

The Parish Visitor

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

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The Holy Spirit and Mission PART II



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By REV. STEPHEN M. BAROLDY

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

This month, we have part two 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.

The Holy Spirit and Mission Part 2, originally given on July 28 2019, at CPC

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

Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we have defined our part of Jesus' continuing mission this way. It's on the back of our bulletins.

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.

Now, last week, we focused on this key truth. Christ Presbyterian Church is a community, both formed and filled, by the Holy Spirit. It is the person of the Holy Spirit who makes us a community.

We looked at 1Cor. 12:13, which says, *"For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit."* (1 Corinthians 12:13, ESV)

There is one Spirit, one Body and one mission. The one Spirit connects all of us to the Father and to Jesus and to each other. And the one Spirit that empowered Jesus' ministry empowers our ministry.

By definition, we are "Christians." We are "little Christs." We are the literal hands and feet, and ears and voice of Jesus here on earth.

So, instead of one incarnate Jesus Christ, there are now millions of "little Christs" here on earth to continue Jesus' mission.

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One Spirit, one Body, one mission. And, part of our one mission is to be intentional about maintaining unity in the one Body.

How do we maintain unity? We maintain unity by honoring one another; by treating each other as equals: by caring for one another; by praying for one another; and by forgiving one another.

We recognize each person in the Body is valuable; each person is deserving of respect, and each person has a role in our mission.

How does that make you feel knowing you are part of something bigger than yourself; that you are never alone because you are connected to God and to others in the Body? Safe, secure, loved.

So, with that quick review, let's move on.

The Holy Spirit empowers us to be a healing community: The first key truth is that our unique community at CPC is formed and filled by the Holy Spirit. They second key point is this. The Holy Spirit empowers us to be, not just an intentional community, but an intentional, healing community.

We have looked at Acts 1:8 before. We keep coming back to it because it is a foundational verse for the body of Christ which includes us.

Jesus, in Acts 1:8, tells his disciples, *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."* (Acts 1:8, ESV)

The Holy Spirit gives us power to be witnesses. The Holy Spirit gives us the power to be a healing community which is part of our witness.

So, each Sunday, based on Jesus' word, we pause and ask the Holy Spirit to come upon us in power. We ask the Holy Spirit to come and rest on us, and give us power to fulfill our vision of being an intentional, healing community. And, let's pause for a moment again, and pray.

"Father, our vision, our hearts desire is to be an intentional, healing community. And it is the Holy Spirit that makes this possible. So, once again, Father, we ask for the Holy Spirit to come upon us and rest on us. Empower us to be Jesus' hands and feet and eyes and ears in all our spheres of influence. In Jesus' name. Amen."

The Holy Spirit empowers us to do the same works as Jesus: So, the Holy Spirit forms and fills and our community. The Holy Spirit empowers our community to be an intentional healing community.

And, here's the third key point. The Holy Spirit empowers us to do the same works that Jesus did when he walked this earth. The same works.

Let's look at John 14:12-14. Jesus, in John 14:12-14, says this, *"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."* (John 14:12-14, ESV)

These are simply, astounding verses. Jesus says, *"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do."* Jesus says, if we believe in him, if we believe Jesus is who he says he is, and if we will act on that belief, we will do the same works that he did. Isn't that astounding?

If we are not astounded, then we do not know the works, the miracles, Jesus did. Let's briefly talk about Jesus' works leading up to John, chapter 14.

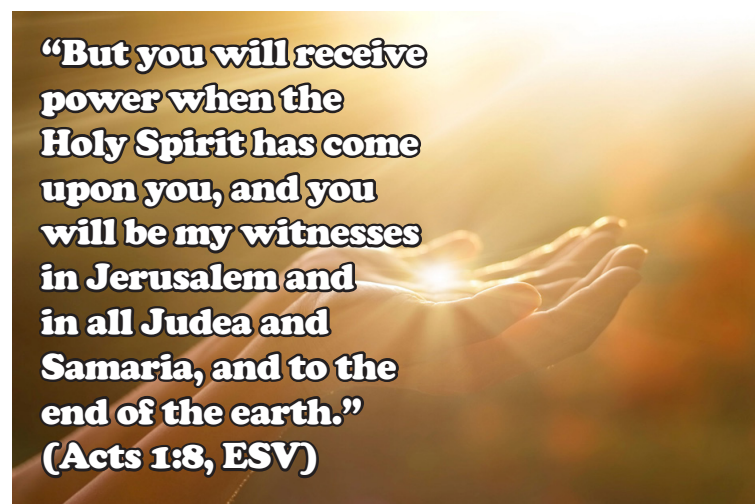
In John, chapter 2, Jesus changes water into wine so that the bride and groom will not be shamed for running out of wine at their wedding celebration. Jesus performs a miracle to bless their relationship with the community.

