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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF THE CHIMES
NEWS AND EVENTS

A Diverse and Loving Christian Community Accepting of All



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SERMONS:

APRIL 5: Easter Sunday Alleluia! Matthew 28:1-10

April 12: Unbelievable? John 20:19-31

April 19: Pastor Danny Lopez preaching

April 26: Sheep-ish John 10: 1-10



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FROM OUR SENIOR MINISTER

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Bingham

Faithfully Yours - After Easter Hail!

Starting on December 26 there are After Christmas Sales...when the festivities fade and the prices drop...Expect for jelly beans and chocolate rabbits in the grocery store, there aren't usually After Easter Sales. Which made me think a bit—instead of an After Easter Sale how about an After Easter Hail!

What do we do after Easter? How do we make that joy and wonder of Christ's resurrection stay with us, abide within us? They used to say—as I remember—that the Sunday after Easter has the lowest attendance of any Sunday in the church year. I really haven't noticed that, but it does indicate that once Easter has happened we have reached the pinnacle of faith. We received more than we expected. We can relax once again in the faith which defines us each day. The shining light has faded some...we have planted the lilies in the yard. We have brought our family to worship and no matter what happens we felt that joy and wonder in the reality that Christ has risen indeed!

Can't we though, keep the joy and the wonder alive? Couldn't we keep singing Alleluia! Can't we hold on to the reality that life conquered death, that light pierced the darkness, that love overwhelms hate? Can we allow ourselves to bask in the glory of God as we praise Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior? We must. In this world of ours, He most. For Easter's hope is steadfast. Easter's hope is always there for us to capture and hold—hope that resonates with the promise which Jesus spoke to us—"God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son."

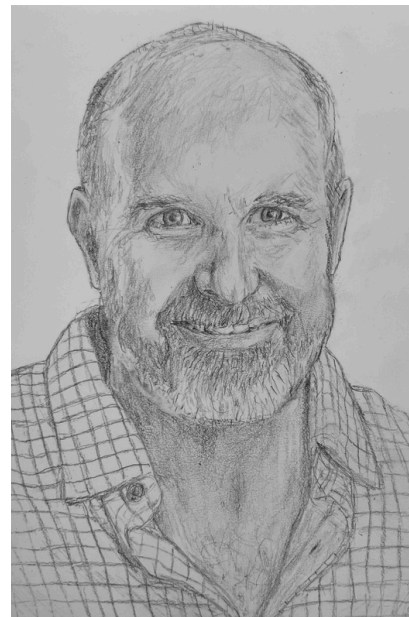
Let us live in that love. Let us witness that love to a weary world and all of us who tremble in uncertainty....as the hymn (Day of Resurrection) sings:

Now let the heavens be joyful, et earth her song begin,
The round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen Their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen, Our joy that hath no end.
Let us Hail his name, each and every day!

Class: Learning Who we are as the Church of the Chimes!

Sunday, April 26, 12pm following Fellowship Hour

Everyone is invited to learn about Congregationalism—its history, structure, and the Church of the Chimes. This gathering is especially for those interested in membership. All are welcome to worship, connect, and participate in our ministries. Membership offers a voice and a vote, as our church is guided by its members. Whether you're new or have been here for years, come learn more and connect with our community. We look forward to seeing you!



CHIMING IN SPOTLIGHT: GEORGE DELANEY

This month, we are delighted to feature George Delaney, a longtime member of Church of the Chimes whose warmth, humor, and dedication enrich our community. Born in the Bronx and raised in Poughkeepsie, NY, George attended Arlington High School before building a dynamic career. He currently works as a television colorist on NCIS, contributing to all 23 seasons. His diverse work experience—from forklift driver to door-to-door encyclopedia sales—reflects his strong work ethic and adaptability. George is also a self-proclaimed horologophile, with a passion for watches and their craftsmanship.

At Church of the Chimes, George serves as an usher, participates in the Men's Group, and co-leads the Chimes Sports Café at the Golden West Fair. He joined the church in 1992 with his wife, Diane, seeking a place to raise their family—and has been a valued member ever since. When asked what he hopes to hear in heaven, George shared: "Oh, it's you! Good job!"—to which he'd reply, "You too!" We are grateful for George and all he brings to our church family.

TRUSTEES

Tony Bliss

There is not much to report from our meeting this month, other than to report that we will be adding Natalie Karp, Jule Worrell and Carrie Kandel. Welcome aboard new Trustees! The board is sorry to see the departures of John Luker and Martha Smyser who have termed out and are jumping to new boards. We wish them the best in their new positions. Happy early summer, everyone.

