

Chiming In

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF THE CHIMES
NEWS AND EVENTS

A Diverse and Loving Christian Community Accepting of All



May 2026

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SERMONS:

- May 3: John 14: 1-14 | **A Place for Us**
- May 10: John 14:15-21 | **Love always**
- May 17 Genesis 9: 11-17 | **Covenantally Yours**
- May 24: Acts 2 (selections) | **Spirited**
- May 31: Laity Sunday



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FROM OUR SENIOR MINISTER

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Bingham

Faithfully Yours

It was 76 years ago on May 25, 1950 that a group of Congregational people ventured from Hollywood, California to Sherman Oaks California to bring their faith community to the San Fernando Valley. Led by Rev. Walter Staves they found the property at 14115 Magnolia Boulevard which they were able to purchase. Last year we celebrated our diamond anniversary with energy and fun and dancing and great appreciation for the church we cherish.

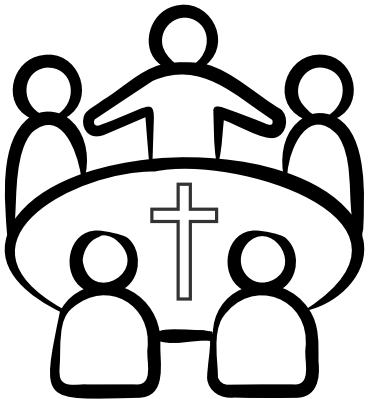
While our Congregational tradition dates back to the Pilgrims arriving in 1620 our Christian tradition goes back much much further. On Sunday, May 24 th we celebrate the 1,996th birthday of the Christian Church which began when the Holy Spirit came with flames and wind during the annual Pentecost harvest celebration. It was 50 days after the resurrection of Christ and on that day the power of the Christ through the Holy Spirit brought thousands of people to be baptized and to begin the Christian communities of faith—the very first churches.

So as we honor our mothers on Mother's day, as we honor those who gave their lives to serve our country on Memorial Day, may we also pause on May 24 and on May 25 to offer our thanks and commitment to Church of the Chimes and the Church universal that we may be witnesses to the wonder of the risen Christ.

CHURCH OF THE CHIMES ANNUAL MEETING

The 75th annual meeting of the Congregational Church of the Chimes will be held on Sunday, May 17 after worship in the sanctuary. Annual reports from each Board and Committee will be presented.

Elections will be held for church officers and members of boards. All members of the church are asked to attend and vote and all others are welcome to be present.



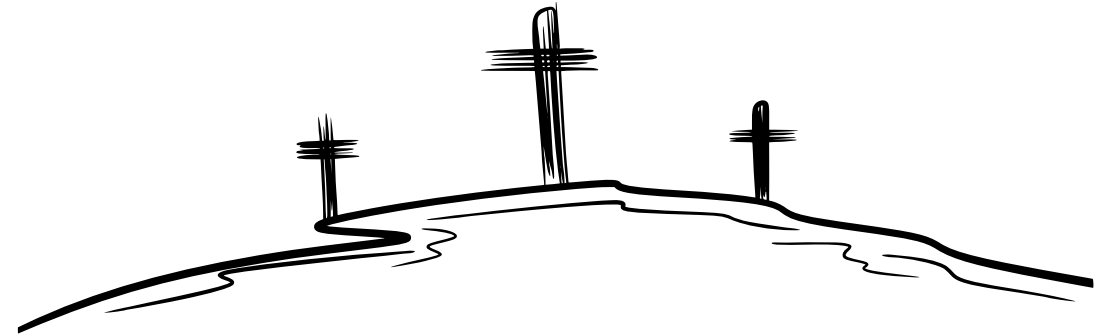
NOMINATING

There are still a few openings on the CE, CWS, Deacons, and Trustees Boards. Contact a Nominating Rep if you are interested in serving on a Board. The slate of new Officers and Board Members will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on May 17th.

