

OUTDOOR WORSHIP IS BACK!

There's BIG NEWS this week - on **Sunday morning at 10:45am** those who wish to will gather together in our outdoor courtyard for worship again. Our Tri-Valley leaders have been meeting weekly to pray for the church and discuss reopening options and best practices, while monitoring local rates of COVID-19 infection. Due to this process, they think that the lowered rates of infection, along with our preparedness for outdoor in-person services, will now allow us to join together again for outdoor services, weather and air quality permitting.

Here is a statement from our leaders:

- Please remember to **"bring your own everything,"** especially seating and shade, just like we did for prior outdoor worship gatherings (only limited shade will be available in the courtyard). **Check the weather forecast beforehand** in case of chilly temperatures at this time of year - you might want to bring a blanket and dress more warmly.
- Being outdoors instead of in an enclosed space is intended to reduce the risk of viral spread. As per state and county guidelines, **everyone age 2 and up will be required to wear masks and to distance at least six feet from non-household/social bubble members.**
- Singing will again be a part of our service at this time! Please note that per county guidelines **we must all keep our masks on while singing, and must maintain distancing.**
- We'll have **individually prepackaged communion elements** for all those attending, and **gluten free bread** will be on hand for those who need it.
- Please note: if you (or anyone you've had close contact with) have been experiencing any symptoms of illness, **you MUST stay home until you and your family members or housemates are completely well again.**

For those who choose to remain at home for any reason, **we will continue to provide online worship services just like always at 10:45am.** The most important thing is that we worship our Lord on Sundays, regardless of the location. Those of our church family who are not joining us at this time will be very greatly missed! We love you all and appreciate your faithful prayers and words of support.

We are looking forward to worshipping together again!

ATTENTION PLEASE!

Please note there is a detailed two-page statement attached to the newsletter with helpful information about what to expect when you come to our outdoor service on Sunday morning. We realize that all the information about all these changes can be overwhelming - we've been there too. We ask that each of you please read the attachment in its entirety - it will help you be better prepared to safely enjoy our time of worship together.

Family News

Let's Worship Together!

WELCOME AND INTRO:
Psalms of New Orientation

Thank You, Thank You, Lord, Thank You!

RB-747 Sing On, Ye Joyful Pilgrims

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 40:1-5

Give Thanks To The Lord

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 34:1-10

COMMUNION

This Is How We Overcome

MESSAGE:

Tell The Story (Psalm 30)

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)



During this series on the book of Psalms, we are studying the different types of psalms, learning about the nature of God and his great love for us, and developing our voices for praying and singing to the Lord in good times and bad. We are equipping ourselves to be **ready for anything!**

Our reading series concludes with these Psalms today:

- February 28:
Psalms 141-150



Sunday at 10 am our four-week Zoom Bible class on discipleship concludes. Even if you haven't attended yet, you are welcome to check it out this week. Interested? Click the following link to join the class on Sunday: <https://zoom.us/j/9254474333/> Each class is only 40 minutes long, so please sign on a few minutes before 10am so we can start right on time. Hope to see you there!

DISCUSS TOGETHER 2

Here are our discipleship questions for this week. Discuss these with your family or friends, or pray about them and think about them on your own, being open to God's response to your prayer.



- Read **Psalm 30** and write a **Response Prayer.**
- How would you tell the story of the Gospel using exactly 6 words?
- Describe a surprising rescue in your life that you've witnessed of experienced.
- Talk about the last person you shared your faith with.
- Who will be the next person you share your faith with?



Congratulations!

CHARLIE ROCHELLE OTT

BORN AT 8:02PM
FEB 20, 2021
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GRANDMA JOYCE



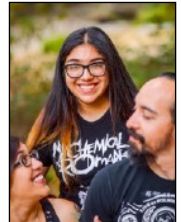
BABY CHARLIE



MOMMY AND DADDY

Happy Birthday to Jazmin!

TODAY, February 28, is Jazmin Garza's birthday. We want to wish Jazmin a very blessed year ahead!





Youth Group

PRAY FOR HAMIDOU



1 Please keep praying for Hamidou, and please keep giving each month to help fund his education and basic needs in Burkina Faso.

3 **Send your contributions to Justin Garza at TVCC, 4481 East Avenue, Livermore CA 94550.** If you would like to write to Hamidou, please contact Justin for more info about where to send your letter so Hamidou will receive it.

WCGC 2021 IS HERE!



WCGC 2021 IS UP AND RUNNING!

This year our WCGC was based on the book of Esther, and for the first time it has been made available entirely online! Our team created three pre-recorded sessions, a video prayer trail, and our ever-popular Energizer was made into a video montage! If you haven't viewed the WCGC yet, you can watch on your own, with friends, or with a church group (you can plan a Zoom watch party and share the screen so you can watch together and discuss it). There are no live events, so you are free to access it anytime. Just go to www.trivalleychurch.org/wcgc for the links to each video and enjoy it anytime!

