

The Parish VISITOR



"Be Transformed...By the renewing of your minds." - Romans 12:2 - NIV

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BELIEVE & Receive



your pastor writes
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Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to all the readers of the *Parish Visitor*!

This month, we have part four of a new series on Christ Presbyterian Church's Vision Statement. I pray this message will encourage us to go and do the same works Jesus did.

Believe and Receive, Mark 11:22-24, originally given at CPC on August 18, 2019

Introduction: The body of Christ is called to continue Jesus Christ's ministry on earth. This is our mission. This is our calling.

We have defined our part of Jesus' continuing mission this way. Our vision statement says, "Christ Presbyterian Church of Hollywood is an intentional, healing community; proclaiming and demonstrating the wholeness of life offered in Jesus Christ." This is our vision of who we aspire to be.

In the first two messages of this series, I talked about the Holy Spirit and Mission. These two messages can be summed up this way. One Spirit, the Spirit of Christ. One Body, the body of Christ. One mission, the mission of Christ.

To that, we added same works.

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ASH Wednesday

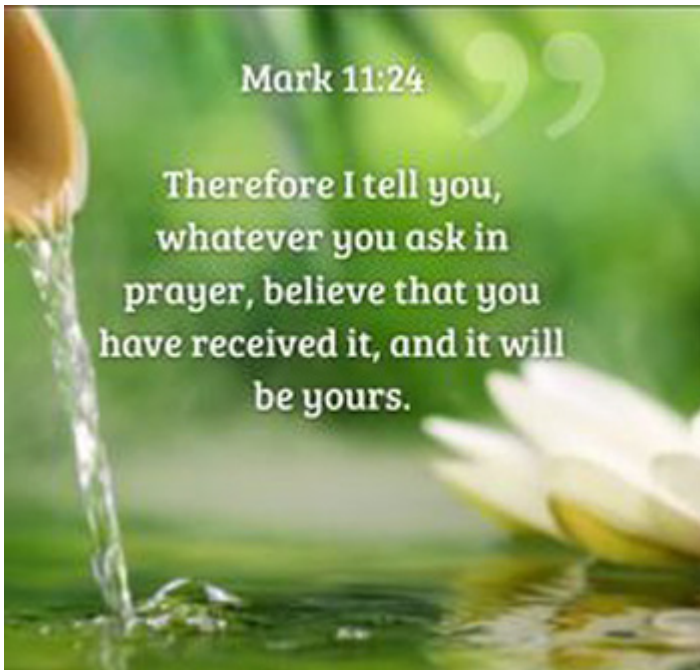


February 26 is Ash Wednesday. Often called the Day of Ashes, **ASH WEDNESDAY** marks the beginning of Lent and is always 46 days before Easter Sunday. Lent is a 40-day season marked by repentance, fasting, reflection, and ultimately celebration. The 40-day period represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and where Satan tempted him.

DAYLIGHT Savings Time



Daylight Saving Time starts on the 2nd Sunday in March—Sunday, March 8, 2020! Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour later on Mar 8, 2020 than the day before.



Jesus promised, in John 14:12-14, that we will do the same works as he did. And to do the same works Jesus did, to continue Jesus' ministry on earth, requires faith.

Why? Because faith activates the word the God. Another way to say it is faith actualizes the promises of God's word. Faith draws those promises into our reality. So, we are always looking to build our faith.

Now, what is faith? Faith is the constant belief, the enduring conviction in God and God's word. Faith is being fully persuaded that God's word is true.

Believe and receive: Now, let's build on this. Jesus gives a key lesson on faith in Mark, chapter 11, verses 22-24. The context here is this.

The day previous to our text, Jesus was hungry and he saw a fig tree. He went to the fig tree to see if it had any fruit. It did not. It only had leaves because it was not the season for figs. So, Jesus curses the tree. In Mark 11:14, Jesus speaks to the tree and says, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again."

The next day Jesus and disciples are walking by the fig tree, and the fig tree is withered to its roots. Jesus spoke to the tree and 24 hours later the tree is dead, withered to its roots. Understand, this is not normal. Normally, it would take days and even weeks for the tree to wither to its roots. So, the disciples are amazed.