COUNCIL

Diane Delaney, Moderator

The By-laws updates are almost completed. A printed copy of the proposed changes will be provided on May 3rd and 10th in the Narthex, and will also be available in the office any time after May 3rd. Please plan to attend our Annual Meeting on May 17th, for the official review and vote to approve the proposed changes. Our after church service receptions will be hosted by the Board of Christian Education in May.



TRUSTEES

Tony Bliss

Not a whole lot to report, other than we are going to get the pergola covered with a 95% UV sunshade. This will make daytime event goers happy and provide shade for vendors at our various outside activities. We are looking at replacing the carpet in the Chapel classroom which has needed a "refresh" for a long time. We are also looking into replacing some of the rusted sections of the Hazeltine fence and are receiving bids.

April was filled with joy, sadness, growth, and meaningful connection within our church community. Our Easter Egg Hunt was a wonderful success, welcoming over 70 participants for a festive morning filled with faith, laughter, love and goody bags. Thank you to the CE Board members & Be Bold Youth who were there to support the Egg Hunt! It was truly a blessing to see families come together to celebrate the joy of Easter.

In the weeks leading up to Easter, our children and teens engaged in a thoughtful and meaningful study of Holy Week. Through these lessons, they deepened their understanding of Christ's journey and reflected on the significance of this sacred time. We continue to discuss symbols in our faith journey (white doves, the cross, rainbows for God's promises). The Youth Group had a chance to dye and decorate eggs. A special thank you goes out to Pastor Beth who donated the beautiful palms for Palm Sunday and to Jan Long who worked with the children during the service. Easter reminds us all of renewal, hope, and the continual growth of our faith.

We are also excited to share that our Church Garden project is well underway. Our youth have already designed and constructed two raised garden beds, with plans to build a total of six or seven beds. This project is not only a hands-on learning experience but also a beautiful example of stewardship, teamwork, intergenerational relationships and caring for God's creation. This project has been funded by the 2026 NACCC Vitality Grant.

Thank you to all of the families who continue to nurture faith within your homes and support your children's spiritual growth. Your dedication makes a lasting impact on the foundation building years for your child(ren). Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions related to Christian Education—I am grateful to serve as a resource for you. We are all here for you in your faith journey.

It's graduation season! During church service on May 17th we will celebrate our Be Bold Youth who will be graduating from High School. As a church family we will celebrate Anabel, Luke, Paige, Robin, Sophia, Ricky and Xander. We will pray for their new journey ahead and their families. If you feel led to write your own note or offer words of wisdom please visit the church office Monday-Friday. I will set up a group card for those who wish to sign a card collectively. It is truly a blessing to serve this community.

- Tina ChristianEd@churchofthechimes.org

MAY 2026 HAPPENINGS

- **BE BOLD:** May 1st & 15th at 6pm Hamilton House
- **WOMENS ASSOCIATION MEETING:** May 2nd at 10am Drier Hall
- **MAGNOLIA MARKETPLACE:** May 3rd at 11:30am
- **COUNCIL MEETING:** May 5th at 6:45pm Dreier Hall
- **BOUQUET CIRCLE:** May 13th at 11:30am Drier Hall
- **CWS MURDER MYSTERY GALA: POSTPONED!!**
- **COTC 76th ANNUAL MEETING:** May 17th 11:30am Bower Hall
- **TRUSTEE MEETING:** May 19th at 6:30pm Dreier Hall
- **VESPERS:** May 21st at 6:30pm
- **DEACONS MEETING:** TBD in Bower Hall
- **CHRISTIAN ED MEETING:** TBD Lower CE
- **CWS MEETING:** TBD Dreier Hall
- **CRAFT CREATIONS:** MEETS MOST TUESDAYS at 10am Dreier Hall
- **BROWN BAG BIBLE:** TUESDAYS at 12pm Dreier Hall
- **ZUMBA:** WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS at 9:45am Dreier Hall
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** MEETS WEDNESDAYS at 7pm 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 10am - 12pm Dreier Hall
- **GRIEF SHARE:** THURSDAYS AT 12pm, Upstairs Hamilton House

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Diane Delaney

The Women's Association held a fantastic two-day Rummage sale making \$4,418 - the most since before 2019. Many thanks to all who helped set up, sort, cashier, provide security and cleanup! We use the money we raise for campus improvements and scholarships for LAVC students. But more importantly, the people who benefit from our rummage sales include those who love a good bargain, those who rely on bargains to make ends meet, and those who need a helping hand and come during the final hour when everything is free!