TEEN ZOOM MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, March 5 at 7pm

This week our feature is the 2005 box-office smash, "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch, & The Wardrobe." In this film adaptation from the classic C.S. Lewis novel, four British children are evacuated to the countryside during the WW II Blitz. Once there, they discover a mysterious wardrobe that leads to the fantasy world of Narnia. There they ally with the lion Aslan (voiced by Liam Neeson) against the forces of Jadis, the evil White Witch. This movie is adventurous, entertaining, and visually stunning, with a beautiful soundtrack. Bring your movie snacks and come chat with friends while you watch.



TEEN DEVO NIGHT

Our Teen Devo will meet this **Thursday, March 4 at 7pm.** Bring your Bible and come prepared to share in encouraging faith-based discussions as we continue exploring our Gospel series. Brittany will be logging in at 6:30pm for hangout time with those who may show up a little early.



At Home Bible Class for ages 4 through 5th grade

Unit 30: The Church Grew



Happy birthday to Roger R. (3/2), Andy M. (3/3), Julie R. (3/3), and Conner J. (3/5).
GOD BLESS YOU ALL! 🎉🎂🎁

ONLINE WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST WEEK, 2/21/21

If you missed any of last week's online service and want to view it, click the link to view on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/e8rpbqgrQCo#t=0> Here are some highlights from last week's service:

- In our pre-slide show we enjoyed seeing the video teaching from our Sunday 10am online Zoom Bible class on Discipleship. We also enjoyed seeing images of things TVCC people are thankful for. **Bill A.** delivered an update from the leadership about regathering and planning toward the eventual resumption of indoor worship at a yet-unspecified future date. **Doug E.** delivered a heartfelt thanks for all the support he and his family received from Tri-Valley after the recent passing of his father, Phil.
- We were welcomed to worship with a beautiful and poignant song and visual montage based on Psalm 13. **Jacob P.** prepared us to explore with him some of the *Lament Psalms*, or psalms of disorientation, which make up over 1/3 of the psalms in the Bible.
- Thank you, **Rachel M.** for touching our hearts with your ASL translations while we sang worship songs based on Psalms of lament.
- Thank you to **Amanda S.**, who read Psalm 77 for us, and to **Kali G.**, who read Psalm 42.
- Justin G.** led us in a communion reflection, calling us to share in both the lament of Jesus's brutal death for us, and the trust and joy we feel in knowing Jesus is our risen Lord.
- Jacob P.** continued our series on Psalms by looking at psalms of lament and disorientation. He talked about how we need to be REAL with God when we pray to Him, and showed us how to pray a prayer of lament, like believers of old once did. He again reminded us that we can put our hope in God and trust Him, even in our far-from-ideal times.

We appreciate everyone who helps with our online worship services in any way, and we're thankful for everyone who signs in to worship with us each week. We have people from many places who participate, from local residents to out-of-state friends and family, and even believers in other countries! We love to see each of your names and comments in the chat. It's very encouraging to know we are all connected this way, and are devoted to worshipping and serving our beloved Lord together! If you haven't yet tried logging on to our 10:45am services on Sundays, **please come join us to worship** (AND if you're local, this Sunday, 2/28, you may join us in our courtyard for outdoor worship if you wish!)

This Week's Topic:

Paul Met Jesus (Acts 8-9)

Story Point:

Jesus saved Paul and chose him to spread the gospel.

Big Picture Question & Answer:

Q: Why does the church exist?

A: The church exists to glorify God by worshipping Him, showing His love, and telling others about Jesus.

Key Passage for Kids



He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

Colossians 1:18



Our Ministers



Jacob Parnell
Preaching Minister



Justin Garza
Youth Minister



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Bill Aimonetti
Elder



Darren McGrandle
Elder



Phil Weiss
Elder

Hi Church Family,

We are looking forward to gathering again in person, and we want to prepare you for what to expect. Things are still going to be a little different than pre-COVID worship.

First of all, we want to ask that if you have any cold or flu-like symptoms (such as cough, fever, chills, etc.) or GI symptoms, please stay home and participate in our online worship. We will miss you very much if you choose to remain home for any reason, and we will be praying for you.

For those who choose to gather in person, we're going to hold our worship service outside in the church courtyard on Sundays at 10:45am to coincide with our online worship service. We're doing this to reduce the risk of virus spread through high-touch surfaces like door handles and chairs, and to avoid breathing under-circulated air in our enclosed Worship Center. Being outdoors significantly lowers some of those indoor risk factors.