In John, chapter 4, Jesus heals the son of an official of Herod's court. The son was ill unto death, and Jesus healed him from a distance.

Jesus did not lay hands on him, or even go to where the son was. Jesus simply declared the son would live and the son lived. The son was healed at the exact moment Jesus made the declaration of healing.

By healing the son, Jesus restores the family. And, here we learn the Spirit can heal even when the person is not in our presence.

In John, chapter 5, Jesus heals a man who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. Think about this. This man had not walked for thirty-eight years.



Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a day that reminds us how much we truly have to be thankful for. With all of life's hurriedness and angst, it's so easy to forget the many blessings we've been given.

Comfortable shelter. A job or career that satisfies you. A vehicle which takes you where you want to go. Clothes that keep you warm. Food that strengthen your body. A spouse or significant other you love and who loves you. Family members you love and who love you. Friends who remain supportive of you, who share your joys as well as sadness; most of all – the gift of life, which encompasses all the countless reasons we should be grateful everyday.

Appreciation for everything is not limited to one day of Thanksgiving. We can practice the "skill" of appreciation as much as we want to, every single day. So, this Thanksgiving, enjoy the food, the company, and even the day off from work. But, more than anything, let us appreciate the fact that we have so much to appreciate...and appreciate that.



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Jesus asked the man if he wanted to be healed. The man doesn't answer. He, instead, tells Jesus why he can't be healed. Jesus tells the man "to get up, take up your bed and walk."

And the man got up, took up his bed and walked. After thirty-eight years! The man's muscles, tendons and ligaments would be withered. He would have no balance. All was instantly restored to normal, and he walked. Do you think his life changed for the better after that?

In John, chapter 6, Jesus feeds the 5000, which does not include women and children. Jesus feeds them with five barley loaves and two fishes. The food multiplied as it was passed out. And there were twelve baskets of food left over. This is a miracle of provision.

Later, in John, chapter 6, Jesus walks on water.

In John, chapter 9, Jesus performs a creative miracle by recreating a blind man's eyes.

And, then in John, chapter 11, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead, after Lazarus has been in the tomb four days.

Jesus did these seven, amazing miracles before he tells us we will do the same works he did. These are miracles of physical healing; miracles of provision; miracles of life overcoming death; miracles that restore families and restore relationships. And this is just in the gospel of John.

In the other gospels, Jesus healed people physically, spiritually, emotionally, and relationally. Jesus delivered people from evil spirits and evil systems.

Jesus' works, his miracles, always propel people forward into more wholeness in all aspects of their lives. This is his mission. And, here in John, Jesus promises us we will do the same works he did. Again, isn't that astounding?

How is this possible? It's possible because we don't do it? God, the Holy Spirit does it through us. We are simply willing, believing parts of the one Body the Holy Spirit uses.

The question is not "does God heal?" The question is, do we believe it? And, will we act on it? We will only act if we believe.

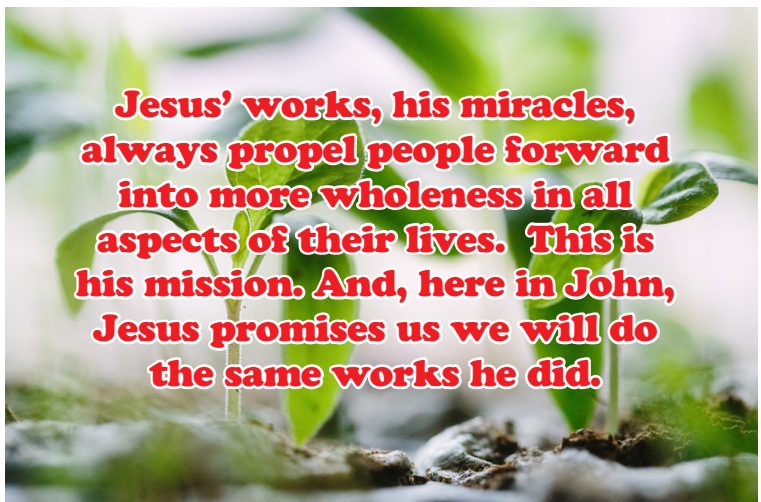
Jesus then said we would do even greater works than he did. How? I believe this means greater in number. Remember, there are now millions of "little Christ's" in this world. There are millions of "little Christ's" to do the work that Jesus did.

