



Pastor Search Update

Session met with the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM) representatives last Sunday. COM has a few possible candidates in mind already. They recommend that we call a new pastor 3/4 time for a 2-4 year contract. At the end of this contract, we can renew it, cancel it or change it.

They will present 3 candidates to Session and we will interview them. That way, we can have a new pastor in September and avoid a lengthy search and interim pastors. At last week's Congregational Meeting, we unanimously elected our session community to be the Designated Pastor Nominating Committee. They gather again today after worship with the COM to continue their search process work. *Pray for them today and every day!* They include: Alan Ball, Caroline Yee, Chris Olson, David Kittams, Elena Loera, Deborah Brooks, Diane Ball, & Rachel Bartlett-Preston. Monte's last Sunday will be July 12th, with a going-away bash that week.

Summer Camp Fundraiser today after worship

Come to worship hungry as we'll be having a meal at which you can donate money to help raise funds to enable all of our children to attend summer camp at Westminster Woods Camp and Conference Center this summer! A week of camp costs \$475. We continue to envision sending *our* kids to grow in faith at camp as our responsibility as a community alongside their nuclear families!



Women's Worship next Sunday, June 14th

Next Sunday, June 14th will be a women led worship celebration here at Fruitvale Presbyterian Church. Joan Curtis is again helping to organize and facilitate this unique, congregational-led worship gathering. The theme for worship that day is that we are the hands of God in the world, making God visible through our service, ministry & relationships. Don't miss this special meaning-making time of testimonies, faith sharing and community-building!

Talk to Joan if you have questions or want to get involved!

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(PLEASE REMEMBER THAT FRIDAYS ARE THE PASTOR'S DAY OFF)

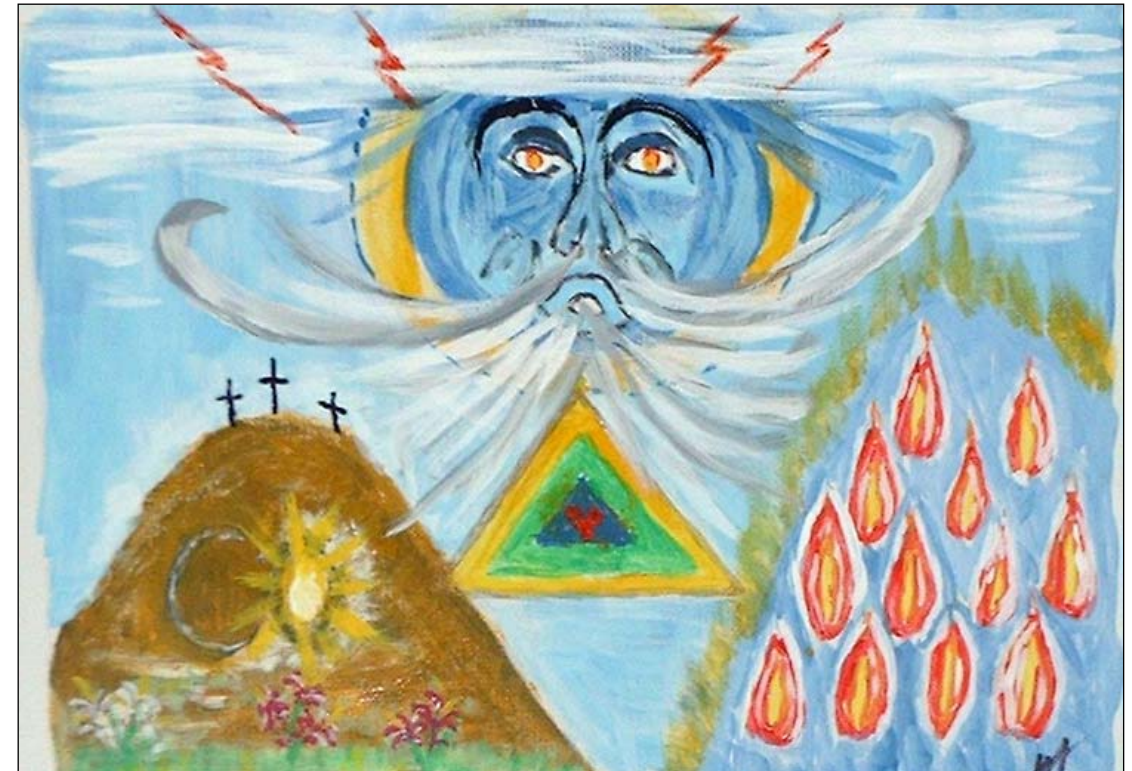
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Welcome to FRUITVALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 7, 2009



