



THE
NEIGHBORHOOD
CHURCH *of Palos Verdes*



APRIL 28TH, 2024

The **Neighborhood Church** of *Palos Verdes*

APRIL 28, 2024 | 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10am Worship

WELCOME & INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. Rick Nelson

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Arr. Marianne Kim
Linda Repking, Flute

CALL TO WORSHIP

Melanie Poturica, Assisting Minister

Easter people, we have been saved by the Risen Christ, the life-giving Vine.

We abide in the love of the life-giving Vine.

We are branches of the Vine - sustained, nurtured, and pruned by Love.

We have no life apart from the love of the life-giving Vine.

When we make our home attached to the Vine, the Vine becomes one with us and we bear the fruit of Love.

The fruit we produce will be Love.

Easter people—how shall we bear the fruit of Love?

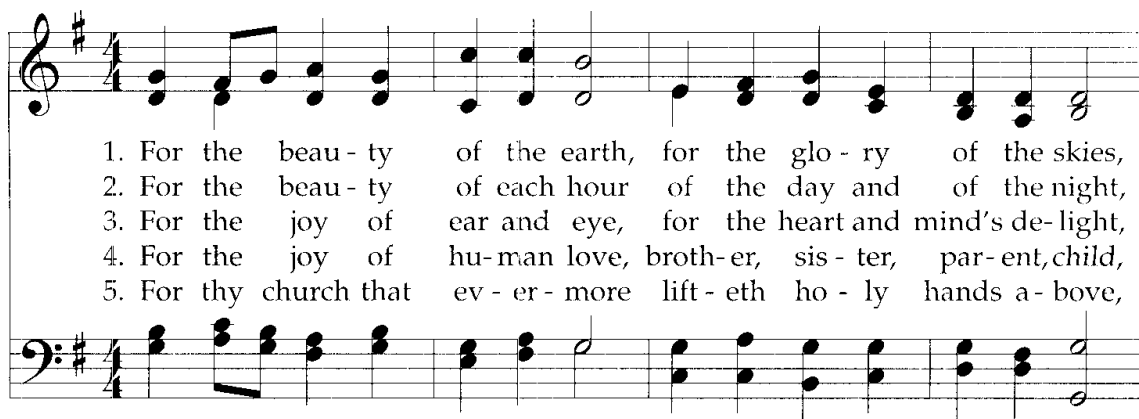
We will love in our rest, play, work, worship, and as we build community with God and one another.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

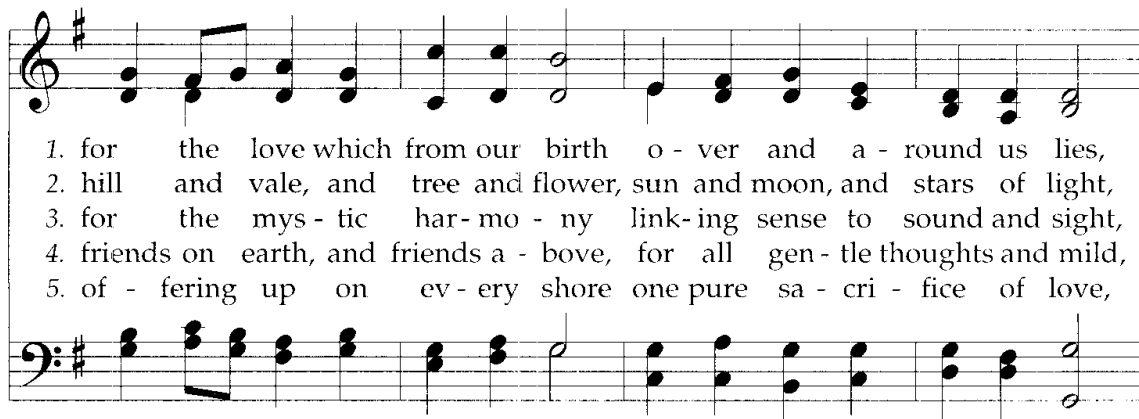
Children are invited up front to the steps to spend some time with Pastor Rick on the lesson for the day. During the hymn that follows, they will be escorted from worship, if parents choose, and led safely over to the Ed Building for further friendship and learning.