Jesus, in response to their amazement, says this. "And Jesus answered them, *"Have faith in God. Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."* (Mark 11:22-24, ESV)

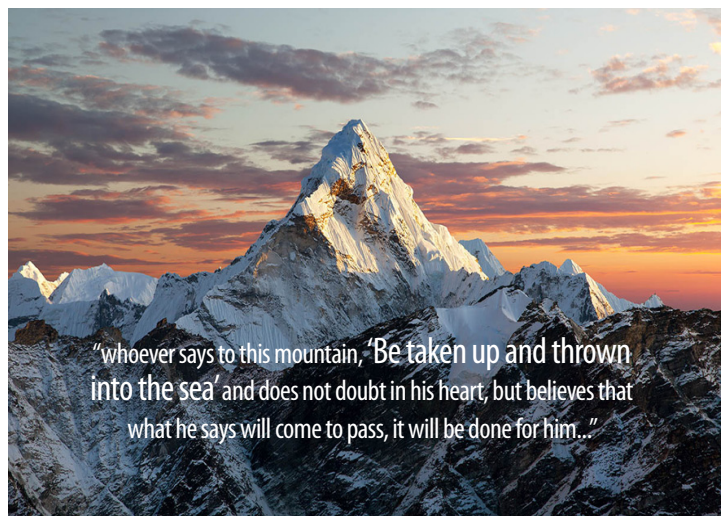
Now, there's a lot going on here. There is prophetic imagery about Israel contained in Jesus cursing the fig tree. Yet, I only have time to talk about the lessons on faith.

First, Jesus says "have faith in God." Jesus' first point about faith is very basic. Jesus simply declares, "Have faith in God." In other words, have faith in God and you can do the same thing I did. You can pray and get the same results if you have faith in God. Not faith in yourself. Faith in God.

So, let me ask. Do we have faith in God? Do we believe God's word is true? Do we believe God honors his word? Do we? Good! Now we can go to the next point.

Speak in faith: Jesus, then, goes on and says, *"whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him..."* Again, these are amazing words.

Jesus says, *"whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea."* Notice, Jesus says, "speak to the mountain." The "mountain" here symbolizes an obstacle, a hindrance, or an insurmountable problem. This would include sickness, and disease.



What strikes me is Jesus says “speak directly to the mountain.” Jesus doesn’t tell us to ask God to speak to the mountain. Jesus tells us to speak directly to the mountain. We are to speak to the mountain and tell the mountain, the problem, the obstacle, to be removed. What did Jesus do to the fig tree? Jesus spoke directly to the tree. Jesus says speak directly to the mountain.

This is a revelation to me. Prior to this, when praying, I would ask God to remove the illness or the problem. I would say, “Father would you remove the illness, in Jesus’ name.” Yet, here, Jesus tells us to speak directly to the mountain. Do you get that?

So, I am going to change how I pray about sickness and disease and other obstacles. I want to pray the way Jesus tells me to pray, don’t you? Now, I am going to speak directly to the obstacle. Now I will pray, “Illness, be removed in Jesus’ name.” “Pain be removed in Jesus name.” “Cancer be removed in Jesus name.” Knee, be healed in Jesus’ name.”

We have the power of the Holy Spirit. We have Jesus’ authority. Jesus says, have faith and speak directly to the problem, or obstacle or illness.

Next, Jesus says, *“and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him.”* Jesus says, *“do not doubt, but believe.”* That word “doubt” means to be divided in your mind. It means to be double minded.

What does it mean to be double-minded? This is where we say to ourselves, “maybe God’s word in this area is true, but I’m not sure. It’s hard for me to believe that. I will pray for it but I really don’t believe it.” That is being double minded.

Jesus says, *“and does not doubt in his heart, but believes.”* “Believes” means there is a conviction, a trust, a reliance on the truth of God’s word. It means we are fully persuaded God’s word is true. Belief does not allow for double-mindedness.

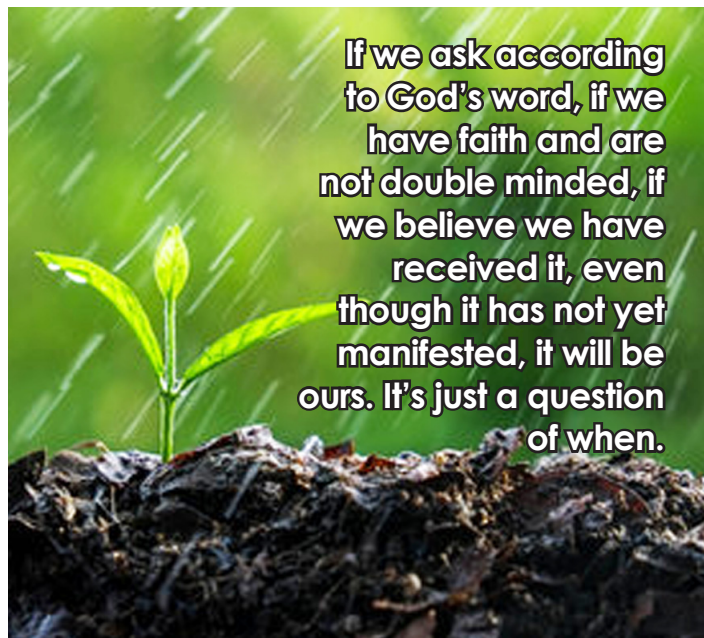
Jesus says if we believe and do not doubt, what we speak to the mountain **will** come to pass, it **will** be done. Maybe not immediately, but it will come to pass. This is where we need enduring faith. Faith that does not let go.

