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Rincon Congregational U.C.C.

May 11, 2025

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

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*"Every day is a new opportunity to begin again. Every day is your birthday."*

— Dalai Lama XIV (6 July 1935 - )

## **GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude**

*I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*

Spiritual, arr. Larry Shackley

**Welcome and Announcements**

Davin Franklin-Hicks

**+Call to Worship**

Wren Balfour

One: We come to worship, to sing, to pray!

**All: We come with faith, hope, and love!**

One: We come trusting your love, God!

**All: We come to serve and to be with beloved community!**

One: We come because of and despite the things around us.

**All: We come believing that you are still a God who moves mountains.**

One: We come to put our arms around each other and the earth,  
Holding all that you've created tenderly, thoughtfully, and with intention.

**All: We come because You've invited us –  
You call us into relationship with you  
and the world You've given us to serve!  
Amen.**

**+Response to Call to Worship**      *Sanctuary*

**+Contemporary Voice**

**+ Hymn # 257**                      *Alleluia! Gracious Jesus*                      vs 2 - 3

### **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**Scripture**                              *Acts 9:36-42*

**Anthem**                                *Softly and Tenderly*

**Sermon**                                *Just When You Think You're Done...*                      Rev. Louis J. Mitchell

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**+ Hymn # 300**                      *Jesus Shall Reign*                      vs 2 - 3

**Prayers of the People**

**Sharing the Lord's Prayer**    written by Rev. Louis J. Mitchell

**Our Creator,  
Who is in all things -  
above us, below us, within us, all around us!  
We lift up your many names with praise and reverence.**

**May we bring the kin-dom of love and service to this place,  
as we imagine it to be in heaven.**

**Give us gratitude for this breath, this day.  
We thank you for your daily provision.**

**Forgive us for those we have harmed,  
intentionally or not.  
Give us a heart of forgiveness  
for those who have harmed us, intentionally or not.**

**Give us sight to see temptation and the discernment to turn away.  
Direct us away from the evil in our midst and in our hearts.**

**This kin-dom is yours and tending it is our responsibility.  
All power is yours and any that we hold comes from you.**

**Glory is yours and any that we claim  
is residual to our relationship with you.**

**Your eternal Spirit lives on forever, in us and beyond us -  
For which we are thankful. Amen.**

## **Invitation to Generosity**

**Offertory**

*Give Me Jesus*

Spiritual, arr. Anthony Giamanco

## **Prayer of Dedication**

### **GOING IN GOD'S NAME**

**+Hymn # 393**

*Bless Be the Tie That Binds*

vs 1 - 2

**+Benediction**

**+Postlude**

*Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho*

Spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes

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+ 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, Shirley Schoenberger, Louise Small, 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, Erik Johnson's brothers Vince and Greg, Chris Jones' father Doug, Lisa Kadolph's sister-in-law Helen, Karen Melik's mother Ida Mae, Rev. Louis' cousin Anna, Rev. Louis' mother Joyce, Carolyn Murphy's friend Joanne, Shari Murphy's friend Diana, Carol Peterson's mother Doris, Carol Peterson's friend Shawn, Terri Ridzelski's son Johan, Shirley Schoenberger's cousins Bill and Linda, Shirley Schoenberger's daughter Michelle, Louise Small's daughter Amy, 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 Kevin, Oak Flat/Chi'chil Bildagoteel.*

ASCENSION

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Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!

*Eph. 1:15-23; Heb. 9:11-14*

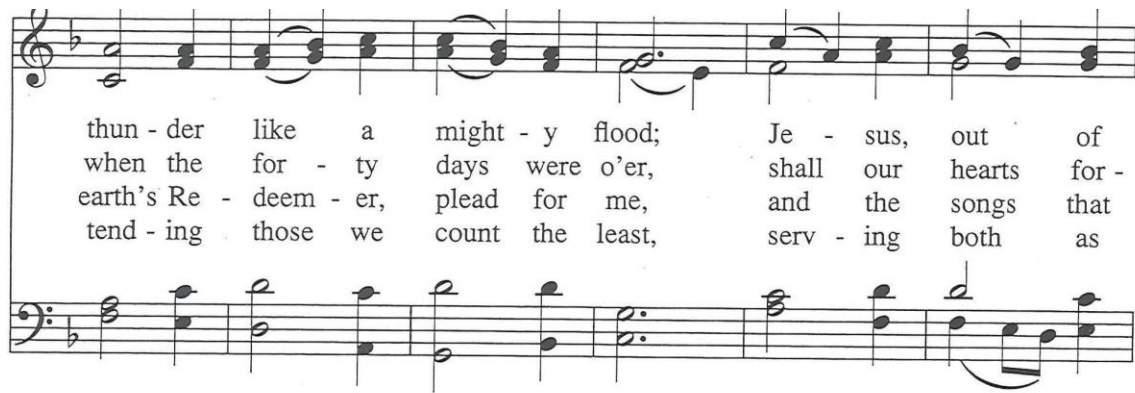
*William C. Dix, 1867; alt.*

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Gra - cious Je - sus! Yours the  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, you on  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ e - ter - nal, noth - ing

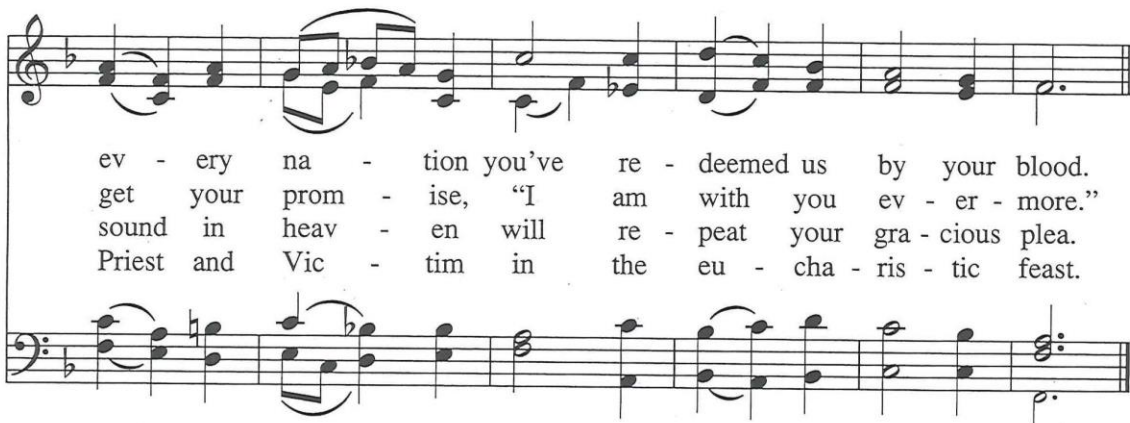
scep - ter, yours the throne! Al - le - lu - ia! Yours the  
 left in sor - row now. Al - le - lu - ia! You are  
 earth our food, our stay. Al - le - lu - ia! Here the  
 can dis - rupt your reign; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of

tri - umph, yours the vic - to - ry a - lone!  
 near us; faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.  
 sin - ful flee to you from day to day.  
 Mar - y, heaven and earth are your do - main.

Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on  
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived you  
 In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners,  
 Hu - man life you ful - ly en - tered,



thun - der like a might - y flood; Je - sus, out of  
when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our hearts for -  
earth's Re - deem - er, plead for me, and the songs that  
tend - ing those we count the least, serv - ing both as



ev - ery na - tion you've re - deemed us by your blood.  
get your prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more."  
sound in heav - en will re - peat your gra - cious plea.  
Priest and Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

## Jesus Shall Reign

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*Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.**Ps. 72; Rev. 1:4b-8*

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun  
 2 Through Christ shall end - less prayer be made,  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound where - e'er Christ reigns:  
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring

does its suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;  
 borne by the Spir - it's cease - less aid;  
 dwell on God's love with sweet - est song,  
 the pris - oners leap to lose their chains,  
 trib - utes of praise for all to sing;

