

# CLARION



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## OUR CALENDAR

*Communion is normally celebrated during worship service on the first Sunday of the month.*

### MONDAY, MARCH 7

Clarion Mailing 8:00a

### SUNDAY, MARCH 13

*In Person Worship Service*

Sunday Family Worship 10:30

### MONDAY, MARCH 14

Clarion Mailing 8:00a

### SUNDAY, MARCH 20

Sunday Family Worship 10:30

## LEADERS IN WORSHIP

We are grateful to those persons who led us in worship on Sunday, March 6, 2022, with social distancing. Welcome, Dorothy Kirkland; Call to Worship and Opening Prayer, Ron Ota; Scripture, JoAnne SooHoo, (Luke 4: 1-13); music, Kenny Elliott, Virginia Gin, Ann Kiriyaama, Greg Middleton, Pete Morris, and Gus Zdanovich; Sound and Visuals, Sam Gin, Kevin Hayashi, and Nick Tomoyasu; and the Rev. Ally Lee for her sermon, "Simply, Surely, Steadily".

## WHO'S MAILING

March 14	Volunteers
March 21	Volunteers
March 27	Volunteers
April 4	Volunteers

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## LENT ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

Please join Pastor Ann for a Lenten Class on Zoom entitled: Sabbath as Resistance. This is an exploration of the Ten Commandments based on Walter Bruggeman's book and how God invites us into relationship and into action. This class will be held for four Sundays at 1p.m. on Zoom starting on March 13, the 2nd Sunday of Lent. The link will be sent with the link for worship. Handouts for the class will be available to pick-up on Sunday mornings. An electronic version will also be available to anyone. Hope you can join us!

## Minute for Missions

## World Day of Prayer

"Informed prayer and prayerful action."

World Day of Prayer (WDP) is a global ecumenical movement, celebrated in more than 170 countries, led by Christian women who welcome all to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. World Day of Prayer is celebrated annually on the first Friday of March; for 2022 that was last Friday, March 4.

This year's theme, "I Know the Plans I Have for You," was selected by the WDP Committee of England, Wales and Northern Ireland, which also prepared this year's worship materials.

As people of faith, we know that our lives matter to God and that God is with and for us. "I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for." (Jeremiah 29:11, TMG). Jeremiah's message — first shared with the exiles in Babylon who were in a place of uncertainty and suffering — continues to resonate with us today. World Day of Prayer 2022 invites each of us to reflect on God's love for us no matter our circumstances. Our most loving response to our loving God is to reflect God's love to others: never abandon them, care always about their plans and hopes, and work to protect their well-being through care, concern and advocacy.

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We ask that you continue to pray for our church, our leadership, and for peace in the world.

*Let us pray*

*God of our whole lives, thank you for being with each of us every day. Even in times of suffering, loss or uncertainty, we know that we are never alone. We give thanks and promise to strive to reflect your love to our neighbors. Amen.*

March 9, 2022

## OUR THANKS

*Our church expresses our sincere appreciation to the following members and friends for their gifts from March 2, 2022 thru March 8, 2022*

### Deacons

Pete and Sue Morris

### One Great Hour of Sharing

Steve and Ann Kiriya Allin  
Joel and Nancy Castillo  
Sam and Virginia Gin  
Bob and Yoshiko Hayashi  
Irene Hirashiki  
Larry and Wandy Jung  
Frank and Marian Sata

## MISCELLANY

Our every busy Stewards would like to sponsor an all-church work day, **Save the Date...** Saturday, March 26, from 9:30am to 12n. Areas of interest are Sunday School classrooms and exterior doors. We hope that by this summer, the pandemic atmosphere will be improved enough that we once again may have children return, and are working on cleaning up (and out) the classrooms. Exterior doors of our campus are in need of a thorough cleaning as well,

The March Flavor of the Month is **Easter Holiday food items!** Think of what will be on your Easter table.... Canned vegetables, rice or potatoes, boxed side dishes, bake and dessert mixes... use your imagination! Drop your donations off in the marked box in the sanctuary foyer. Our Deacons will be taking them to the Friends In Deed Food Pantry for distribution.

Save the date! Sunday, April 10 (Palm Sunday). That will be this years' day for the Pasadena CROP Walk. This event will be live and virtual, and walkers and pledges will be needed. Stay tuned for more information.

From the Pasadena Nikkei Seniors: Podiatrist Dr. Teshima, who has been helping Pasadena seniors with foot and to toe nail problems, will be back to the Pasadena Cultural Center every other month on March 12 and May 14, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

## One Great Hour of Sharing

Please give generously. Our congregations will be collection the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering during February and March. Due to the crisis in the Ukraine, we are extending our collection until March 13. Please make checks payable to: First Presbyterian Church with OGHS on the memo line. You may also give directly to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance by writing DR000156 in the memo line of your check.

Our hearts go out to the people of Ukraine as war devastates their homeland. Church congregations join the world in lifting this nation up in prayer. They also have inquired about opportunities to offer tangible support.

In the midst of the chaos, there are sibling churches and ecumenical partners who are already providing assistance with basic items for survival. Initial assistance being provided includes shelter, food, clothing, blankets, baby food and diapers, other hygiene supplies, flashlights and candles, generators and fuel.

Our first priority is to provide funding to these partners on the ground. While the scale of this crisis is new, receiving refugees from Ukraine and other countries in Central and Eastern Europe is not, which means we have trusted, established partners with the knowledge and expertise to carry out this important work. In fact, One Great Hour of Sharing — the single largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to provide hope, help and relief — was started in response to refugees coming out of Europe.

## Caregiver Conference March 2022

For over 20 years, Keiro has offered Caregiver Conferences to support thousands of Japanese American and Japanese older adults and their caregivers. The conference will continue to provide caregivers and their loved ones the best subject matter experts, panelists, and resources possible in an accessible and practical manner. **This year's conference will be in a three-part series over three consecutive weeks.**

### Session Schedule

#### Session #1: Understanding Long-Term Care

Presented by Karl Kim, CFP, Certification in Long-Term Care (CLTC) Tuesday, March 8 | 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. PST

#### Session #2: Navigating Challenging Conversations

Presented by Kanako Fukuyama, MSW & Andrea Strouth, MSW Wednesday, March 16 | 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. PDT

#### Session #3: Stress Management for Caregivers

Presented by Nancy Clifton-Hawkins, MPH, MCHES Saturday, March 26 | 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. PDT

### Session Schedule Registration

Register for FREE by scanning the QR code on-line or by visiting [keiro.org/caregiver-conference](http://keiro.org/caregiver-conference). Hurry, March 7 is the deadline to register.

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