Yet, we will only do greater works if we, in fact, do the works. Jesus also said we would do these greater works because he was going to the Father.

Jesus Christ knew he was going to die, and then be resurrected, and then ascend back into heaven. Jesus knew this would allow the Father to send the promised gift of the Holy Spirit.

It is the gift of the Holy Spirit that makes these same works possible. The same Spirit, who empowered Jesus to do his works, empowers our works. Remember, as we said earlier, one Spirit, one body, one mission. And now we can say, "one Spirit, one Body, one mission, same works."

The question is, will we believe? Will we act? This is the only way to fulfill our vision to be "an intentional, healing community." Amen. Let's pray!



Pastor Appreciation Sunday

Text by Bruce Uyemura/Photos by Suzan Rosal

Jimi Yamagishi presided over the worship service for Pastor Appreciation Sunday on October 20, 2019, at 11 a.m.

Tom Chinen began singing two songs with his ukulele:

- "In Christ Alone"
- "Peace in the Valley"

In honor of Pastor Appreciation month in October, the youth in Ida Murakawa's Sunday School honored their pastor during the Sunday morning worship service.

Isaiah 52:7 English Standard Version (ESV)

*⁷How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good
news, who publishes peace, who brings
good news of happiness,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
(Bible Gateways.com)*

Starting with Isaiah 52:7, both Karina Vasquez and Donna Hernandez shared some Bible verses for this occasion.

Then the entire Sunday school youth, with Ida Murakawa at the piano, sang these two songs, "God Is So Good" and "How Deep the Father's Love For Us".

From the Spanish-speaking group, Pati emphasized they are family under Pastor Steve as shepherd. Tere felt thankful to Pastor Steve, and Alicia said Pastor Steve always prays for her job interviews and sees him every day.

Joy Boyagian began her sharing with giving all Glory to God for:

- Healing
- Living in Los Angeles

Joy grew up in Los Angeles, California. Her father was a doctor who still made house calls. Her grandmother read the Bible to her and to her brother. Grade school through college she grew up in the 1960's.

Joy did share experiences at L'Abri, place of shelter, in Switzerland with Francis and Edith Schaeffer. Later, she stayed at The Ark in Amsterdam. It was awkward at first but she stayed. She stayed about three years.

Meaningful to Joy were:

- Jesus loved her
- Genesis 1 was meaningful to her because she knew that God is eternal from



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the beginning.

The Bible verse meaningful to Joy also appears on the Sunday morning worship program each week as John 10:10.

John 10:10 --- English Standard Version (ESV)

¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. (Bible Gateways.com)

Another Bible verse meaningful to Joy was Psalm 22:12-14. See ESV.

The Pastor's wife, Simone Baroldy,



Mrs. Simone Baroldy

shared these qualities about her husband, Pastor Steve.

- Shepherd
- Integrity
- Pastor's Heart
- Humility
- Gentle
- Encourager
- Steadfastness
- Friend
- Hope in the Lord

In support of Pastor Steve, Mrs. Baroldy remembered those Church Members



Kris Lin



TomChinen, Ida Murakawa, Mrs. Simone Baroldy, Maria Cardenas and Jimi Yamagishi pray over Pastor Steve Baroldy.

who are actively sharing their gifts and talents every Sunday at Church.

Musical talents are shared each week by Jimi Yamagishi on the guitar and Ida Murakawa on the piano and Mrs. Stella Kenner for her dedicated Christian service in a lot of areas within the body of Christ.

Mrs. Baroldy referenced the Rev. Darrell Johnson. Rev Johnson wrote 'Discipleship on the Edge' published by Regent College.

Rev. Johnson's book is a study guide for the book of Revelation which she and Pastor Steve will be teaching this fall 2019.

Both Mrs. Baroldy and Pastor Steve will be alternating as teachers during this series on the book of Revelation beginning November 3.



In photo (clockwise from left): Joy Boyagian, students at CPC Sunday School under Ida Murakawa, Alicia, Tere and Pati.



Joe Ozawa speaks on his overseas mission work in Southeast Asia and Japan

“Therefore, Go,” based on Matthew 28:19-20, was the title of Joe Ozawa, Jr.'s message as guest speaker on Sunday, Oct. 27, during the Sunday morning worship service.

Joe opened his missions report with Isaiah 61:1.