NOMINATING

Diane Delaney

We had a very successful Nominating Fair last month with 6 people expressing interest in serving on a board! If you missed it, don't worry, we still have openings on the CE, CWS, Deacons, and Trustees Boards! Contact a Nominating Rep if you are interested in serving on a Board.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Diane Delaney

The Women's Association (WA) Spring Rummage Sale will be held on Friday, April 17th, and Saturday, April 18th, from 8:30am to 1:00pm. Our church receives donations throughout the year, and this is an opportunity for us to sell them to raise money for LAVC Scholarships and our next project, which is to refurbish the Hamilton House kitchen. It is also a very important event for many people in our community who depend on it and come to every sale.

We need your support—if you can volunteer to help with setting up the week before the sale, contact Louisa. We want everyone to come to the Rummage Sale, where you are sure to find amazing bargains, hidden treasures, clothes, shoes, toys, and games, kitchen and household items, small appliances, and furniture, as well as new, like-new, vintage, collectibles, and more!

DIVERSITY MOMENT

April is Autism Acceptance Month. The 2026 theme is “Celebrate Differences” and “It’s How You Show Up”. Campaigns emphasizing moving beyond mere awareness to active, everyday allyship, advocacy, and community-driven action. Autism is an identity and a community, encouraging society to honor the diverse experiences of autistic people. Call to Action: take tangible steps to foster an inclusive, welcoming, and understanding environment.

DEACONS

Nine prayer warriors met in the Courtyard after church on March 22 and prayed for those in need of healing, as well as our church, our leaders, our community, state, nation and the world. The sound of the water made for a nice backdrop to our communing with God. This made for a perfect pre-cursor to the coming events of Holy Week.

The Deacons will be serving communion during the Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, April 2, at 7 pm. “Maundy” refers to Christ’s commandment that we love and serve each other. Everyone is invited to join as we commemorate the night of the Lord’s Supper, his time in prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane and his betrayal. Although Easter is the first Sunday of the month of April, we will not be having Communion on Easter. However, we will be having communion the following week, April 12.

APRIL 2025 HAPPENINGS

- **MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE:** April 2nd at 7pm
- **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE:** April 3rd at 12pm
- **WOMENS ASSOCIATION MEETING:** April 4^h at 10am Dreier Hall
- **COUNCIL MEETING:** April 7th at 6:45pm Dreier Hall
- **BE BOLD:** April 3rd & 17th at 6pm Hamilton House
- **BOUQUET CIRCLE:** April 8th at 11:30am Drier Hall
- **VESPERS:** April 16th at 6:30pm
- **DEACONS MEETING:** April 19th at 12:00pm Bower Hall
- **CHRISTIAN ED MEETING:** April 19th at 12:00pm Lower CE
- **CWS MEETING:** April 19th at 12:00pm Dreier Hall
- **TRUSTEE MEETING:** April 21st at 6:30pm Dreier Hall
- **CRAFT CREATIONS:** MEETS MOST TUESDAYS at 10:00am in Dreier Hall
- **BROWN BAG BIBLE:** TUESDAYS at Noon in Dreier Hall
- **ZUMBA:** WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS at 9:45 in 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 10:00am - 12:00pm in Dreier Hall

HOLY WEEK AT CHURCH OF THE CHIMES

Thursday, April 2: 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

Maundy means “commandment.” At this service we share the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, and the service of Tenebrae. As the Scripture readings of our Lord’s betrayal and arrest are read there is a darkening of the sanctuary.

Friday, April 3: Noon-1 pm Good Friday Service

We will gather in the chapel to hear the Seven Last Words of Christ upon the cross. There will be prayer and meditation and silence. The cross will be draped in black as we remember the day when Christ was crucified.

EASTER SUNDAY April 5th

7 a.m. Sunday rise service in the garden. Join us for a service with music, prayer, a homily and rejoicing as we bask in the light of the risen sun and the light of our risen Lord.

10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

Rejoice, rejoice for the Lord has risen! The Lord has risen indeed. With music, prayers, and sermon shining the light of Easter, we will be rejoicing!

Join Us For

MURDER AT THE JUICE JOINT

A Night of Murder,
Mystery, and the Mob!

The Juice Joint is Located at
CHURCH OF THE CHIMES
R.S.V.P to CWS by April 30th

Saturday,
May 16, 2026
5:30p.m. - 9 p.m.



Rosie's Juice Joint is jumping—Kitty Cocktail and Gino Gin are pouring moonshine while Dina Diva keeps the crowd entertained. But something's off... mobster Louie is missing, and crime is on the rise in 1921. Still, Rosie's throwing a party to celebrate—and you're invited!

