

Tri-Valley Church of Christ
March 7, 2021

Family News

OUTDOOR WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Sunday morning at 10:45am those who wish to will gather together in our outdoor courtyard for worship again, weather permitting.

- Please remember to "bring your own everything," especially seating and shade. **Check the weather forecast beforehand** in case you might want to bring a blanket or dress more warmly. An umbrella can do double duty as personal shade or in case of an unexpected shower.
- 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 is again 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 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.

ATTENTION PLEASE!

Please note there is a detailed two-page statement attached to the newsletter again this week 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.

Let's Worship Together!

WELCOME

RB-44 O Worship the King

RB-266 Majesty

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 47

RB-193 Crown Him With Many Crowns

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 29

RB-19 Come, Thou Almighty King

COMMUNION

MESSAGE:

Real King, My King (Psalm 93)

WB-28 Lord, Reign in Me

SIGN IN TO WORSHIP SUNDAYS @10:45AM

<https://trivalleychurch.online.church/>

Come for our pre-worship time together to enjoy a slide show and chat with church family and friends.



Happy Birthday to Michela!

TODAY, March 7, is Michela Raneri's birthday. We want to wish Michela a very blessed year ahead!



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!**



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 93** and write a **Response Prayer**.
- Optional icebreaker: Describe a good king from a story you've heard.
- Tim Keller says "even if someone doesn't believe in the Resurrection and kingship of Jesus, they should want it be true." What does he mean by this?
- What other gods compete for our allegiance today?
- In what ways do you need to "cast down your crown" and let Jesus be the king of your life?



CALL ON HIS NAME

Let's keep praying daily for one another. Pray for:

- Comfort for those who have suffered difficult losses.
- God's healing touch for the sick and wounded.
- Lasting hope as we live in this fallen world.
- Deeper connection with Jesus and with one another.
- Those who are lonely and isolated.
- The experience of true joy even in times of lament.
- Homes and jobs for those who need them.
- Our leaders to have compassionate hearts of wisdom and clear discernment of God's will.
- The specific requests that have been shared lately.
- Our loved ones - friends and family! Thank God for the gift they are in our lives!

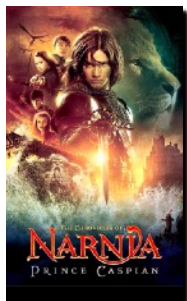


Youth Group

TEEN ZOOM MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, March 12 at 7pm

This week our movie night feature is the 2008 movie, "The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian." In this film adaptation from the classic C.S. Lewis novel, the four Pevensie children return to Narnia. There they again ally with the great lion Aslan to aid Prince Caspian in his struggle for the throne against his corrupt uncle, Miraz. This second Narnia movie is as adventurous and visually stunning as the first one. Bring your movie snacks and come chat with friends while you watch.



PRAY FOR HAMIDOU



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

TEEN DEVO NIGHT

Our Teen Devo will meet this **Thursday, March 11 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.



Happy birthday to Michela R. (3/7), Rod D. (3/8), Judy P. (3/9), Hannah B. (3/9), Lucy P. (3/10), and Ken V. (3/13)

GOD BLESS YOU ALL! 🎂 🎉 🎵 🍰 🎁



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

At Home Bible Class for ages 4 through 5th grade

Unit 30: The Church Grew



This Week's Topic:

New Life In Jesus (Colossians 2-3)

Story Point:

Jesus gives new life to people who trust in Him.

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

ONLINE WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST WEEK, 2/28/21

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/KDvdfuaKlqE> 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. **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.
- **Jacob P.** welcomed us to worship, and reviewed the nature of the three categories of psalms we have been learning about.
- Thank you, **Rachel M.** for touching our hearts with your ASL translations while we sang worship songs based on psalms of new orientation (prayers of thanksgiving after God rescues us).
- Thank you to **Claire S.**, who read Psalm 40:1-5 for us, and **Matt M.** who read Psalm 34:1-10.
- **Joel and Ocean S.** led us in a communion reflection based on Psalm 40:9-12. God is our Father and He loves us, just as we love our children. He loves us so much that He was willing to sacrifice His Son Jesus, so our sins could be forgiven and we could have a way to return to Him.
- **Jacob P.** continued our series on Psalms by looking at psalms of new orientation, and how we have many personal stories that give us many reasons to praise God for rescuing us, healing us, and redeeming us from situations that may have seemed hopeless. Our thankfulness is a great motivator for us to share the good news of Christ's love with others - we need to tell the story of salvation!

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, 3/7, you may join us in our courtyard for outdoor worship if you wish!)

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Attendance last Sunday @10:45am:

46 sign-ins online, 35 courtyard attendees

Our Elders



Bill Aimonetti
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Darren McGrandle
Elder



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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. Umbrellas can do double duty as shade or in case of a sudden shower.
- **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