MENS ASSOCIATION

Diane Delaney

The Mens Association held a furniture sale on Saturday in conjunction with our Rummage sale and made over \$300. They also offered quite a few items for free! Some of which are near the exit of our parking lot – take a look! Thanks to Robert Jones for organizing!

DIVERSITY MOMENT

Diane Delaney

May is Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. The 2026 theme for Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month is “Power in Unity: Strengthening Communities Together,” as announced by the [Federal Asian Pacific American Council \(FAPAC\)](#).

This year's theme highlights the importance of leveraging our collective power, telling our stories, and being bridge builders in our communities. The imagery of the bridge in this year's artwork inspires us to unite in our common causes.

Bridges represent many values that are prevalent in AANHPI communities - innovation, resilience, hard work, connection, and a sense of belonging. FAPAC invites you to join us this May to honor the AANHPI leaders who inspire us to work collaboratively and embolden the next generation to build on their legacies.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Jon Wallace, Chair

We are grateful to all of the families who continue to nurture faith in the home and support our growing ministry. You are always welcome to bring a friend to church. This May, we are especially excited to honor our Be Bold Seniors during worship as they prepare to begin a new chapter. We celebrate their accomplishments, growth in faith, and the bright futures ahead of them. Our church family is proud of these young leaders and grateful to have walked alongside many of them since early childhood, Baptism, Sunday school, Confirmation classes and now emerging as faithful young adults, ready for this new season ahead. Please join us as we recognize and bless them on May 17th.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to the dedicated Christian Education Board members who have now completed their term, Kerry Kandel (4 yrs), Keith Metz (2 yrs), and Jule Worrell (4 yrs). Your time, wisdom, and commitment have helped strengthen the ministry and bless countless children and families. As the current Chair and CE board member for 6 years, I too have completed my term and will move on from CE. I look forward to warmly welcoming our new Chair and our new CE board members as they begin this important calling. We will continue to move forward with our Christian Education effort with the remarkable, faithful, and collaborative leadership from Tina Jasiukonis, Director of Christian Education.

As Scripture reminds us, “Serve one another humbly in love.” — Galatians 5:13. We also invite all who may be carrying the weight of loss to join our GriefShare support community (12 Sessions). Whether your loss is recent or many years ago, all are welcome in every phase of the grief journey to find comfort, support, and hope in community. For more information, please reach out to Tanny & Tina at ChristianEd@ChurchOfTheChimes.org.

“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” — Psalms 34:18

If you have any questions about Christian Ed Board or would like to get involved, please feel free to reach out to the church office and leave a message for us.

NHIFP VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION AT CHURCH OF THE CHIMES



On Sunday, March 22, the community gathered at Church of the Chimes for a truly meaningful Volunteer Appreciation event hosted by North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry. It was a special afternoon set aside to honor and celebrate the dedicated individuals who give their time, energy, and heart in service to others.

The North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry plays a vital role in our community by providing food to families in need, ensuring that neighbors have access to nourishment and support during challenging times. This important work is made possible through the compassion and commitment of its volunteers.

The event was filled with live music, delicious food, and heartfelt reflections that captured the spirit of generosity within the volunteer community. More than a celebration, it was a moment to pause and recognize the consistent, often unseen efforts that make such a profound impact week after week.

NHIFP expressed sincere appreciation to all volunteers, acknowledging that their dedication is the foundation of the organization's mission. Through their service, they help extend dignity, care, and essential resources to those who need it most. It was a day rooted in gratitude, community, and the powerful reminder that serving together strengthens us all.



May 2026



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