God's realm shall stretch from shore to shore  
 Like sweet per - fume new hymns shall rise  
 And in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim  
 The wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest,  
 An - gels de - scend with songs a - gain,

till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 their ear - liest prayers in Je - sus' name.  
 and all who suf - fer want are blessed.  
 and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

*The second half of a longer paraphrase of Psalm 72, this hymn was included in Isaac Watts' Psalms of David, a collection of psalm-based poems with New Testament orientation. John Hatton once lived on Duke Street in St. Helen's, Lancaster, England.*

Tune: DUKE STREET L.M.  
*Attrib. to John Hatton, c. 1793*



# Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

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John Fawcett, 1782; alt.

Gal. 3:28; 6:2; Col. 3:13-15

1 Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
2 Be - fore our God we come and pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3 We share each oth - er's woes, each oth - er's bur - dens bear,  
4 When we are called to part it gives us in - ward pain,

The shar - ing of a com - mon life is like to that a - bove.  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
And of - ten for each oth - er flows a sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

*An English Baptist minister, John Fawcett published a number of poetic works. His entire ministry was spent at a church near Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire, where he wrote most of his hymns to follow his sermons.*

Tune: DENNIS S.M.  
Melody by Johann G. Nægeli (c. 1768-1836)  
Adapt. Lowell Mason, 1845

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

**THE CLOSET** – The Closet, serving all in transition, is now open! Monday, Wednesday and Friday 11am – 2pm and 4pm – 7pm. Saturdays available by appointment for those needing full wardrobe changes.

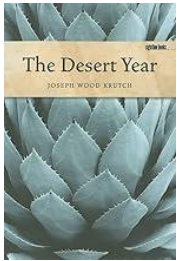
**PROGRESSIVE BIBLE STUDY** – Join us on Wednesdays at 12pm in Room 10. Newcomers and curious visitors are always welcome.

**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://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](http://www.lapalomakids.org)**



**EARTH FRIENDLY BULLETINS** – We now post the bulletins to the website and have reduced 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.



**A Company of Readers** - Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> in Room 12 at 2:00 PM. May's book of the month is *The Desert Year* by Joseph Wood Krutch. A Company of Readers meets the 4th Monday of each month. The group typically alternates between fiction and non-fiction. Please note, you are welcome to participate any time; 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, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Dates: 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](mailto: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](mailto:ghgeiger@aol.com).

**ICS MOBILE FOOD TRUCK** - Rincon volunteers distribute food on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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.

<b>“SUPPORT THE CHURCH FINANCIALLY”</b>
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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:** Wren Balfour  
**Children's Table Teachers:** Oliver Cole  
**Photo:** Pezibear – Pixabay.com  
**Music Licenses:** CCLI: 539745 and 21225360; OneLicense: A-739152

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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, May 11**

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

### **Monday, May 12**

#### **Church Office CLOSED**

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

### **Tuesday, May 13**

- 10:00 AM ~ Literacy Connects (Room 10)
- 5:30 PM ~ Justice & Witness (Zoom)
- 7:00 PM ~ Al-Anon and Ala-Teen (Room 10 & 1A)

### **Wednesday, May 14**

- 12:00 PM ~ Bible Study (Room 10 and Zoom)
- 6:30 PM ~ Buildings & Grounds (Zoom)
- 6:30 PM ~ Good Neighbor Interfaith Coalition (Fellowship Hall)

### **Thursday, May 15**

- 6:00 PM ~ Reverb (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM ~ Stewardship & Finance (Zoom)

### **Friday, May 16**

- 6:00 PM ~ Creating Belonging (Room 10)

### **Saturday, May 17**

- 9:00 AM ~ Sabrina Petty Student Recital (Sanctuary)
- 1:00 PM ~ CPR Classes Near Me (Room 1A)
- 5:30 PM ~ Hermosa Choir (Sanctuary)

### **Sunday, May 18**

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