

Church CALENDAR:

Monday, May 30, 2022

8:00 p.m. - to 9:00 p.m. AL-Anon

Tuesday, May 31, 2022

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - El Nido Family Centers
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Pacific Discussions
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Al-Anon Women (Farsi)

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

3:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - El Nido Family Centers
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - AA Group

Thursday, June 2, 2022

Friday, June 3, 2022

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - AA Group

Saturday, June 4, 2022

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - Zumba Class-CH
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - El Nido Family Centers
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, June 5, 2022

10:00 a.m. - In-Sanctuary Service & Live-Stream

Church Leadership

Rev. Grant J. Hagiya
Bishop in Residence

Rev. Melissa Roux MacKinnon
North District, Superintendent

Rev. Vernon Kemp
Pastor

Jacqueline Tringov
Music Director

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Administrative Assistant

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Diana Bruno - Administrative Chair/ Lay leader to Conference
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St. Paul's United Methodist Church 
of Tarzana



Our Mission is to be: The Beacon of the Valley
Lighting 'The Way' of Jesus
Growing Disciples and Community in God's Love and
Sending the Hope and Joy of Jesus into the World

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors!

Vernon Kemp, Pastor

7th Sunday of Easter

May 29, 2022

10:00 a.m.

****Indicates to stand if able**

Theme Ideas

Today's Theme Idea comes from Rev. Dr. Weber, Director of Preaching Ministries who reminds us "Good trouble" is a phrase that has grown in the consciousness of the nation. Representative John Lewis, a towering figure for civil rights, coined the phrase; and more than that, he lived it. Our text for this week says there are wrongs that need righted; but maybe it isn't quite that clear. It says there are systems, there are presumptions and prejudices, there are oppressive patterns and economic cycles that are impossible to break out of without help. How will we disturb the city today? What good trouble can you stir up today as you worship or at least suggest? What vision of God's kin-dom can you cast as you gather, as you sing, and as you pray today? When was the last time your church was accused of "disturbing the city?"

But wait, some are thinking, we can't be political. It would tear us apart. A different approach is needed. We are making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. What would that transformation look like? What would be different in the kin-dom of God? Today is a day of casting a vision of what it means to be working toward, leaning toward, co-creating with God the kin-dom we long for.

Prelude "Fairest Lord Jesus" Jacqueline Tringov

Gathering Words Pastor Vernon Kemp

L: From the fragmented and often chaotic world of our everyday lives,

P: We bid you welcome.

L: We enter into this time and this place

To join our hearts and minds together;

To choose again our better selves;

To remember what is most important in life;

To be challenged to live more truly, more deeply;

To live with integrity, kindness and with hope and love;

To feel the company of those who seek a common path;

To be renewed in our faith in the promise of this life;

To be strengthened and to find the courage;

To continue to do what we must do, day after day in a world without end.

P: On this day, we bid you welcome.

Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they said,

"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

ACTS 16:30-31



Notes:

A series of ten horizontal lines provided for taking notes.

John 17:20-26

²⁰ “I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us,^[F] so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ “Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them.”

This Week’s Bible Readings:

Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21;
John 17:20-26

**Music Selection

“Welcome into This Place”

*Welcome into this place. Welcome into this broken vessel.
You desire to abide in the praises of Your people,
So we lift our hands and we lift our hearts
As we offer up this praise unto Your name*

**Call to Worship

Liturgist, Tammy Lacock

L: The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice!

P: The heavens declare his righteousness. Every nation sees his glory.

L: For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth.

P: You are exalted far above all gods! Amen.

**Praise Medley

“He Reigns Forever”

*Sing praises to the King for He is the king of Kings
Sing praises to the King for He’s the king of Kings
(Repeat)
Give Him glory for He’s the King of Kings (2x)*

“Woke Up This Morning”

*I woke up this morning with my mind (my mind was) stayed on Jesus
I woke up this morning with my mind (my mind was) stayed on the Lord
I woke up this morning with my mind (my mind was) stayed on Jesus
Hallelu, (hallelu) Hallelu (hallelu) Hallelujah*

*Can’t hate your neighbor with your mind (if your mind is) stayed on Jesus
Can’t hate your neighbor with your mind (if your mind is) stayed on the Lord
Can’t hate your neighbor with your mind (if your mind is) stayed on Jesus
Hallelu, (hallelu) Hallelu (hallelu) Hallelujah*

Opening Prayer

Liturgist, Tammy Lacock

Heavenly Father, open our hearts to your power moving around us, between us, and within us, until your glory is revealed in our love of both friend and enemy, in communities transformed by justice and compassion, and in the healing of all that is broken. Amen.

Music Selection

“For Your Glory”

Michelle Fletcher Stevenson

****Prayer of Confession**

Liturgist, Tammy Lacock

Lord, we confess we have not loved you with our whole hearts. We seem to desire to leave immediately following worship service to go to lunch and gossip instead of lingering with intent. We ignore the chaos in our world globally and locally versus breaching the peace... with justice. We complain about repetitious actions of our life, whether with our family or in our church ministries versus looking for new ideas, following it through, and making it happen. In all our joys and in all our concerns, may we be ever mindful of the presence of God among us. May we turn our words into acts, our thoughts into reality, our intent into a way of life. May we move beyond the word, becoming the word and move with the word, becoming flesh. May we walk the talk, speak of good things, and find ourselves living them as well.

