



10:00 AM

Rincon Congregational U.C.C.

March 9, 2025

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

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"Today, the greatest challenge facing American evangelicals is not persecution from the world, but seduction by the world."

- C. J. Mahaney (September 21st, 1953 -)

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Prelude Op. 11 #2

by Alexander Scriabin

Welcome and Announcements

Wren Balfour

+Call to Worship

Carolyn Murphy

One: We come together today, God.
Vulnerable and open. Willing and weakened.

All: Hold us close, we pray.

One: We come challenged to be our best selves.
Humble and hopeful. Caring and concerned.

All: Hold us close, we pray.

One: We come as individuals reaching for each other.
From our different walks with differing views.

All: Bind us close, we pray.

One: We come seeking peace in a world with sharp edges.
Some already bloody from battle. Others unable to see the wounds.

All: Bind us closer, we pray.

One: We come together today, God.
Because we believe you can do all things.
And because we need faith to anchor our lives.

**All: Hold us close, bind us close,
give us wisdom and grant us mercy, we pray.
Amen.**

+Response to Call to Worship *Sanctuary*

+Contemporary Voice

+ Hymn # 473 *Blessed Assurance* vs 1 - 2

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Scripture Luke 4:1-13

Anthem *I Will Arise And Go To Jesus* arr. Heather Sorenson

Sermon “*The Devil Made Me Do It?*” Rev. Louis J. Mitchell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

+ Hymn # 43 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* vs 1 - 2

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

**Our Creator in heaven,
may your name be revered as holy.
May your kin-dom come.
May your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
as we also have forgiven those who sin against us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one.
For Yours is the kin-dom,
all the power, and all the glory,
forever and ever and ever.
Amen.**

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

Meditation

Prayer of Dedication

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

+Hymn # 249

Peace, I Leave with You

vs 1 - 3

+Benediction

+Postlude

I Let a Song Go Out of My Heart

by Duke Ellington

+ 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, Kathy Snover, Unique and Chata Walden and family, Bill Young, 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 Uncle Duane, 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, 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, Bill Young's friend Gena and son Griffin, Bill Young's friend John, Bill Young's friend Kevin, Oak Flat/Chi'chil Bildagoteel.

Acts 17:30-31; Rev. 7:9-14

Fanny Crosby, 1873; alt.

1 Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
 2 Per-fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light! Vi - sions of
 3 Per-fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blessed; Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -

God, born of the Spir - it, washed in Christ's blood.
 bove ech - oes of mer - cy; whis - pers of love.
 bove, filled with God's good - ness, lost in Christ's love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long;

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Mal. 3:1; 2 Cor. 3:18; 5:17; Eph. 5:27

Charles Wesley, 1747; alt.

1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, joy of heaven, on earth be found,
 2 Breathe, O breathe your lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-ery trou-bled breast;
 3 Come, al-might-y to de-liv-er, let us all your life re-ceive;
 4 Fin-ish, then, your new cre-a-tion; pure and spot-less may we prove;

Fix in us a hum-ble dwell-ing, all your faith-ful mer-cies crown;
 Let us all in you in-her-it, let us find your prom-ised rest;
 Sud-den-ly re-turn, and ne-ver, ne-ver-more your tem-ples leave.
 Let us see your great sal-va-tion per-fect-ly re-stored in you;

Je-sus, you are all com-pas-sion; pure, un-bound-ed love im-part.
 Take a-way our love of sin-ning; Al-pha and O-mega be;
 You we would be al-ways bless-ing, love you as your an-gels love,
 Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry, till in heaven we take our place,

Vis-it us with your sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-ery trem-bling heart.
 End of faith, as its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
 Pray and praise for your un-fail-ing, wound-ed arms out-stretched a-bove.
 Crowned as saints, we ev-er shall be lost in won-der, love, and praise.

This hymn is said to have been suggested by a "Song of Venus" from Dryden's King Arthur. It is one of 6,500 written by Charles Wesley, the "sweet singer of Methodism," who was skilled at interweaving literary and scriptural images.

Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.

John Zundel, 1855

Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL

For another harmonization, see 368, 495

Peace I Leave with You, My Friends

John 14:18-29

Ray Repp, 1967

Refrain

D Em G D F#m

Peace I leave with you, my friends, sha-lom, my peace, in

Em Gm D Em G D F#m

all you do. Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to

Bm Em G D 1-2 3

you so you can give to oth - ers, too.

D Em G D

1 To share God's love is why I came,
2 Take my hand and be at peace;
3 With this love now all will know

F#m Em/G Gm

to show God's kind - ness with - out end.
the spir - it of our love I send.
that lone - li - ness is at an end.

Songwriter Ray Repp has composed and recorded numerous albums of liturgical songs since 1965, when he introduced guitar into worship with his "Mass for Young Americans."

Tune: PEACE, MY FRIENDS Irr. with refrain
Ray Repp, 1967
Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1994

EASTER SEASON

Go now, my friends, and do the same,
And with this love you will be free,
Re-joice, my friends, al - though I go,

un-til I come a - gain.
un-til I come a - gain.
for I will come a - gain.

to Refrain

“PROMOTE THE SPIRIT OF LOVE AS TAUGHT BY JESUS CHRIST”



EARTH FRIENDLY BULLETINS – Starting in February, we will be posting the bulletins to the website and reducing the number of printed bulletins. Bulletins will be available at <https://www.rinconucc.org/bulletins>. Scan the QR Code and it will bring you to our website.

PROGRESSIVE BIBLE STUDY – Join us on Wednesdays at 12pm in Room 10. Newcomers and curious visitors are always welcome.

WHATSAPP - If you don't have a WhatsApp account, follow these steps on your mobile device: 1. Download the WhatsApp account here: [whatsapp.com](https://www.whatsapp.com) 2. Follow the registration in the app 3. Join our community: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/GkxdOBPnjPZESZL2tQChin> be.

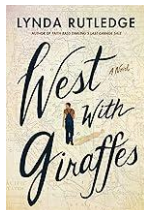
Who Can Be A Foster Parent? You! La Paloma Family Services joyfully welcomes: Kinship Families, Single Parents, Unmarried Partners, Working Parents, Members of the LGBTQ+ Community. The role of a foster parent is to provide a temporary home for children who cannot live safely with their family. A foster parent helps ensure a child's physical, developmental, educational, and emotional needs are met while in their care. **La Paloma Family Services can be contacted at 520-429-4247 or www.lapalomakids.org**



Thanks to a generous grant from the Southwest Conference, Spiritual Life and worship is excited to announce the "Created In Love Spring Break Art Camp."

The focus of all art activities is expression of the authentic self and inclusion, respect and value for each other. The art is "Created in Love" just

as God has created all of us. Registration is limited to 12 students in grades 1-5 for each session. The cost is \$50 for the camp, with brown bag lunches available, as requested. More information will be available in the next couple of weeks in the newsletter, bulletin and online. Volunteers are needed to help with art activities, music and drama for both sessions. Contact Beth Shelby: bhshelby1@gmail.com if you are interested in helping. Even one hour can make a difference!



A Company of Readers - Monday, March 24th in Room 12 at 2:00 PM. March's book of the month is *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. A Company of Readers meets the 4th Monday of each month. The group typically alternates between fiction and non-fiction. Please note, you are not required to participate each and every month; join in when you can and when the book interests you.

“INCREASE TRUTH, LOVE, AND JUSTICE IN THE WORLD”

CREATING BELONGING - 3rd Friday of each month in Fellowship Hall - **6:00 PM - 7:30 PM** - We invite you to join our monthly gathering, Creating Belonging. We come together to share and reflect on the intentional work we are doing to examine and dismantle racism in our own lives, the systems we impact, and within the institution of the church.