HYMN OF PRAISE

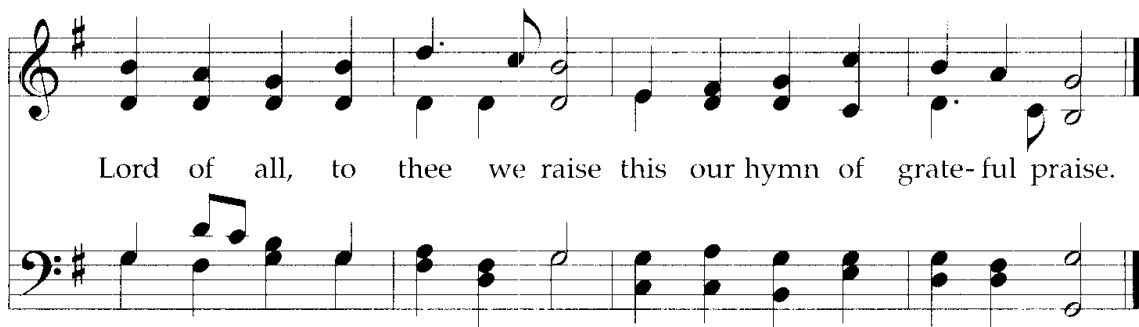
For the Beauty of the Earth



1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
2. For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4. For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5. For thy church that ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,



1. for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
2. hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
3. for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,
4. friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
5. of - fering up on ev - ery shore one pure sa - cri - fice of love,



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: Almighty God, cultivate in us a spirit of openness in this time of worship.

Help us to till the soil of our hearts, to dig deep into Your Word, to nourish our bodies and souls with song and praise.

Help us to love one another more fully, and to bear the fruit of your Spirit.

**For You are the Vine, and we are the branches, and in You we will live, grow, and have the fullness of life.
Amen!**

SCRIPTURE

I JOHN 4:7-21 (NRSV UV)

Mike Young

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world.

God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God.

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So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world.

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love.

We love because he first loved us.

Those who say, "I love God," and hate a brother or sister are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.

The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

JOHN 15:1-8 (NRSV UV)

Lois McFarland

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower.

He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes[a] to make it bear more fruit.

You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.

Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.

I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

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If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

SERMON

“IMNUNURNME”

Pastor Rick

HYMN

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

1 Blessed be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the sharing of a common life
is like to that above.

2 Before our God we come
and pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

3 We share each other's woes,
Each other's burdens bear.
And often for each other flows
a sympathizing tear.

4 When we are called to part
it gives us inward pain,
But we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM

We welcome into the Body of Christ, Jackson Nickolas Geiger. We pray for God's many blessings upon her parents, Brandon Jacob Geiger and Adéna Nik Geiger.

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God!

SUNG BAPTISMAL RESPONSE

Tune: Morning Has Broken

Water has touched us, fresh on our foreheads,
showing an inward, spiritual grace,
Into God's family we have been welcomed
as sons and daughters, we take our place.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

THE CALL TO OFFERING

THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

Christ is the Vine

James Biery

Covenant Choir, Linda Repking – flute

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

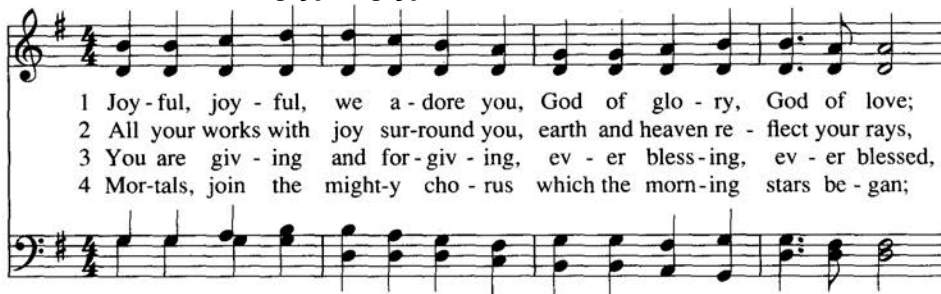
PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*after gifts presented at altar*)

Receive these gifts, O God, for all that we have is Yours. We offer them in response to your generosity in our lives. Use them for the sake of your world, and in fulfillment of your mission. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen!

COMMUNITY LIFE & MATTERS

SENDING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



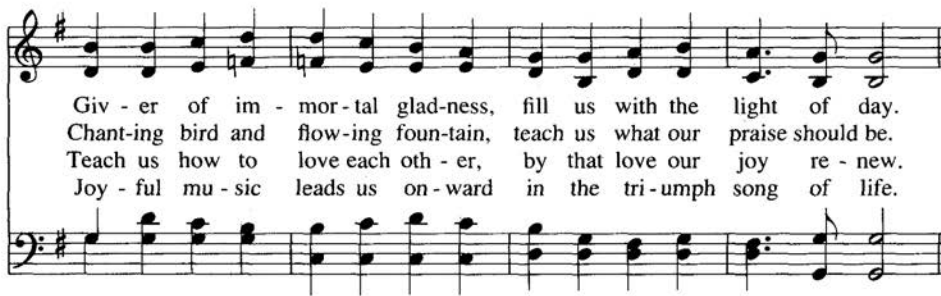
1 Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore you, God of glo-ry, God of love;
 2 All your works with joy sur-round you, earth and heaven re-lect your rays,
 3 You are giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blessed,
 4 Mor-tals, join the might-y cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan;



Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore you, open-ing to the sun a-bove.
 Stars and an-gels sing a-round you, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 Well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, o-cean depth of hap-py rest!
 Bound-less love is reign-ing o'er us, re-con-cil-ing race and clan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, drive the storms of doubt a-way;
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Lov-ing Spir-it, Fa-ther, Moth-er, all who love be-long to you;
 Ev-er sing-ing, move we for-ward, faith-ful in the midst of strife,



Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 Chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, teach us what our praise should be.
 Teach us how to love each oth-er, by that love our joy re-new.
 Joy-ful mu-sic leads us on-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

Henry van Dyke was a noted church leader, U.S. ambassador, Navy chaplain, and prolific writer. Many people associate this hymn with Beethoven's ninth symphony, but few are aware of the original poem by the German classicist F. Schiller (1759-1805) that inspired Beethoven

Tune: HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7.D.
 Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824
 Adapt. and harm. Edward Hodges, 1846

SENDING SENTENCES

Go now, encouraged, fed, and connected to the Vine;

And let us love, not just in words, but in truth and action.

Believe in Jesus and love one another, as Christ has loved us.

Amen, and thanks be to God!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

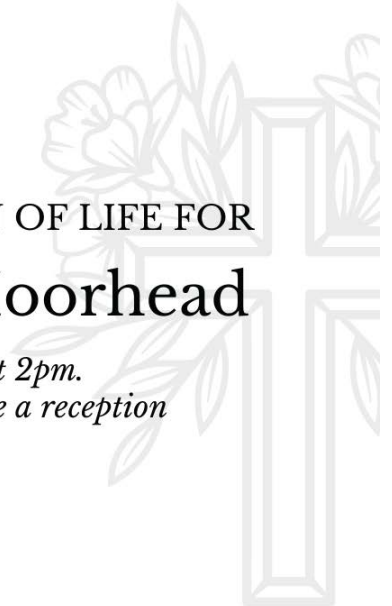
Please see the flower dedication at the end of the bulletin.



APRIL 28TH, 2PM

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR
Michael Moorhead

*Today after worship at 2pm.
Following there will be a reception
in Fellowship Hall.*



FROM THE FLOWER GUILD



Sunday May 5th

Due to popular demand the Flower Guild is back with their lovely **water color greeting cards** for purchase on Sunday May 5th after service.

They are originally created and painted by one of our members, Michelle Miley. They are thoughtful, charming and make perfect gifts for Mother's Day (May 13), birthdays, holidays, and note cards.

They will be sold for \$10 a package with 12 cards in each package.

Cash or checks, please.
(Checks are made out to *The Neighborhood Church*, with Flower Guild noted.)

*Look for us on the Terrace
Sunday, May 5th.*

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ICE BREAKERS

Is Back!

“Break the ice!”

This summer get to know your Church family better in an informal, relaxed setting with fun dinner gatherings in people’s homes or on their patios.

Christian Fellowship Ministry invites you to sign up to host a dinner or sign up to attend. Each get together will accommodate up to 8 guests. Hosts will provide the entrée and simple beverages, and guests will volunteer to bring an appetizer, side dish, salad, or dessert.

TO SIGN UP:

Stop by the table at hospitality hour in May or email juneromine@me.com, indicating whom you are registering, best phone number, and if you are willing to host.

Sign-ups will continue until May 31. Then dinner groups will be arranged with the goal of gathering persons together who do not know each other well. Hosts will contact participants to schedule a mutually agreeable date for their group.

**PLEASE JOIN IN THIS POPULAR OPPORTUNITY TO MEET
NEW FACES – OUR FIRST BREAKERS SINCE 2019!**



The Neighborhood Church Invites You To

Mother's Day Tea by the Sea

Saturday Brunch, May 11th, 2024

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM Fellowship Hall

\$25/Inspirational Woman

Please join us for brunch honoring mothers and all inspirational women, including aunts, daughters, sisters, grandmothers and other impactful women who have provided nurturing, guidance and loving during your life.