Isaiah 61:1 - English Standard Version (ESV)

The Year of the Lord's Favor

⁶¹ The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; [a] go pray minister he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; [b]

Joe said that the ancestry of the, Ozawa family came from Shizuoka-Ken, Japan.

The Ozawa families were long-time residents of the Virgil neighborhood, where they operated the Ozawa boarding house for many years.

During the WWII years, the Ozawa family relocated from the Virgil neighborhood in 1942 to Heart Mountain, Wyoming. Joe's mother, Doris, and his Aunt Shizuka operated the boarding house at 564 N. Virgil Ave.

Today, the Matayoshi family operates the boarding house on N. Virgil Ave. The Matayoshi family became good friends of the late Kunio Tsuneyoshi.

Joe served overseas in the Southeast Asia area, including Borneo, Malaysia, Singapore and later in Japan and Hawaii before returning

to California.

For a while he was a minister at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Anglican church.

He served in the Courts of Singapore as a forensic psychiatrist for 9 years. Joe also has a law background from his studies at Harvard.

Joe was on Japan TV in 1990. Joe loved serving and speaking Japanese while in Japan. His

desire is to reach the Japanese for Christ. Joe said his wife loves Japan and loves everything Japanese. Joe was in Japan in 2011 in Tochigi in Fukushima both ministering and serving the Japanese at that time.

Yuri Sekine, who many remember when she and her husband were interns at CPC of Hollywood, is a good ministry assistant in the church in Japan.

Joe's daughter is married to a Cuban and she gave the middle name Hideki to her daughter and his grandson. Hideki comes from the Los Angeles Dodgers baseball player.

Joe believes that CPC of Hollywood can become a multi-cultural church in the future. He believes the Hispanic, the Filipinos, the Chinese, the Japanese, the Caucasian and other cultures can make the Church a multi-cultural



Sis. Maria Cardenas and Rev. Pastor Steve Baroldy pray for Joe Ozawa. (Photo by SRosal)

congregation. He volunteers as a chaplain at Olive View Medical Center in Sylmar and the Red Cross. With the large fires in the Sylmar area, Joe is kept busy assisting and ministering to the victims in that area.

Joe Jr. joined CPC of Hollywood on December 22, 1957 with his cousins Betty, Irene, and Daniel Ozawa. Joe Ozawa was student body president at Belmont High School in W'63. Mrs. Iona Jurden Lord, Belmont's school principal at that time, often introduced Joe at school assemblies saying Joe had a 4.0 gpa since the 7th grade at Virgil Junior High School through the A-12 at Belmont High School.

Joe's good friend Adelbert Owyang, grew up in the First Chinese Baptist Church in Chinatown, served on his student body cabinet, and is active in his church today. (BUyemura)

Nomotos leave Christian Legacy

A witness to the resurrection funeral service for Mrs. Mary Y. Nomoto, 93, was conducted by Pastor Steve on Saturday, November 2, at 10 a.m., at CPC of Hollywood.

Pastor Steve said Mary and Mits Nomoto left a legacy for their children, grand children, and grand child of their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Mrs. Mary Nomoto's favorite Bible passages were from Psalm 91 and Psalm 139.

During the funeral service, Jimi Yamagishi sang a song he wrote based on Psalm 46.

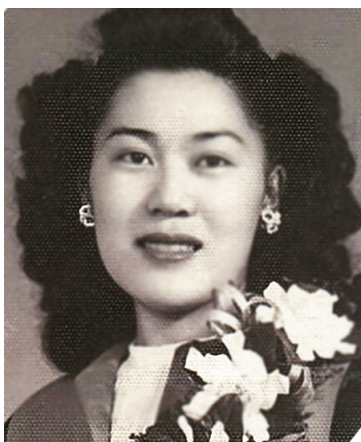
The Nomoto family first visited Christ Presbyterian Church of Hollywood when the sanctuary was new, according to the *Parish Visitor* dated April 7, 1957. It says Mr. and Mrs. Nomoto, of Silverlake, brought their three children to Sunday school – Marsha, Alan, and Adrienne. Rev. Kengo Tajima was minister of the church at that time.

On World-Wide Communion Sunday, October 6, 1957, 12 new members joined the church under the Rev. Dr. Tadashi Akai-shi. Five of these new members were the Nomoto family.