"The Trinity" by Edward Grigas

*I bind unto myself the name,
The strong name of the Trinity;
By invocation of the same.
The Three in One, and One in Three,
Of whom all nature hath creation,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
Praise to the Lord of my salvation.*

The Breastplate of St. Patrick

Welcome to Fruitvale Presbyterian Church! We're glad you here with us today! As a community, we believe that worship is a family event, where all generations participate together. If you need assistance during the service, please speak with the greeters and ushers, so that they might help you with directions or hearing assisted resources. A nursery is available downstairs for children 7 & under. Please turn off your cell phone (or set to vibrate) – We want to hear God calling all of us in worship! Activities for children are in the Narthex and in the back row of pews in plastic bins. Please come and join us for our Coffee Hour immediately after worship, downstairs in Lyman Hall.

“*” PLEASE STAND (AS YOU ARE ABLE) CONGREGATION TO READ ALOUD/SING THE **BOLD PRINT**

COMING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Gathering Music “All Creatures of Our God and King”
Welcome and Invitation to Worship - Pastor Monte McClain
Centering Prayer of Preparation

* Gathering Song: “Come and Fill our Hearts” #44 (SONGBOOK)

* Opening Affirmation - Fruitvale Youth

Leader: In the beginning,
before time, before people, before the world began,
People: God was.
Leader: Here and now,
among us, beside us,
enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven.
People: God is.
Leader: In the future,
When we have turned to dust and all we know has found its fulfillment.
People: God will be.
Leader: Not denying the world, but delighting in it,
Not condemning the world, but redeeming it,
Through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit.
People: God was. God is. God will be.

* Songs of Worship “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!” #138 (HYMNAL)

Confession of Sin:
People: God of power and might, seraphs and angels proclaim your glory throughout the earth. We shrink before the majesty of your throne, for your holiness is more than we can bear. We feel lost in your presence, for we are an unclean people with unclean lips. Touch our mouths that we might be made clean. Send us forth as your people, that we may go where you send us. Help us say with your prophet Isaiah, “Here I am, send me.” Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness and Grace:

* Passing of the Peace of God in Christ “DI YIN BE WHIN LONG DOO” (NAVAJO)
* Sung Response “Sanna” #2 (SONGBOOK)
YOU ARE INVITED TO PLAY ONE OF THE INSTRUMENTS IN THE BASKET DURING OUR JOYFUL RESPONSE!

Sharing the Faith Box with our children
Announcements

LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE

Prayer of Illumination
Reading of Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8, Romans 8:12-17
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God

Moment of Silence for Reflection and Preparation in Response to God's Written Word

AND APPLYING WHAT GOD SAYS TO OUR DAILY LIFE IN THE WORLD

Sermon “1+1+1=1 : What does God as Trinity mean for Us?” - Monte
* Responsive Song “Here I Am Lord” #525 (HYMNAL)

WE RESPOND TO GOD BY GIVING OF OURSELVES

Prayers of The People, concluded with the Lord's Prayer
Invitation to Offer Our Resources and Gifts to Strengthen the Church & Do God's Mission
Offertory
* Song of Praise “Doxology” #592 (HYMNAL)
* Prayer of Dedication - Caroline Yee

STRENGTH FOR THE JOURNEY – THE BREAD OF LIFE & CUP OF SALVATION

Invitation to the Open Table Fellowship of the Lord's Table
Communion ALL WHO SEEK CHRIST ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR TABLE CELEBRATION.
TODAY WE CELEBRATE BY REMAINING IN THE PEWS, BEING SERVED BY ONE ANOTHER.