Do not doubt: Finally, Jesus says, *“Therefore [if you believe and do not doubt] I tell you, whatever you ask in*

prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.” So, whatever we ask in prayer, whatever we speak to the mountain, Jesus says, *“believe that you have received it.”*

If we ask according to God’s word, if we have faith and are not double minded, if we believe we have received it, even though it has not yet manifested, it will be ours. It’s just a question of when.

This means we stubbornly hold onto what God’s word says. We don’t back off the truth of God’s word. We don’t speak contrary to it. We hold firmly to the truth of God’s word.



So, if we pray once, and it doesn’t manifest immediately, we don’t say “Well, I guess it doesn’t work.” Instead, we continue to believe we have received it. Now, I’m preaching to myself here.

This is faith. This is trusting. This is being fully persuaded. Now, this doesn’t mean we lie about the situation. We don’t say there is no pain if there still is pain. We don’t say the obstacle is removed if it hasn’t been removed. We simply hold onto God’s word. We say, “I’ve received it. It just hasn’t manifested yet.” And we continue to believe until it does manifest.

Let’s pray. Let’s speak to our mountain this morning.

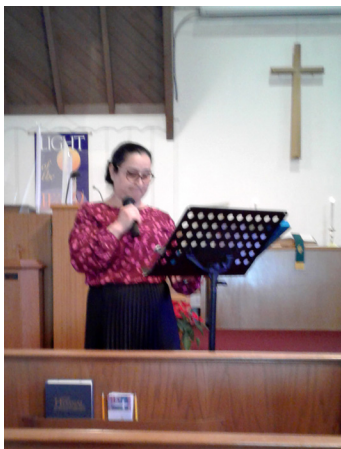
Doing From God vs. Doing For God

"Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you." - Revelation 3:3, ESV

Mrs. Simone Baroldy on Sunday, January 19, 2020 delivered God's message as she continued her series of sermons on Revelation.



A Lesson in Forgiveness



"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." - Ephesians 4:32 ESV

On Sunday, February 16, 2020, Patricia Torres delivered a message on "Forgiveness."

Quoting various scriptures, she talked about how bitterness and deep-seated resentment could make us unhappy and miserable; but forgiveness brings forth the fruits of the spirit.

Sueko Arakawa Installed as Elder for CPC



Sueko Arakawa (center) was installed as Elder for Christ Presbyterian Church of Hollywood on Sunday, January 19 during the Sunday worship service. Speaking for the congregation Stella Kenner presented Sueko to Pastor Steve Baroldy who facilitated the installation.



Stella Kenner, Tom Chinen, Maria Cardenas, and Pastor Steve prayed over Sueko.



FUMIKO SUE YANO
April 23, 1925 -
December 20, 2019

TORRANCE, California ---A Celebration of Life funeral service for Mrs. Fumiko S. Yano, 94, who went to be with the Lord on December 20, 2019, was conducted by Pastor Gary Shiohama, at South Bay Community Church, on Saturday morning, January 18, at 10:30 a.m., here.

Fumiko, the sister of the late H. Ted Harada and a former elder at CPC of Hollywood, was born in Auburn, California.

The Harada family was relocated to Amache Relocation Center in Colorado, during the WWII years. Fumiko was pre-deceased by her husband, Hideo, in 1957,

In Memory

For God so loved the world, [a.] that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. -- John 3:16 (ESV)

According to Pastor Shiohama, Fumiko was a regular worshipper on Sunday mornings at South Bay Community Church.

Fumiko and her family came to CPC of Hollywood with the Ted Harada family. The Yano family included Fumiko's son, Stanley, and her daughter.

The Yano family's home church today is South Bay Community Church.

May God be with Fumiko's son Stanley, daughter Michi, sister-in-law Mrs. Masako Harada, nephew Wes Harada, and other relatives in the Yano and Harada families.

Notices & Announcements

The series on Revelation is available on Podbean.com. Download the free Podbean app for your phone or computer and search for "CPChollywood" You may have to register for a free account.

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Our new website is at cpchollywood.org. It is still under revision. The podcasts are also available here.

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Sakura Garden's Worship Service on the second Saturday of each month.



So warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified. —Romans 15:7 (The Living Bible)

We welcome a returning visitor Iris Siger, of Los Angeles. She worshipped with us on Sunday, January 26, during the morning worship service.

For Sunday, February 2, we had a number of visitors to our morning worship service.

They are:

- Mireya Rosas, of Los Angeles
- Tess Sgugun, of Los Angeles
- Vladimir A. Galvez Galindo, of Los Angeles
- Eberhard and Barbra Tack, of Whittier; The Tacks are good friends of the Rev. Christian Zebley.
- Rev. Christian Zeley, our guest morning worship service speaker.

We welcome all of you to our morning worship services.



Join us for
WORSHIP
11:00 A.M.
SUNDAY SERVICE

We cordially welcome you to join us for worship on Sundays. Those who are worshipping with us for the first time, please sign the guest book which is on the table at the back of the Sanctuary. After service, please join us for a time of fellowship in the social hall.

FINANCIAL REPORT

**JANUARY
2020**



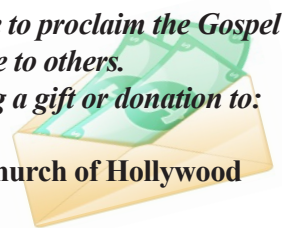
	<u>JAN. 2020</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Receipts	\$ 9,072	\$ 9,072
Disbursements	\$ 15,872	\$ 15,872
Increase (Deficit)	(\$ 6,800)	(\$ 6,800)

Gift & Offering

Please help us continue to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and give hope to others.

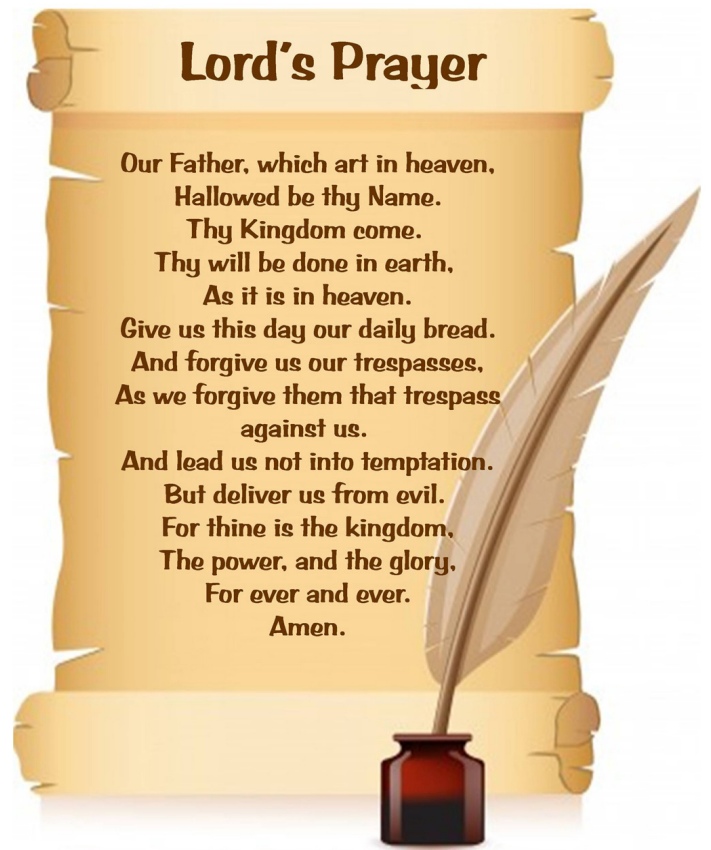
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Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth,
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation.
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power, and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen.



In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Let us remember to keep in our prayers the church family and friends who are in need of God's healing touch: overall healing for Kimi Fujitani, Charles Ingram, Janet Nozaki, Frank Morimoto, Stella Kenner, Karen Koranye, Lashman Johal, Pastor Steve, Martin; healing of knee and wrist of Maria Cardenas and prayers for Marley, Hunter, Cousin Dari, and Aunt Laley; overall healing and no more surgeries for Ron Jung; healing and God's blessings for Harumi Mayeda; strength to care for her Mom for Irene Mayeda; healing of back for Joan Janecek; healing of legs of Sherri Esaki; healing of back and leg pain for Yuri Sangen; healing of left foot and diabetes for Denise Albriton; overall healing and healing of cancer in nostril of Brian Albriton; healing of eye of Eric Lin; prayers for Pastor Steve, his wife Simone and their daughters Nicole and Noelle and David and Alice; revival for CPC and neighborhood, our elders, Faro de Luz Church, outreach to community, unsaved relatives and friends, and protection against major disaster.

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