



**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 as a community.

Please join us:  
 \* in standing as you are willing and able  
 - in singing or reading items in **bold print**

**COMING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE**

Prelude	Jerry Martin
Welcome to Worship	Rev. Abigail King Kaiser
Opening Prayer	Rev. Abigail King Kaiser

**\*Gathering Song: *Come, Christians, Join to Sing #150***

Opening Affirmation Fruitvale Youth  
 adapted from a note from Max Lucado on "God's Steadfastness"  
 in *God's Promises for You*.

**One:** God never gives up.  
 When Joseph was dropped into  
 a pit by his own brothers,

**People:** God didn't give up.  
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**Pray ... For Each Other, the Body of Christ, Pray for...**

- Stony and adjustment to his new environment; for love and healing and for good friends and mentors.
- Darlene Lee: pray for her health, in particular for strength for her heart & lungs; for daily strength. Send notes to: 3472 Laguna, Oakland, CA 94602
- Malia (grand daughter of Bill and Carmen), Marie Jaynes, Ben and Carol Weir, Biruta's friend, Ray, for health, strength, peace, and recovery.



**For Our Church, Pray for...**

- a clear vision of our purpose during this time in the life of our church and help in our time of transition and a spirit of a shared ministry, each of us contributing in a multitude of ways;
- a spirit of generosity as we learn to value and trust each other, gentleness with our words and appreciation for each other.
- forgiveness when we harbor suspicions
- wisdom with our finances;

**For Our World, Pray for...**

- those that are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, & for their families;
- those whose livelihoods are affected by the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

## Luke 18: 1-8

### ***The Parable of the Persistent Widow***

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. <sup>2</sup>He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men. <sup>3</sup>And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

<sup>4</sup>"For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care about men, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually wear me out with her coming!' "

<sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup>And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

One: God didn't give up.  
When we give up,  
God doesn't give up.

People: May we worship with  
the persistence and boldness  
that honors the God  
who never gives up. Amen.

\*Hymn: ***Great is the Lord*** see insert

**Prayer of Confession:** Sabina Letang  
Congregation, please join in the Prayer of Confession

God who is always there, we are not always here. We do not always keep fighting when you want us to. We do not always keep asking when we know the cause is just. We give up too easily and too often. Give us the discernment we need to know when our cause is your cause. Give us the wisdom to know when the fight is worth it. Guide us in our efforts to be faithful, persistent when it serves you. Forgive us the times we have failed, transform us for your service and strengthen us for the times to come.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL MEDITATION

Assurance of God's Forgiveness and Grace:  
Rev. Abigail King Kaiser

\*Passing of the Peace: *Amani Ya Mungu* (Swahili)  
\*Musical Response: **Halle, Halle, Halle #66** (songbook)  
RESPOND WITH JOY, PLAY ONE OF THE INSTRUMENTS IN THE BASKET!

Sharing Faith with the Youth  
Welcome to Visitors  
Announcements  
2 Cents/Meal Offering

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE

Prayer of Illumination  
Reading from the Gospels:  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sabina Letang  
Luke 14:15-24



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

Sermon: *Just Keep Swimming*  
Rev. Abigail King Kaiser

\*Responsive Song: **Lord, Be Glorified**

Prayers of the People Rev. Abigail King Kaiser

### The Lord's Prayer -

Invitation to Offer our Gifts to Do God's Mission

Offertory: *We Are Hungry* Jerry Martin

\* Song of Praise **Doxology**

\* Prayer of Dedication Sabina Letang

### FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

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

\*Charge and Blessing Rev. Abigail King Kaiser  
Postlude Jerry Martin

## Hear the Word of the Lord Luke 15:8-10

### *The Parable of the Lost Coin*

<sup>8</sup>"Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.'  
<sup>10</sup>In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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