Unison prayer after Communion

*“As this bread is Christ's body for us, let us be the Body of Christ for the World –
in our actions, words, presence and relationships,
starting here from the corner of MacArthur & Coolidge to the ends of the Earth.”*

GOD SENDS US TO SERVE IN THE WORLD IN JESUS' NAME

* Sending Song “Thuma Mina” #39 (SONGBOOK)
* Charge and Benediction:
Musical Amen: “Glory to God in the Highest”

**THIS WEEK @ FRUITVALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JUNE 7– JUNE 14**

TODAY	11:00 AM	Worship Celebration with communion served in the pews, followed by Coffee Hour
	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Session Meeting with COM (<i>Memorial Room</i>)
Tuesday	7:30 PM	AA Meeting (<i>Memorial Room</i>)
Wednesday	8:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Senior Center (<i>Lyman Hall</i>)
Friday	8:30 PM	Al-Anon (<i>Memorial Room</i>)
Next Sunday	11:00 AM	Women Led Worship Celebration, followed by Coffee Hour

LEADERSHIP NEXT WEEK

Godly Play: Stay in Worship
Worship Leader: Fruitvale Women
Preaching: Monte McClain

Affirmation: Youth
Coffee Hour:
Nursery: Josie Loera

Detail's of Last Week's Offering (05/31/09)
Envelope (regular pledges):\$1517 Loose: \$35 Designated: None
Per Capita Monies collected as of 5/31/09: \$1345

Thanks go to Elena Loera, Caroline Yee & Diane Ball for empowering such a great time of fellowship, fun and friendship at last week's bridal shower for Serena Hai?



The June edition of the Voice will be published and mail after today's Session Meeting in order to include information and decisions made at that time regarding the Designated Pastor Nominating Committee Ministry.

Pastor Monte will be at a retreat for under 40 Presbyterian Clergy entitled Alt7 from tomorrow, Monday, June 8th through Thursday, June 11th. For pastoral care emergencies during that time you can contact Pastor Sarah Reyes-Gibbs 909-5556 or Pastor Matt Prinz 856-7434. You can also reach Monte by his cell phone during the week at (510) 517-3514.



Much appreciation goes to everyone for their participation in last week's Pentecost Multicultural Potluck and in particular to all those that worked so hard in the kitchen to empower the community fun: Cecilia, Elaine, Juanita and Judy!

Underneath the back pews are **Children's Borrowing Boxes** filled with toys and books or younger children to use during worship time. Please return items to the boxes at the end of worship. Thank you!

Personal Reflection on the Scripture for Sunday, June 7, 2009

Isaiah 6:1-8 (*NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION*)

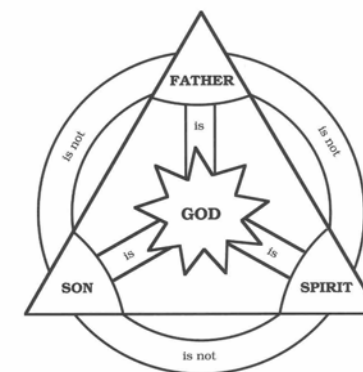
¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Romans 8:12-17 (*NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION*)

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.



Reflection Questions for going deeper:

- What word, phrase or image grabs your attention in these texts?
- Today is Trinity Sunday, when we are invited to ponder the mystery and paradox of the Trinity: One God who is Three yet one. We tend to think of it materially, asking what is God made of. Orthodox Christians tend to focus on the Trinitarian thought that God is fundamentally relational, in relationship between the Three and inviting, even pulling us, into that relationship.
- How do you experience God as fundamentally relational? What does that mean for you?
- How does it touch your life, work, relationships, challenges, today?
- How is the Spirit of God inviting you to change, act or grow through this passage?