Each week that you plan to attend in person, please carefully read the following details on this page and the next, so you will remain familiar with what to bring with you and what to expect when you arrive. Any changes will be communicated to the congregation as needed.

VERY IMPORTANT: to minimize shared-contact with surfaces and items, our general philosophy for our courtyard worship is **BYOE: BRING YOUR OWN EVERYTHING!** You should bring your own chair, face mask, child care, water, coffee, shade, coat, Bible....everything!

- **BYOC = Bring Your Own Chair.** We won't set up chairs in the courtyard, so you'll need to bring a chair with you. Choose something you can transport, set up, and take down relatively easily, like a folding lawn chair. Please set up your chair at least 6 feet from the nearest non-household member.
- **BYOS = Bring Your Own Shade (and/or Coat).** It is almost always sunny, so you might want to bring a chair that has a built-in awning. The gazebo helps shade the worship leaders and equipment, and there are a couple of sun sails over the open area. However, this only provides limited shade, not close to full coverage, so for now you need to bring some shade with you unless you are fine in the sun. Hats and sunscreen are recommended if you are sun sensitive. Also, check the weather forecast the day before. Mornings may be chilly at times, so dress warmly and bring blankets if necessary.
- **BYOCC = Bring Your Own Child Care.** Since all in-person children's classes and child care programs are suspended during this current phase, if you bring young children, you must be responsible for them. This includes making sure they keep safe distances from other families, and are adequately engaged or occupied throughout the service.
- **BYOB = Bring Your Own Bible.** We won't have any printed materials available, nor will there be any projected or TV visuals, so bring your own Bible to follow along with Scripture readings and sermon texts. Note that singing aloud CAN now be part of our worship time together, and masks are required to be worn by all who are singing aloud. Please note that a face shield is not a mask, although it may be coupled with a mask. Lyrics to the songs will be attached to the newsletter each week whenever they are available, and may be viewed on your device or printed out at home for your personal use in worship.
- **BYOM = Bring Your Own Mask.** Due to current State of California requirements, every attendee age 2 and over MUST wear a face covering or mask that covers his or her nose and mouth. Children under 2 must NOT wear a mask. Please be respectful of others and comply with this requirement when you attend our gatherings. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html> for more detailed information from the CDC.

When you arrive on Sunday morning:

- You can park in our main lot, making sure to observe social distancing with others arriving around you. Leave open spaces between your car and other cars around you. Be sure to put on your face-covering before you get out of your car.
- If you forget to bring a face-covering, we will provide you with a disposable mask you must wear throughout the service until you are in your car again ready to go home. Unless you have a medically-supportable reason that prevents you from wearing a mask, please comply with this requirement, which is intended to protect both you and those around you. When we remove our masks to take communion together, we must replace them immediately afterwards. If you need a mask break, please remain outside and walk away from the courtyard area to a safe distance before removing your mask for a brief time, and replace it before you return to your seat.
- When you enter the courtyard, please set up your chairs and drop off your belongings in a spot at least 6-feet away from people not from your own household - further is better. Please use hand sanitizer and pick up your communion cup before returning to your chosen area. Gluten free bread will be available to those who need it.

Worship Time:

- We know many of us are used to hugs and handshakes as part of a typical Sunday morning greeting. We all miss this very much! But social distancing means no physical contact with people outside of your household. Even Ecclesiastes says, "There is a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing." This is a time to refrain from embracing, even if you may be embracing with friends at other venues and other times. Please respect this with kindness, to make things easier for everyone.
- The two restrooms in the Worship Center will be available, but we ask that no more than 2 people use each one at a time. The rest of the Worship Center and Family Life Center buildings will be closed.
- We will begin with a welcome and some announcements, followed by the usual acts of worship we are accustomed to sharing. We'll experience prayer, hearing Scripture readings and recorded songs (and we are now allowed to sing along with the songs while we are wearing masks!). We will share a time of communion, and will hear a live sermon. We plan to keep the entire worship service under one hour.
- Once worship has concluded, we ask that everyone will please collect all personal belongings while remaining socially-distanced and keeping conversation time to a minimum. This may be one of the hardest things to do - we all miss fellowship so much!

The Tri-Valley leaders recognize that all this information about the changes to our pre-COVID in-person worship services may seem a bit overwhelming. Please know that these plans were made with care throughout many hours of prayer, conversation, and research. We are excited to see what the Lord continues to do with the new opportunities that come with change, and we are excited to be able to gather together again, even under different circumstances. We hope the church continues to grow in faith and maturity, regardless of the place or format of our meetings.

If you have any questions or thoughts, please contact one of the leaders anytime. We love you all and we are praying for you throughout this whole process.

Your TVCC Leaders