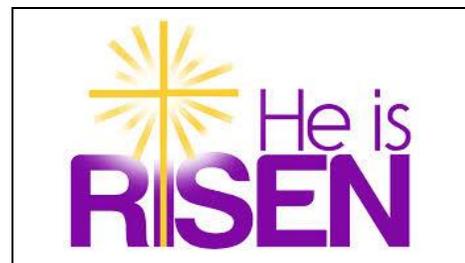


# CLARION



*God's People Serving the World with Love and Faith in Action*  
1913 – 2022

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ALTADENA  
firstpresbyterianchurchaltadena.org

Altadena, California 91001  
Tuesday, April 12, 2022  
Volume LXXIV, Number XVI

## OUR CALENDAR

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

### MONDAY, APRIL 11

Clarion Mailing 8:00a

### FRIDAY, APRIL 15

Good Friday Service 5:00pm

### SUNDAY, APRIL 17

#### *Easter Sunday*

#### *In Person Worship Service*

Sunday Family Worship 10:30

#### *Join us for Coffee Hour*

### MONDAY, APRIL 18

Clarion Mailing 8:00a

### SUNDAY, APRIL 24

#### *In person Worship Service*

Sunday Family Worship 10:30

## LEADERS IN WORSHIP

We are grateful to those persons who led us in worship on Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022, with social distancing. Call to Worship and Opening Prayer, Stan Inouye; Scripture, Janie Inouye (Luke 19: 28-40); music, Kenny Elliott, Virginia Gin, Ann Kiriyama, Greg Middleton, and Gus Zdanovich; Sound and Visuals, Ron Ota, Clyde Payne, and Nick Tomoyasu; and the Rev. Ann Oglesby Edwards for her sermon, "Songs and Sorrows".

## WHO'S MAILING

April 18	Volunteers
April 25	Volunteers
May 2	Volunteers
May 9	Volunteers

## STAFF APRIL 4

Editor Donna Kiriyama

Printer and Mailing Crew: Gini Ishida, Dorothy Kirkland, Eva Ramirez, Bob and Mae Uchida, and Wade Utsunomiya

Mailer	Bob Uchida
Email	Bob Hayashi

## Easter Challenge:

### *'Giving back, doing good and living generously'*

One of the blogs that I have read for Lent shared unique ways to observe this important season. This blog was part of a movement that started in the United Kingdom and has been read worldwide. For the season of Lent, it challenged people by '*giving back, doing good and living generously*'. For each day (40 days), there was a different focus and scripture and it included someone's personal story of how they met one of the very practical challenges. Example: One day the theme was 'acknowledging' and one suggestion given for observing it was by reconnecting with someone from our past who influenced us and acknowledge their contribution to our lives. They presented three action options each day with the ultimate goal of how we might give back to others, to find ways to do good and live generous actions (not necessarily monetary but heart generosity, also).

We have now entered Holy Week and in just a few days, we will joyously gather to celebrate Easter - and acknowledge the redeeming salvation given to us through our Lord's Crucifixion and Resurrection. It's also a time to consider how our lives have been changed and impacted because of this act of love. How will we acknowledge the influence that Christ has had in our lives? The women who came to the tomb on that first Sunday morning came because Christ had influenced their lives in the 3 years he was on earth. They acknowledged how he impacted them by doing a good deed of bringing spices to anoint him and giving him a proper burial. But it was so much more than that. Their going to the tomb acknowledged the love that they had for him and how their lives had been changed by his presence on earth. They risked a lot by going to the tomb anticipating that Roman soldiers would probably block their efforts to perform this act of kindness, but they wanted to repay him for all the love that he had given them.

While we cannot possibly repay Christ in the same act of mercy he has given us, we are challenged to express and show the same blessings that we have received. Our commitment to Christ as our Lord must be paved with concrete acknowledgments of *doing good, giving back and living generously* in the face of an angry and hurting world.

I want to acknowledge the important influence this congregation has had on me. Since the day I started, I have received kind words, authentic support, and compassion for all the different decisions that come with being a pastor of a church. Being with this congregation has restored my faith and kept me balanced as you have shown genuine care for me and for one another. You are truly a congregation that lives by '*doing good, giving back and living generously*'. I want to express my very sincere gratitude to this whole congregation for your very warm welcome and response for our time doing ministry together.

As we move towards Easter and beyond, may we continually be helping one another - no matter what path we are on - by challenging each other to live generously and joyously and show the impact that Christ has had on us. This Easter, may you know the abundant and generous blessings from our Lord, Jesus Christ in your lives,

*Pastor Ann*



April 12, 2022

## OUR THANKS

*Our church expresses our sincere appreciation to the following members and friends for their gifts from April 5, 2022 thru April 11, 2022*

### Baptism

Bob and Yoshiko Hayashi, on baptism of grandson, Colten Seiki Hayashi  
Elsie Hayashi, on baptism of great grandson, Colten Seiki Hayashi

### Deacons

Masako Fujii  
Alice Hamane  
Elsie Hayashi  
Irene Hirashiki  
Hiroko Nishiyama  
Wing and Evelyn Lew  
Miyeko Toshima

### Easter

Edina Driskill (La Puente)  
Masako Fujii  
Sam and Virginia Gin  
Mark and Donna Gonzales,  
in memory of Ambre Gonzales and George Kiriama  
Alice Hamane  
Bob and Yoshiko Hayashi  
Elsie Hayashi  
Irene Hirashiki  
Wing and Evelyn Lew  
Sumiko Maruyama  
John and Susan Nishio  
Shig Nishio  
Hiroko Nishiyama  
Bob and Deena Ota  
JoAnne SooHoo  
Miyeko Toshima  
Nancy Toyota  
Mitsie Yanari

### Special

Laurie Hamasaki (Glendale)  
JoAnn SooHoo, for Ron Ota's surgery

## GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNION SERVICE Friday, April 15, 5:00p.m. In the sanctuary.

As we prepare to celebrate Holy Easter, we reflect on the events leading to Christ's crucifixion and his unconditional love and sacrifice so that we might know a life of true joy and hope.