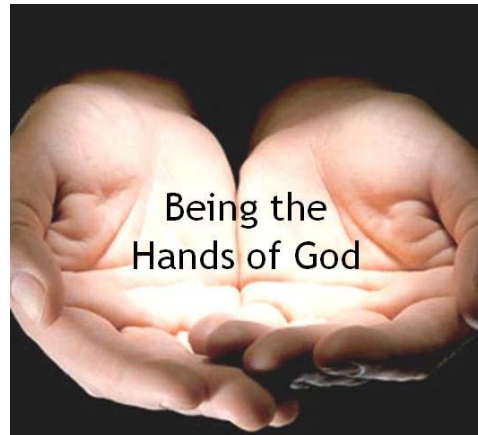
**Personal Reflection on the Scripture
for Sunday, June 14, 2009
Women-led Worship**

2 Corinthians 5:1-10 (NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION)

¹For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling— ³if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. ⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Reflection Questions for going deeper:

- What word, phrase or image grabs your attention in these texts?
- How does it touch your life, work, relationships, challenges, today?
- What does it mean to say that we are the hands of God in the world?
- How does that make you feel about yourself?; what you say?; what you do?; how you treat other people both within our church community and outside of it?
- What might that have to do with walking by faith and not by sight in verse 7?
- How is the Spirit of God inviting you to change, act or grow through this passage?



PRAYER CONCERNS

THIS WEEK AS YOU PRAY – PRAY WITH YOUR WORDS & YOUR FEET FOR:

- Irene Norgaard who has been sick recently. Send notes of encouragement to her at 4010 Masterson St. Oakland, 94619;
- Kenny Blake’s mother, Mary Sue Blake, who is very sick. Pray too for strength for Kenny. Send notes of encouragement & love to him at: 1137 Walper Street, #87, Hayward, 94541;
- For our church Session as they serve us as Designated Pastor Nominating Committee, considering pastoral candidates and discerning the right choice for our church in this season;
- Edna Frietas, continuing to recover from a recent fall and gaining strength after angioplasty. Send notes of encouragement to her at: 4238 Laguna Ave., 94602;
- Hilda, the daughter of Maria Crabb, for love, health and strength to work through her grief;
- For Mary, Heather’s Mother, family of Elaine, who has been in the ICU in Vallejo with severe breathing problems;
- Mary Owens who has progressing dementia and has been moved to Piedmont Gardens;
- Rebecca and Mark Anderson as their child grows during this time of pregnancy;
- Malia, the grand-daughter of Bill & Carmen Bryant, diagnosed recently with cerebral palsy;
- Eva, Deborah Brook’s mother-in-law, who recently turned 97 and is facing issues about staying in her own home or moving;
- Felicity Anderson (Diane Ball’s grand-daughter) as she adapts to a new life, friends and community following her recent move to Oregon. You can send her notes of love and encouragement at her new address: 15215 SE Gladstone Dr., Portland, OR 97236;
- Elena’s friend Emma and her family in need of prayer support to choose hope and life;
- Darlene Lee: pray for her health, in particular her heart & lungs;
- All those coming to our church for food that they would experience the love, power and promise of Jesus the Christ when they are here;
- Marie Jaynes who is unable to attend worship because she needs transportation. Can you help? She lives at The House of Psalms, 4648 Tompkins Ave., 94619, 482-6300;
- Carol & Ben Weir who have settled at Piedmont Gardens for health reasons. Send notes to: 33 Linda Ave., Room 2303, 94611;
- for all those that are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, and their families;
- that we may know & practice resurrection in our lives as disciples; our church as we face the challenges of ministry in the Bay Area;
- Pray for wisdom with our money, gentleness with our words, & vision for our ministry.
- Diane Ball with arthritis pain in her legs and back;
- For Kathleen (Biruta’s friend) dying of cancer and on hospice care. Pray for peace, serenity & compassion.
- For our church in this time of transition, and growth opportunity through change.

