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SERMONS:

July 5: For Free Galatians 5: 1, 13-15

July 12: Safe Landing Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

July 19: Stairway to Heaven Genesis 28: 10-19a

July 26: Plenty of Nothing Romans 8: 26-28; 31-39

FROM OUR SENIOR MINISTER

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Bingham

Faithfully Yours

Two hundred and fifty years ago, on July 4, 1776, a document of promise and hope and determination was signed, declaring our independence as a nation, assuring the rights of all people. Since then, as a nation, we have striven and struggled to keep our promises and preserve the hope that we are one nation, all created equal, with life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all.

It isn't easy to declare, live, and preserve our independence. It isn't easy to ensure that all people are one in unity and diversity, the flag flying to remind us of who we are to be.

For America is, indeed, beautiful. And nothing expresses that more deeply than the poem written by a congregational woman named Katherine Lee Bates. She looked down from Pikes Peak in Colorado and saw the land below her: spacious skies, amber waves of grain, purple mountain majesties, above the fruited plain.

She sang of "pilgrim feet, whose stern impassioned stress a thoroughfare for freedom beat, across the wilderness". She honored the heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life! She spoke a patriotic dream that sees beyond the years, "Thine alabaster cities gleam undimmed by human tears". Each verse reaches deeply into who we long to be here in *America the Beautiful*. Yet it is her call to God that should resonate and echo with us in these days of our nation and, honestly, in all days of our nation: "May God shed His grace, and crown our good with brotherhood, and mend our every flaw. So that all success is noble, and every gain we have is divine".

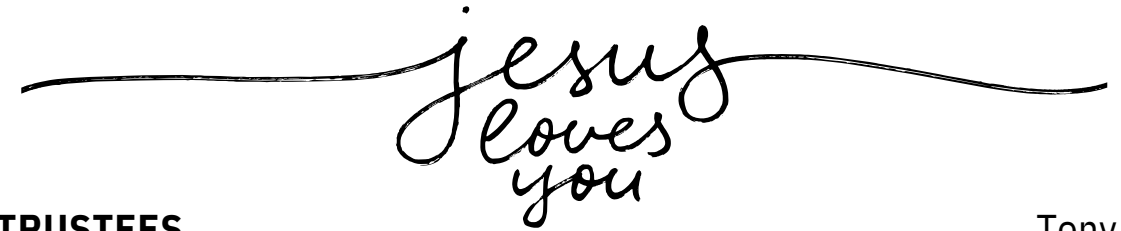
We can ask for nothing less. And we must work for nothing less. For God does bless us in ways we cherish, we honor, and we live.

COUNCIL

Diane Delaney, Moderator

We will NOT be meeting in July and will be taking a well-deserved month off. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 4, at 6:30 pm in Dreier Hall. All are welcome to attend to learn more about our church and how the Council functions.

Church of the Chimes received \$51.12 from the Ralphs Community Reward Program for the second quarter of 2026. Thanks to the 7 families that selected CotC to receive these monies, as every little bit helps! Contact me if you want to learn more. Thanks!



Tony Bliss

TRUSTEES

The Trustees continue to make important investments in maintaining and improving our church campus. In preparation for the forecasted El Niño weather, all campus roofs are being inspected and reinforced as needed to help protect our facilities from potential storm damage. Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, plans are underway to replace the carpeting throughout the church. This project will begin once roof inspections are completed, painting is done and the buildings receive an "all clear."

Additional improvements include increasing the gardening budget to provide regular weeding and keep our campus looking beautiful, repairing an air conditioning leak in the Narthex, reinforcing the railing at Javier's apartment, and installing air conditioning in Rev. Peek's office.

The Trustees also approved moving forward with the Pergola covering as an internal project and will begin exploring upgrades to the campus security camera system, including modern digital technology that can better identify faces and license plates.

We are grateful for the ongoing work of our Trustees and the generosity of those who help make these improvements possible.

COMMUNITY WORLD SERVICE BOARD

Jane Poole

The Community World Service Board Invites you and your friends to a Pot-Luck Luau Party on August 1st from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. Bring a meal or a side dish to share and get ready to have a ton of fun!

We hope you'll come and bring friends to a night of dinner, games, and Luau fun on August 1st! A beautiful handmade quilt will be raffled off at the Luau party to support CWS's outreach efforts. FYI, the gala has been postponed to May of 2027. The CWS board continues to support causes in our neighborhood, making meals for the UUC homeless outreach project and providing monetary support for the North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry. We recently wrote a \$500 check to support the Pan American Institute, an NACCC International Mission Partner in Tijuana, Mexico, that our church has supported for many years! Details will be shared via email blasts for the Luau and other news.



BACK TO THE FUTURE: ALL CHURCH PLANNING RETREAT **SATURDAY, JULY 25TH 9AM-1 PM**

The future is ours as a church! This retreat is a chance to wonder, to dream, to plan, and to understand how our church can continue to be a presence of God to our community—how can we grow, how can we serve, how can we make our own faith be nurtured and deepened.