In all our joys and in all our concerns, may we be ever mindful of the presence of God among us. May we pay Christ more than lip-service but serve Him with our whole lives. Amen.

Music Selection

“What a Friend We Have In Jesus”**Words of Assurance**

Liturgist, Tammy Lacock

Hear the good news: Christ died for our sins and rose again that God may free us from the tyranny of judging others to live fully in the power of God’s grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, God forgives your sins and offers you a transformed future. Live fully into God’s grace. Amen.

***Let us all remain standing for the reading of the word.*

****Scripture Reading**

Acts 16:16-34

Liturgist, Tammy Lacock

L: This is the word of God, for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God!



St. Paul’s UMC -Tarzana Announcements

May Birthdays

5/22 – Sherry Brant

5/22 – Nia Stephens

5/26 – Afsatu Metzger

5/27 – Salve Alli

5/30 – Linda Graul

4th Annual Interfaith Solidarity March

*Join our St. Paul’s Singers on **Sunday, June 12** for an outdoor solidarity march and concert starting at 1:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 5:30 p.m. For more information, please see the flyer in the Narthex inside of the sanctuary.*

Altar Flowers

Today’s altar flowers have been graciously donated by Joyce Harmon and are dedicated to her good friends Linda Graul and Norma Fritsche for their love and support.

Please contact the main office between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Monday-Thursday, if you would like to purchase altar flowers.

*When the time is
right, I, the Lord,
will make it happen.*

Isaiah 60:22

This is a time of renewal, reflection, and rejuvenation. If you are seeking prayer and would like your name to appear on the prayer list, please contact the pastor no later than Wednesday noon via telephone or email.

Let us keep the following in prayer:

**John Fornadley, Vijay Ethial, Yolanda Baines
Gus & Debora Ruiz & Family, Ellie Harrison
Teddi Davis, Bonnie Jay, Patty Allen, Victoria Metzger,
Joyce & Allen Davis, Becky Abernathy,
The Evangelista Family, Cathy Green, Minnie Fong,
Sarah Sohaei & Family, Simi Tabari, Kathy Campbell,
Lois Jackson & Family, Carol Jones, Donna & Sam Wells,
Fredericka Meek & Family, John & Shirley Hawkins,
Diane & Bill Jacobs, Ellen Gross, Dottie Schmelzel, Jacqueline Tringov**

“Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

Hebrews 4:16



Response to the Word

Liturgist, Tammy Lacock

God of boundless grace, you call us to drink freely of the well of life and to share the love of your holy being. May the glory of your love, made known in the victory of Jesus Christ, our Savior, transform our lives and the world He lived and died to save. We ask this in his name and for his sake. Amen.

Song of Preparation

“Through It All”

Sermon

“Fear, Pain, and Joy”

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****Altar Call/Invitation to Discipleship**

(You are welcome to light a candle or kneel at the altar)

****Hymn**

“Amazing Grace”

*Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind but now I see
'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear
And Grace, my fears relieved
How precious did that Grace appear
The hour I first believed
Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far
And Grace will lead me home*

Intercessory Prayer

Liturgist, Tammy Lacock

Sisters and brothers in Christ, God invites us to bring our doubts and fears, our joys and concerns, our petitions and praise, and offer them for the earth and all its creatures.

Prayers of the People

If you know someone who needs prayer, will you state their name and we as one body in Christ, will respond with “Lord hear our prayer.”

Receive these prayers, O God, and transform us through them, so we may have eyes to see and hearts to understand not only what you do on our behalf, but what you call us to do so that your realm will come to fruition in glory. **Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

(You are welcome to bring your "Love Offering" and place in the box)

Liturgist, Tammy Lacock

Music Selection

"Thank You, Lord"

Offertory Prayer

Liturgist, Tammy Lacock

Heavenly Father, thank you for the many gifts you bestow upon your people. Your word says we should give honor to you with the first fruits of our wealth. Accept our tithes and offerings as a gift of worship to you. Multiply what we give for the effective growth of your kingdom. May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith so that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge. May we be filled with all the fullness of God through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

****Benediction**

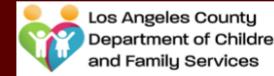
Pastor Vernon Kemp

As we depart from this place, let us remember that love is our doctrine, the quest for truth is our sacrament, and service is our prayer. May we dwell together in peace, seeking knowledge in freedom, and making the wholeness of others the heart of our concern. May we all grow into harmony with our Creator, become truthful to self, faithful to others and in balance with nature. **Amen.**

**Closing Song

"As You Go, Tell the World"

*As you go tell the world. As you go tell the world.
Tell the world about Jesus. Tell them about His love.
Tell the world about Jesus. Tell them about His love.
As you go, tell the world.*



San Fernando & Santa Clarita Valley

**In Celebration of Juneteenth
Community Fair**

Join our mission to Eliminate Racial Disproportionality
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children in our community!

JUNE
11
Saturday

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