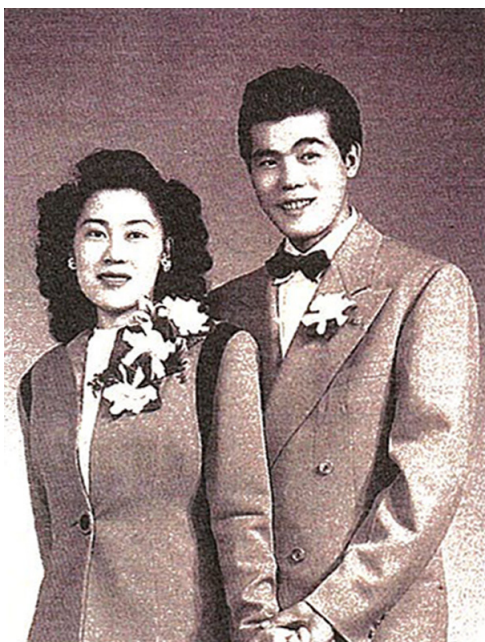
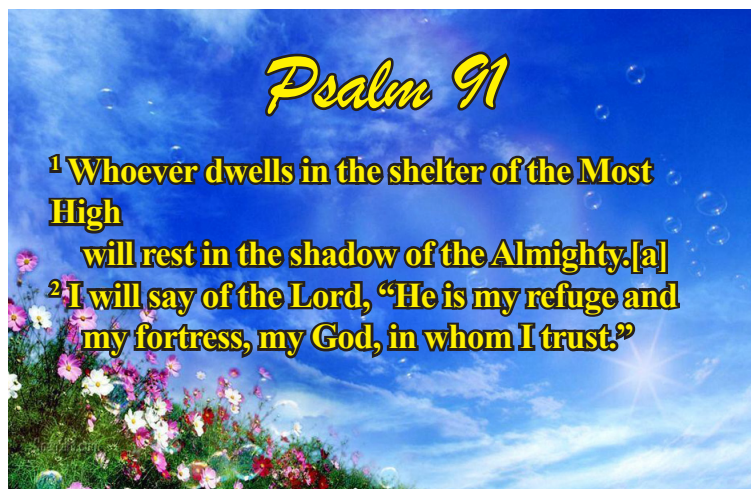
Mitsugi Nomoto, by baptism; Mrs. Mary Nomoto, by Reaffirmation of Faith; and by baptism were Alan Takashi, Marsha Akemi, and Adrienne Kikuye.

Earlier Mrs. Tsutayo Oshima, mother of Mary, was a member of the Issei congregation. Mrs. Tsutayo Oshima became a member of the church in 1963 by Profession of Faith when the Rev. Masaya Hibino was the pastor.

Mrs. Oshima was active in the Fujin kai Ladies Fellowship on Sundays. She



MARY YONEKO NOMOTO
January 30, 1926 - October 13, 2019



was the mother of Mrs. Mary Nomoto. She went to be with the Lord in December, 1968.

Mits was an elder on Session serving as worship chairman and Sunday school teacher and later in the Japanese-American community as Boy scout Troop 90

Scoutmaster.

Both Mits and Mary and their family were active in the Married People's Fellowship at that time.

Mary was in the Kappa Pi Ladies Fellowship, a fellowship group for the mothers of Sunday School children.

May God comfort the entire Nomoto family during this time of loss. Family members are

Alan and Susan, Rory and Erin; Marsha and Mike, John and Alan; Adrienne and Jimi, Leslie and Joe, and Emiko; Kelly; and Joni and Kenny.



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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.



*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 two new visitors on Sunday, October 20, during the Sunday morning worship service.

Worshipping with us were Dana Ramirez, of Whittier, and Dianna Lammering, of Whittier.

We welcome the visitors who came to church on our annual Pastor's Appreciation Sunday.

Welcome, and come again.

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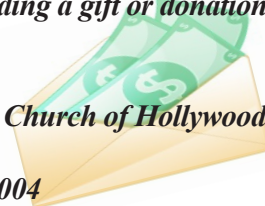
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Receipts	\$ 9,524	\$ 109,788
Disbursements	\$ 11,075	\$ 115,823
Increase (Deficit)	(\$ 1,550)	(\$ 6,035)

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Gospel of Jesus Christ and give hope to others.
Please consider sending a gift or donation
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Kimi Fujitani's new permanent mailing address is 1763 Royak Oaks Dr., Apt C-26, Bradbury, CA 91010. Please no visitors but Kimi would welcome email communication at khfujitani@gmail.com.

The Parish Visitor Staff requests your help to ensure that events of our congregation are reported in our newsletter in a timely fashion.

To share photos and other events, please email them to wagnerella@yahoo.com.

You may also send news and other information to the church office at the following address:

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Pastor Steve's contact number: (323) 202-5078.



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.

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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