karen Melik, Barbara Myers, Terri Ridzelski, Sean Riley, Shirley Schoenberger, Brian Seier, Louise Small, Kathy Snover, Unique and Chata Walden and family, Aston Bloom's stepdaughter Trisha, Don Cole's cousin Heather and her daughter Alex, Annabel Crites son-in-law Keith, Amy D'Arpino's Aunt Kristi, Amy D'Arpino's cousin MeLinda, Amy D'Arpino's friend Nicole, Ava Dorrance's nephew Robin, Nancy Franklin-Hicks' cousin Trisha, Chris Jones' father Doug, Lisa Kadolph's sister-in-law Helen, Karen Melik's mother Ida Mae, Rev. Louis' cousin Anna, Rev. Louis' ex-wife Krysia, Carolyn Murphy's friend Joanne, Shari Murphy's friend Diana, Carol Peterson's mother Doris, Carol Peterson's friend Shawn, Shirley Schoenberger's cousins Bill and Linda, Shirley Schoenberger's daughter Michelle, Evelyn Spitzer's friend Sam and his family, Alex Tentser's brother Yevgeny and his family and his mother Dina, Oak Flat/Chi'chil Bildagoteel.

For the Beauty of the Earth

St. 1-3, *Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864; alt.*St. 4, *Miriam Therese Winter, 1993*

1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the splen-dor of the skies,
 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
 4 For the good that love in-spires, for a world where none ex-clude,

For the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,
 Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
 Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,
 For a faith that nev-er tires, and for ev-ery heart re-newed,

Refrain

God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

Folliott S. Pierpoint, author of numerous hymns, penned these verses near his native city of Bath, England, on a late spring day when flowers were in full bloom and all the earth seemed to rejoice.

Tune: DIX 7.7.7.7. with refrain
Conrad Kocher, 1838
Adapt. William H. Monk, 1861

Taste and See

86

$\text{♩} = 84$

F C/F B \flat /F F F/A B \flat add9 F/A Gm $^{\text{II}}$ C 7

Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the Lord. — O

F C/F B \flat /F F F/A B \flat add9 F/A Gm 7 C 7 C 6 C 7

taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the Lord, — of the

F B \flat /F F Gm 7 /C C 7 F Fadd9

To verses Last time

Lord.

Lord.

1. I will bless the
2. Glo - ri - fy the
3. Wor - ship — the

Am 7 B \flat maj 7 F/A Gm $^{\text{II}}$

3

Lord — at all times. —
 Lord — with me. —
 Lord, — all you peo-ple. —

— Praise — shall
 To - geth-er — let us
 — You'll — want for

F/A Gm 7 /C C 7 F A 7 A 7 /C \sharp

3

al-ways be on my lips; — my soul — shall glo-ry — in the
 all — praise God's name. — I called — the Lord — who an-swered
 noth - ing — if you ask. — Taste — and see — that the Lord is

Dm $^{\text{add}9}$ Dm/C B \flat add9 F/A Gm 7 C 7 D.C.

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Lord — for God — has been — so good to me. —
 me; — from all — my trou-bles I was set free. —
 good; — in God — we need — put all our trust. —

Today's Leadership

Worship Leader: Rev. Louis J. Mitchell
Accompanist: Dr. Alex Tentser
Music: Matt Rinaldi
Liturgist: Sean Riley
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All Who Come to Worship God are Welcome!

Together we seek to love the world and to embrace others as Jesus did. Therefore, everyone is invited into full membership regardless of age, race, ethnic origin or worldly condition. We are an **Open and Affirming** congregation, accepting and valuing people regardless of race, gender, age, sexual orientation, ethnicity and physical/mental ability. We also are a **Just Peace Church**, committed to corporately naming and boldly proclaiming a public identity as a justice-doing, peace-seeking church.

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Office Hours M-F 9-12 & 1-4

Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary

This Week's Meetings

Sunday, February 2

- 10:00 AM ~ Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 AM ~ Annual Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 PM ~ Desert Voices (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, February 3

- 10:00 AM ~ CPR Classes Near Me (Room 1A)
- 10:30 AM ~ Knitting Group (Room 10)
- 7:00 PM ~ Reveille (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, February 4

- 7:00 PM ~ Al-Anon and Ala-Teen (Room 10 & 1A)

Wednesday, February 5

- 8:30 AM ~ ICS Mobile Food Pantry (Parking Lot)
- 12:00 PM ~ Bible Study (Room 10 and Zoom)
- 5:30 PM ~ ICS Bridges Financial Mgmt Class (Room 10)

Thursday, February 6

- 6:00 PM ~ CPR Classes Near Me (Room 1A)
- 6:00 PM ~ Reverb (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, February 7

- 1:00 PM ~ Dr. Alex Tentser Music Class (Sanctuary)

Saturday, February 8

- 10:00 AM ~ Families Transformed (Rooms 10 and 1A)

Sunday, February 9

- 10:00 AM ~ Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 PM ~ Desert Voices (Fellowship Hall)