RSVP:

sundayschool@neighborhoodchurchpve.org

Or call Myra at: 310-541-8485

Save the Date

ANNUAL BUSINESS
MEETING

May 19th, 2024

11:00AM

All Women are invited to Share Ideas
and Explore the Future of Women's Fellowship



If you would like to join in that conversation and be part of the planning, you are invited to the home of Bea Walker

Wednesday, May 8 - 7 PM

Neighborhood Church is going through a very exciting transition. We are growing and welcoming many new faces in our congregation. Women's Fellowship has always been a mainstay of the church and offered great service and support to people and projects in need of assistance. We want to continue to do so, but we are in need of reviewing our role and reorganizing ourselves to be relevant to the changing times.

Our stated mission is to unite all the women of the church in Christian fellowship; to sponsor and support church activities and projects; to deepen spiritual life; to support and provide meaningful opportunities and pursuits for women; and to be of service to others and the broader community.

We are looking to revitalize how we organize and go about accomplishing these worthy goals.

If you are interested in attending this planning meeting, please contact Bea Walker for details at womensfellowshipnc@gmail.com

You can also help us plan for the future by filing out the Interest survey.

It can be emailed to womensfellowshipnc@gmail.com

Mailed to the church at 415 Paseo del Mar, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274

Handed to Bea Walker or Grace Crofton.

Brought to the Church Office and put in the Women's Fellowship mail box.

Folded and put in the offering plate ~ it will make it to the right place.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

SPRING 2024

Please check any area that might interest you.

___ I would be interested in serving on a committee to review the future of Women's Fellowship and to find ways in which to serve women, the Neighborhood Church, and those in need in the future. This may require reorganization of Women's Fellowship.

___ I will attend the Wednesday, May 8 meeting Bea Walker's house at 7 PM. RSVP beawalkerpv@gmail.com

___ Circle meetings ___ Sunday Vineyard Potluck (3rd Sunday each month)
 ___ Prefer luncheon meetings 1pm after church
 ___ Prefer evening meetings 5/5:30
 ___ Flexible time ok – lunch or dinner

___ I would be interested in an evening meeting during the week. Circle best M T W Th

___ I would be interested in a daytime meeting. Circle best days: Su M Tu W Th F Sa

I would be interested in participating in the following activities that WF may sponsor:

- ___ Women's luncheons
- ___ All church potlucks
- ___ Field Trips TBD
- ___ Game gatherings (circle interest) mahjonnng bridge other _____
- ___ WF sponsored concert
- ___ Book discussions
- ___ Flower Guild (make arrangements for Sunday Service several times a year)
- ___ Christmas Caroling event
- ___ Christmas Pageant volunteering (many different options)
- ___ Charitable Projects
- ___ Bake Sale
- ___ Other _____

To return your response to this survey:

- You may email the survey to womensfellowshipnc@gmail.com
- Put in in the Women's Fellowship mail box in the church office.
- Fold it and put it in the offering plate at church.
- Send it or hand it to Grace Crofton or Bea Walker.
- Bring it to the Steering Committee meeting on May 8.

Please add any ideas you might have for Women's Fellowship:

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

A Vineyard Circle Potluck

All Women are Welcome

*Come share a meal and warm friendship with women
of The Neighborhood Church.*

*Sunday,
May 19,
5:00 PM*



*Nancy
Pearson's
House*

**RSVP with what you will bring to share: main
dish, salad, appetizer, dessert and/or wine or
beverage**

For reservations, details and location:

Contact the hostess or

womensfellowshipnc@gmail.com

Reserve soon. Space is limited.

8am-1pm



Saturday
June 1st,
2024

CHURCH CLEAN UP

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION

Do you have time to help us maintain our beautiful church grounds? We would love to see you there!



2024

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

JUNE 24 - JUNE 28

9AM - 12PM

TO RSVP:

sundayschool@neighborhoodchurchpve.org

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AT:

[https://www.ncpve.org/upcoming-events/
2024/6/24/vacation-bible-camp-2024](https://www.ncpve.org/upcoming-events/2024/6/24/vacation-bible-camp-2024)

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THE NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCH

UPCOMING CONCERTS

SAVE THE DATES

25th Anniversary Organ Concert - Sunday June 9th 4 PM

Summer Sunday Sounds - Sunday June 30th, July 21, August 18th

Piano Concert with Timothy Yang Sunday August 11 4:00PM

A free will offering can be made for any of these concerts.

Stay tuned for more
information

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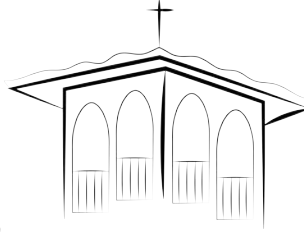


FLOWER DEDICATION

*Cathy and Jim Hendrickson dedicate the the flower
arrangement to the memory of their dear friend and teacher -
Michael Moorhead.*

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Thursday, 10AM-3PM

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