CWS Gala 2026 May 16 | 5:30–9:00pm \$35 Per person

Enjoy a delicious catered dinner, live jazz, and help solve the mystery of Louie's disappearance.

Casting Call: Join the fun with roles ranging from flirty flappers to mob bosses and P.I. Pinkerton. (20 roles available!) Contact the CWS team to participate.

Silent Auction Donations Needed

Gift cards, services, themed baskets, and more! Contact Jane to contribute or sponsor.

See you at the Juice Joint!

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Kristina Jasiukonis, M.A.

Spring has sprung! I hope it has been a joyful and refreshing start to the season for you and your loved ones. In Sunday School, we are on our journey through the 40 days of Lent, reflecting on its meaning and lessons. Each morning, we continued our tradition of sharing our prayer journal and reading from the Bible. During craft time, we focused on the symbols of Lent and Easter—creating an Easter Book and a long paper chain illustrating each day of Lent (Thank you, Jan!).

We are so grateful for our dedicated Sunday School volunteers who support us each week. A special thank you to Ricky, our junior assistant, who continues to read the weekly Bible story and help with crafts—your leadership is appreciated!

Our Youth Group, Be Bold, gathered at Corbin Bowl in Tarzana for a fun-filled evening. It was wonderful to see each youth member take on the challenge of bowling, cheering each other on with high-fives and enjoying refreshments together. Last Friday we gathered again to enjoy music while we ate dinner. We are very close to setting up our music space for the youth. Yay!

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt was a great success! Along with our church families, we were excited to welcome many neighbors from the community. The setup—complete with a raffle, hula-hoops, bean bag toss, hopscotch, bubbles and the Easter Bunny—felt like a joyful throwback to egg hunts from decades past here at Church of the Chimes.

Palm Sunday was truly beautiful. The children and youth processed into church waving palms and engaging with their church family. As the final Sunday of Lent, it also marks the beginning of Holy Week. As we prepare our hearts for Easter, here is a prayer to share as a family:

Dear God,

Thank you for sending Jesus to show us the way and teach us how to live with love and peace in our hearts. Because He is alive, our hearts are filled with hope and joy. Help us to share that joy with our friends and family. We pray for world peace. Amen.

Wishing you a blessed Holy Week and a wonderful Spring Break.

With love,

Tina

ChristianEd@ChurchoftheChimes.org

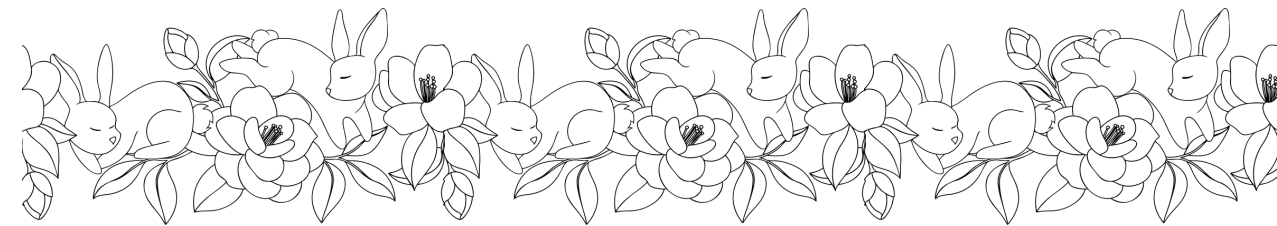
Happy Easter to you and yours.

All is well with Sunday School, Youth Group—Be Bold, and our monthly Preschool Chapel time. It continues to be a joy to see our children and youth growing in faith, building community, and engaging in meaningful learning experiences each week.

Our Director of Christian Education has put out an open call for Vacation Bible School (VBS) volunteers. If you are interested in helping support this exciting and impactful program, please reach out to Tina Jasiukonis at ChristianEd@ChurchoftheChimes.org.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in our VBS camp here at church, you can find our live applications on our website at churchofthechimes.org. You are welcome to come to the church office to fill out an application as well (M–F, 9:00am–4:00pm).

We are incredibly appreciative of the strong interest in our board shown at our recent Board Interest Fair. It was wonderful to connect with so many members of our community, and we are excited to announce that we have confirmed five nominations as potentially new board members. We will have a final vote in May. “He is not here, for He is risen” Matthew 28:5-7



COUNCIL

Diane Delaney, Moderator

The CotC By-laws Committee has been reviewing and proposing updates to our By-laws, which have not been updated since 2015, over 10 years ago! We have a red-lined version that will be available one week before our annual meeting, which is planned for Sunday, May 17th.




Our church is considering participating in the SFV Pride Festival on Saturday, May 27th. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Wade Young.





April



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