We will begin with breakfast. The presentations that Dr. Bingham and Rev. Patrick Hunt gave at our National meetings will open the conversation. We need to hear your voice and your visions for our church. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!!** We will be sending out more information soon but **SAVE THE DATE PLEASE!**

JULY 2026 HAPPENINGS

- **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:** July 2ND from 11am -5pm in Bower Hall
- **DEACONS MEETING:** July 5th at 12 pm in HH or Bower Hall
- **COUNCIL MEETING:** July 7th at 6:30pm in Dreier Hall
- **BE BOLD:** July 3rd & 17th from 6pm-8pm in Hamilton House
- **CWS MEETING:** July 12th at 12pm in Dreier Hall
- **FOSTERALL CAMP:** July 14th - 17th from 9am - 3pm
- **CHRISTIAN ED MEETING:** July 19th at 12pm in Lower CE
- **VBS SESSION 2:** July 20th-24th from 9:30 am -12:30 pm Bower Hall/ Outside
- **TRUSTEE MEETING:** July 21st at 6:30pm in Dreier Hall
- **BACK TO THE FUTURE RETREAT:** July 25th from 9am-1 pm in Bower Hall
- **CRAFT CREATIONS:** MEETS MOST TUESDAYS at 10 am in Dreier Hall
- **BROWN BAG BIBLE:** TUESDAYS at 12 pm in Dreier Hall
- **ZUMBA:** WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS at 9:45 am in Dreier Hall
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** MEETS WEDNESDAYS at 7 pm via Zoom.
All women of any faith are invited to our gathering of caring, sharing, and loving women. For more information, contact Jane Poole via email at jane.churchchimes@sbcglobal.net.
- **PAINTING CLASS:** THURSDAYS at 10 am - 12 pm in Dreier Hall

RECEIVE THE Holy Spirit

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.
— Acts 1:8



GOD'S PROMISE
The Father sends the Holy Spirit to every believer.



HIS PRESENCE
The Holy Spirit lives in you, guides you, and strengthens you.



HIS POWER
He empowers you to live with courage, love, and purpose.



YOUR RESPONSE
Open your heart. Ask. Believe. Receive.

*Be filled.
Be led.
Be His.*

If you have placed your faith in Jesus, you can receive the Holy Spirit today. Invite Him in—and experience the abundant life God has for you.

One of the greatest gifts God offers to His people is the presence of the Holy Spirit. Jesus promised that after His resurrection, God would send the Holy Spirit to comfort, guide, strengthen, and empower all who believe. As we celebrate the life of faith together at Church of the Chimes, we are reminded that God does not ask us to walk alone—He gives us His very presence.

In Acts 1:8, Jesus tells His disciples: “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses...” The Holy Spirit is God's promise fulfilled. Through the Spirit, we experience God's love in a personal way. The Spirit guides us when we face uncertainty, comforts us in

times of sorrow, convicts us when we wander, and empowers us to serve others with courage and compassion.

The invitation remains open to each of us today: Be filled. Be led. Be His. Whether you are new to faith or have walked with Christ for many years, God desires to continue working in your life through the Holy Spirit.

As a church family, let us open our hearts to God's presence. Let us listen for His guidance, trust His leading, and allow His Spirit to transform us from the inside out. Through the Holy Spirit, we become instruments of God's love, grace, and hope in our community and beyond.

Prayer:
Come, Holy Spirit. Fill our hearts. Transform our lives. Use us for Your glory. Amen.

Hayley Cabral
Media Director

CHATS AT THE CHIMES

Church of the Chimes is excited to announce the launch of our new podcast, hosted by Rev. Dr. Beth Bingham and Cat Alvarado. Join us for inspiring conversations about faith, spirituality, scripture, and everyday life with God. Simply scan the QR code to listen on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, YouTube, and more.

A special thank you to Cat Alvarado for her creativity and dedication in bringing this exciting new ministry to life!



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DEACONS

Wade Young

It’s Christmas Time!! Christmas in July, that is!!

No, it isn’t the title to a Hallmark Channel movie (or it might be). You may think you’re losing your mind when you see a Christmas Tree in the narthex during the month of July. Each year the Deacons sponsor “Christmas in July” to provide mid-year cheer for children in need. More information will be provided during Sunday service announcements and July email blasts!!





Bouquet Circle members gathered for a delicious potluck lunch, fellowship, and conversation before taking a summer break until September. Before departing, each member selected someone present to pray for over the summer months. They will resume their monthly “BYO” lunches and guest speakers in the fall. Special thanks to Barbara Downs and Shirley Shiuga Zaragoza for their dedication and leadership throughout the year.

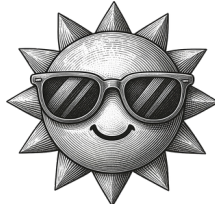


SESSION ONE WAS SO MUCH FUN!
Don't miss Season 2 of VBS at Church of the Chimes!
 This summer's program will include: Bible stories and faith-centered lessons, Music and interactive activities, Arts and crafts, Games and outdoor fun, themed snacks, and space to cultivate friendships. We are excited to welcome both returning and new families to VBS this year. Whether your child has attended for years or this is their first experience, we hope every participant leaves feeling blessed! I am grateful for the many volunteers who bring this program to life. Their dedication reflects the heart of our church community and our shared commitment to nurturing the next generation. Blessings, Tina Jasiukonis - ChristianEd@ChurchoftheChimes.org



July



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