CASA MARIA –Every five weeks Rincon volunteers prepare nearly 1,500 sandwiches for the Casa Maria free soup kitchen. We meet starting at **8:00 AM** in Fellowship Hall. Next meeting: **Saturday, March 29th**. Dates: 3/29, 5/3, 6/7, 7/12, 8/16, 9/20, 10/25, 11/29. For more information contact Judy Hubbard at 520-790-8471 or donarcher2@cox.net.

PRIMAVERA – Every month on the fourth Friday, members meet at 3:00pm in the church kitchen to prepare a hot meal for 50 to 80 men at the Primavera Emergency Men's Shelter. At 4:30 they leave to deliver and serve the meal. New workers are always welcome! For more information contact Ann Geiger at 520-529-6223 or ghgeiger@aol.com.

ICS MOBILE FOOD TRUCK - Rincon volunteers distribute food on the 1st Wednesday of the month from 8:30 am to 9:30 am to people needing food assistance. If interested in volunteering for this ministry, please call or email Linda Stone for more information. Linda Stone (520-999-0253) or basketladylks@gmail.com.

CAFÉ JUSTO - Just Coffee, or in Spanish Cafe Justo, is the coffee we serve on the coffee cart. The coffee comes from a ministry started 25 years ago by the Presbyterian Church. The beans are grown mostly in Chiapas, Mexico and shipped to Agua Prieta for roasting. This coop allows for the growers to get more than a fair price and they get healthcare. The coop is allowing for people to return to their homes in Chiapas and be growers. We are selling one-pound bags for \$12.00 a bag. This is a great ministry to support and I ask you to buy bags as gifts if you do not drink coffee. The coffee will be available after service on Sundays but if you can only make it during the week, let the office know and we will hold a bag aside for you.

“SUPPORT THE CHURCH FINANCIALLY”

When making payments to the church either by check, bill pay, or PayPal, please remember to complete the 'Memo' line on your submission. This will allow for more accurate record keeping and for funds to be directed as you intend them to be.

Today's Leadership

Worship Leader: Rev. Louis J. Mitchell
Accompanist: Dr. Alex Tentser
Music: Matt Rinaldi
Liturgist: Carolyn Murphy
Children's Table Teachers: Oliver Cole and Ginger Taylor
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Grounded in openness and with respect and justice for all, Rincon Congregational United Church of Christ is a welcoming and progressive Christian community that believes in a God who is more about grace than judgment. Inspired by meaningful worship and teaching, we strive to be God's heart and hands in action, seeking to be living examples of Christ's abundant love.

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: Tuesday - Friday 9-12 & 1-4

The church office is CLOSED on Mondays

Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary

This Week's Meetings

Sunday, March 9

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

Monday, March 10

Church Office CLOSED

- 8:30 AM ~ Created In Love – Spring Break Art Camp (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 AM ~ CPR Classes Near Me (Room 1A)
- 10:30 AM ~ Knitting Group (Room 10)
- 7:00 PM ~ Reveille (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, March 11

- 8:30 AM ~ Created In Love – Spring Break Art Camp (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 PM ~ Justice & Witness (Room 10)
- 7:00 PM ~ Al-Anon and Ala-Teen (Room 10 & 1A)

Wednesday, March 12

- 8:30 AM ~ Created In Love – Spring Break Art Camp (Fellowship Hall)
- 12:00 PM ~ Bible Study (Room 10 and Zoom)
- 6:30 PM ~ Buildings & Grounds (Zoom)

Thursday, March 13

- 8:30 AM ~ Created In Love – Spring Break Art Camp (Fellowship Hall)
- 3:30 PM ~ Congregational Life (Zoom)
- 6:00 PM ~ Reverb (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM ~ Personnel (Zoom)

Friday, March 14

- 8:30 AM ~ Created In Love – Spring Break Art Camp (Fellowship Hall)
- 1:00 PM ~ Dr. Alex Tentser Music Class (Sanctuary)

Saturday, March 15

- 1:00 PM ~ CPR Classes Near Me (Room 1A)

Sunday, March 16

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