This will be a 45-minute contemplative time of worship with communion focusing on scripture, prayers, and music.

## EASTER WORSHIP - 10:30a.m. in the Sanctuary

Come worship with us as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ together! Because of the pandemic, we have not had the joy to worship in person on Easter... we are grateful that we can do so this year!

There will be a coffee hour immediately after worship. We will have the opportunity to say good-bye and thank-you to Pastor Ann as she retires.

## Decorating the Sanctuary on Easter

Remember the time, pre pandemic, when we would bring in flowers or a potted plant (usually lilies) to celebrate on Easter Sunday?

The flowers and plants decorated the front of the sanctuary, bringing color all over the stage. They represented a symbol of rebirth, love, and hope



Let us adorn the sanctuary again this Easter. We invite you to bring in potted flower and place them near the pulpit or on the steps of the stage, or by the cross to celebrate together this wondrous day. After worship service, you can take the flowers home, or give it to a special friend who could not be with us this day.



## COVID-19 MASK UPDATE

As of 3-12-2022, LA County Health Dept. has lifted indoor mask requirements in many places and strongly recommended in others.

Mask are still required on public transportation, transportation hubs (ie. airports, bus and train stations), healthcare settings, correctional facilities, shelters, and other locations where it is the policy of the business.

Mask are strongly recommended in indoor public settings and business such as retail, restaurants, theaters, meetings, and state and government offices. Mask are strongly recommended for people who gather indoors or in crowded outdoor settings for people who are at high risk of severe illness.

The Elders recommended at this time we continue our indoor mask requirements for attending indoor church services.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

EMAIL: [altadenapresbyterian@gmail.com](mailto:altadenapresbyterian@gmail.com)  
WEBSITE: [firstpresbyterianchurchaltadena.org](http://firstpresbyterianchurchaltadena.org)  
(626) 791-4271 FAX (626) 791-3469  
2775 N. Lincoln Avenue, Altadena, CA 91001  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ALTADENA

**CLARION is Published by**

NON-PROFIT ORG.  
US POSTAGE  
PAID  
PASADENA, CA  
PERMIT NO.1078

## Thank You, Pastor Ann May Your Retirement Be Filled with Joy

*After serving this church for 18 months, Pastor Ann will be entering her own new time of transition, from ministry into a well deserved retirement. There are so many things to say to Pastor Ann as she leaves. We have tried to accumulate all the good wishes and prayers and expressions of gratitude from the congregation over the past several months. Alas, there is not enough room in this column, but just enough for a sprinkling of the sentiment of love and thanks from members and friends.*

### A Message from the Congregation

Thank you Pastor Ann for being a blessing to our church, and for the countless hours you have devoted to us. Thank you for investing your time and energy with the church leaders so that they can shepherd and lead as well. Thank you for juggling your own family responsibilities as you sought to meet the many needs of our church family during this pandemic.

We thank you for the love you have shown to the people of this church. You have always been there for those in need, as well as present to celebrate their joys with them. Your highest goals seemed to have centered around keeping us together as a family of God. Thank you for that, and for always praying for us.

Thank you for sharing God's Word with us each week. Your messages are full of insight and truth...gutsy too. Very practical and often provocative. Thank you for preaching in a way that we can understand...so that we can ponder the message during the week.

Most impressive is the way you, along with church staff, wrestled with the mysteries of new technology in order to bring our worship services streaming live to our friends at home. That was a notable accomplishment. And for keeping everyone in touch through zoom technology - education, fellowship time, worship time, fun time. Your gentle but firm insistence that we "declutter the church" was also a notable achievement – we wouldn't have done it without you.

With appreciation for your ministry and living a life of faith, we pray that you continue your walk with God into a retirement that is blessed with joy.

*Pastor Ann's last Sunday with us will be on Easter Sunday. April 17. We invite everyone to come to worship at 10:30 a.m. There will be a coffee hour following worship when you can give her your own best wishes for a happy retirement.*



Please join us in thanking interim Pastor Ann Oglesby-Edwards for leading First Presbyterian Church, Altadena, through the pandemic and giving us hope and guidance for the many months ahead. Pastor Ann will be retiring and her final sermon will be Easter Sunday.

Immediately after service we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for some light refreshments and a chance to say "well done" and "thank you".

(If you would like to give Pastor Ann a love offering, please make your check out directly to Pastor Ann and not to the church). If you are unable to attend the Easter service, please mail your cards and letters to the church : 2775 Lincoln Ave., Altadena, CA 91001 Atten: Pastor Ann Oglesby-Edwards

Blessings from First Presbyterian Church, Altadena