



Welcome . We are thrilled to have you join us in worshiping at Fruitvale Pres

as part of God's extended family,
where, together, we all can seek God in community.

Please join us:

- * in standing as you are willing and able
- in singing or reading items in **bold print**

NOTE: HEARING AIDS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX.

COMING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude:	Jerry Martin
Welcome to Worship	Rev. Russell Yee
Opening Prayer	Rev. Russell Yee

***Gathering Song:**

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High, #9 (songbook)

Opening Affirmation

Fruitvale Youth
excerpted from Rev. Dr. MLK Jr.'s "Drum Major Instinct"
February 4, 1968.

One: Jesus gave us a new norm of greatness.

People: If you want to be important-wonderful.

One: If you want to be recognized--wonderful.

People: If you want to be great – wonderful.

One: But recognize that he who is greatest among you shall be your servant.

People: That's a new definition of greatness.

***Worship Hymn:**

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less, #379 (Hymnal) v. 1-3

PRAY For Each Other, the Body of Christ, Pray for...

- Larry and Steve's cousin, Randy Woods, who is undergoing treatment for prostate cancer and cancer of the thigh bone. Pray also for his sister, Linda, who is helping while he's in the hospital.
- Tess Donahue. Praise God for the healing that has taken place in her foot. Pray for continued recovery and strength.
- Those recovering from foot and/or knee surgery: Deborah Brooks, Elena and Ernie Loera. Pray for healing, strength, and a time to really rest.
- Edna Freitas: for healing, good balance, recovery, strength and good eyesight.
- Malia (grand daughter of Bill and Carmen), Marie Jaynes, Ben Weir, Biruta's friend, Ray, for health, strength, peace, and recovery.

For Our Church...  Pray for...

- a clear vision of our purpose and a spirit of a shared ministry, each of us contributing in a multitude of ways; and wisdom with our finances;
- a spirit of generosity as we learn to value and trust each other, gentleness with our words and appreciation for each other.

For Our Nation...

- for comfort for all affected by the tragedy in Tucson, especially those grieving the loss of loved ones;
- for the full recovery of Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords and all others who were injured;

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind, but now I see

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Shine, Jesus, Shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire;
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your word, Lord,
And let be light.

Prayer of Confession: Chris Olson
Congregation, please join in the Prayer of Confession

One: Martin Luther King Jr. said of the church in his letter from the Birmingham jail:
“But the judgment of God is upon the church as never before.

If today's church does not recapture the sacrificial spirit of the early church, it will lose its authenticity, forfeit the loyalty of millions, and be dismissed as an irrelevant social club with no meaning for the twentieth century.

Every day I meet young people whose disappointment with the church has turned into outright disgust.”

This statement could have easily been said today as forty years ago. Please join me as we confess our individual and communal sins so that we may return to that spirit of authenticity.

All: God of judgment, we come before you seeking mercy. We all hold prejudices, based on race, class, sexuality, culture, and more. *continued*

The hardness of our hearts keeps us from seeing your children as you do.

We cling to our own people, our own communities, our own power.

We prefer the familiar to the unfamiliar and in doing so, we miss much of your kingdom.

We confess to you in our hearts, the ways that we do this in our relationships and in our community.

**Cleanse us. Transform us.
Give us pure hearts full of your love.
Give us strong feet that follow your Son, the Lamb.**

Let us return to being the people you call us to be, generous and loving.

Let us return to being the church you call us to be, generous and loving, that we might build the beloved community here and now. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL MEDITATION

Assurance of God's Forgiveness and Grace:
Rev. Russell Yee

***Passing of the Peace: *Shalom Elohim* (Hebrew)**

***Musical Response: *Halle, Halle, Halle* #66 (songbook)**

RESPOND WITH JOY, PLAY ONE OF THE INSTRUMENTS IN THE BASKET!

Welcome
Announcements
2 Cents/Meal Offering

LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE

Prayer for God's Guidance
Reading from the Gospels:
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Chris Olson
John 1:29-42



APPLYING GOD'S WORD TO OUR DAILY LIVES IN THE WORLD

Sermon:

Behold, the Lamb of God
Rev. Russell Yee

***Responsive Song: *Amazing Grace* #280 (hymnal) 1,2,5**

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer -

Rev. Russell Yee

Invitation to Offer Our Gifts to Do God's Mission
Offertory

Jerry Martin

Song of Praise *Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Chris Olson

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Sending Song: *Shine, Jesus, Shine* #85 (songbook)**

*Charge and Blessing

Rev. Russell Yee

*Postlude:

Jerry Martin

Hear the Word of the Lord

John 1:29-42

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ ³¹ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

³² Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³ And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴ I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”

³⁵ The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

³⁷ When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

³⁹ “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). ⁴² And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter).