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The Purple Revolution



*From the
Pastor*

“Revolution begins with the self, in the self.”- Toni Cade Bambara,

Ephesians 4:1-6

I... urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit.

We are family, and We are family, first!

So we are in a divisive political climate—which is an understatement.

Some are elated Trump was elected and applaud his actions, some want to move to Canada, and cringe at his actions.

I love our church. I love the diversity of our church. I don't want the divisive political climate to hurt our church family. Amen?!

I want to affirm our church family: you are kind, loving, and gracious. You serve the poor through the Salvation Army, the tutoring club, and care well for each other. Many in our church have a personal or family history of the reality of internment during WWII, and out of that has come a compassion to care for the least and the persecuted and the marginalized—I love that about you!

We are a mixed church politically and yet you all have been doing great being respectful to each other in this divisive political time. I am grateful and proud of you. Thank you.

So as to continue to protect our family, here are some **Ground Rules to protect our church family:**

Rule #1. As your pastor, I will try not to take sides or be partisan from the pulpit.

However, when things are happening in our world or country, it is my job as a pastor/preacher to be relevant and help us reflect on God's Holy Scripture in light of these events. I would not be doing my calling to keep my head in the sand or keep silent.

So it is my job to remind you of Scripture and help you reflect on that as issues arise. Karl Barth, the great theologian, said “we must preach holding the newspaper in one hand and the Bible in the other.”

Rule #2. I want us to not engage in political discussions if we cannot respect the other person or cannot respectfully dialogue. So if I can't remain respectful remembering my love for the other person, best I keep my opinions to myself. However,

Rule #3. I DO want us to engage in political discussion if we CAN do so with a deep breath, with an affirmation of our respect and love for each other as brothers and sisters.

And only if we seek to listen first and truly try to understand the opinions of the other, then share our opinions. Also we must keep to the issues, but never attack the person! We can and must learn from each other. We need each other. Let us love each other first and foremost.

For 2000 years issues have threatened to divide the church. Jesus knew this would be a huge issue for his beloved church so in his final prayer for the church before he died for us, he prayed in John 17:

“that all of them may be ONE, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you...so that they may be brought to COMPLETE UNITY.”

We are family as a church and I want us all to seek to build that up and keep it sacred.

We are family as a Nation! and I want us all to seek to build that up and keep it sacred.

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So I propose to you **The Purple Revolution:**

We are not red (republican) or blue (democrat) but we are all purple! That’s right a mix of red and blue, which makes purple!

We are family as a nation and our destiny is wrapped up with each other. Amen!

-Let us together seek the good of our country and our world not the good of our party.

-Let us not play into the hand of the partisan propaganda and seek to demonize the other party.

-Let us try to listen to balanced news.

-Let us try not to speak ill of our leaders, but, of course we should speak critically of their actions when needed.

-PRAY for our leaders!

-Seek to use democratic means to change their policies if we don’t agree.

March, write letters, attend town hall meetings—**BUT when we protest let us do it in a spirit of love, not hate. Praying for those on the other side!**—for they are indeed our brothers and sisters! Amen! ML King could pray for them looking down the barrel of a gun, or as being attacked by dogs, while others were hung in trees. So we can.

Let us promote the purple revolution!

We are the purple family! Let us see us all as one United States of America!

We are one family as a church! Amen!

We are one family as a nation! Amen!

You have been an amazingly loving, understanding church in this divisive political climate. I am proud of you. So keep spreading the Purple Revolution!

“Revolution begins with the self, in the self.” Amen?!

Father make us one! Amen!

May the God of peace and love fill you to the point of overflowing,

-Pastor Dan



Easter Event Photos (from left to right): Maundy Thursday Potluck and Communion, local Pastors co-celebrating Good Friday Service, Easter Service, Easter Egg Hunt

Help Your Youth/Children Grow a Strong Foundation in Christ!!

Youth/Family Upcoming Events: Gym Nites are usually the **1st** and **3rd Friday** of each month, from **5:30 – 7:30 pm**, at **Westview**. Mark your calendars for the following dates: **May 5th, May 19th.**

Wednesday Study Series: Based on **John Ortberg’s** book, *The Life You’ve Always Wanted*, we will study how to grow the spiritual practices in our lives in this modern world that will be the center and front from which we live and thrive! Wednesday Study Series are held on the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays** of each month, **6:30 pm** at the **Paloma Del Mar Community Center, 2030 Pajaro Lane** (photo at right – Bible study at Paloma Del Mar)

For the month of May we will meet on **May 10th** and **May 24th.**



Sunday Message Series: - “Ancient Wisdom for Life – discovering the signposts set by God in the Hebrew Scriptures” so they can guide us as we walk this journey of life.

Sunday School: During Worship Service in our Youth Room

Worship Team for May 7, 2017

- Pulpit Rev. Dan Hoffman
- Chair Diane Mio
- Greeter Lynne Nagata
- Usher Steve Kajihara
- Pianist Joanne Hayashi
- Counters Diane Mio, Lynne Nagata
- Refreshments Evelyn Veal, Diane Mio

Worship Team for May 14, 2017

- Pulpit Rev. Dan Hoffman
- Chair Lynne Nagata
- Greeter Isaac Veal
- Usher Rosalie Hoffman
- Pianist Evelyn Veal
- Counters Edna Nagata, Lynne Nagata
- Refreshments Shirley Wong, Leslie Hoffman

Worship Team May 21, 2017

- Pulpit Rev. Dan Hoffman
- Chair Diane Mio
- Greeter Dick Wong
- Usher Jane Yoshida
- Pianist Joanne Hayashi
- Counters Edna Nagata, Lynne Nagata
- Refreshments Nancy Shott, Lynne Nagata

Worship Team for May 28, 2017

- Pulpit Rev. Mick Erickson
- Chair David Kadotani
- Greeter Shirley Wong
- Usher Candy McCarty
- Pianist Lynne Nagata
- Counters Jane Yoshida, Steve Kajihara
- Refreshments Susan Manabe, Eiko Stewart



The Easter Offering envelope should have been in the April issue of the Chimes but because the envelopes were delivered to us after the April Chimes mailout we have added them to the May issue of the Chimes. If you have already made an Easter donation Westview thanks you.



We resumed tutoring in February. Many of our students have much need for help in math and reading! Our Tutors are awesome!—Mary Lou Hoffman, Diane Mio, Susan Manabe, Pastor Dan, and Joanne Hayashi! If you want to join us **Thursdays 3:30-5pm** let us know! It has been a delight to reach out with love and care for our neighbors.

JACL Watsonville-Santa Cruz

Local Scholarships

Please visit our website for application and details:
www.watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org/scholarships/



Scholarships

Deadline-May 15, 2017

- Applicants will apply for scholarships by submitting generic application information that could apply to and satisfy all of the four scholarship funds.
- The JACL's Scholarship Committee will determine, based on factors such as meritorious performance; grades; participation in certain social activities and organizations, such as Kokoro no Gakko; level of volunteerism; and length of membership in the JACL, the Watsonville Buddhist Temple, and/or the Westview Presbyterian Church, which applicants receive which scholarships.
- All scholarship recipients and their parents must be JACL, Watsonville Buddhist Temple, and/or Westview Presbyterian Church members for a minimum of one year prior to receipt of scholarship.
- Unless there are extenuating circumstances, the scholarship recipient and/or his/her family must be present at the awards ceremony, which will take place at the JACL's annual community picnic, usually in the latter part of June of each year, and typically held at Aptos Village Park.

Applications can be downloaded from: <https://watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org/scholarships/>

Completed applications are due by May 15, 2017 and should be mailed to:

Dr. Brooke Rains, Chairperson
JACL Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 163
Watsonville, CA. 95077

Questions about the scholarships can be addressed to brooke.kondo@gmail.com or [\(831\) 840-8714](tel:8318408714)



Please pray for those in our Westview congregation, church family, and for those who are ill or are recovering including:

Emily Takemoto, Tina Katsuyama, Waldo Rodler, The Hayashi Family, Melissa Medrano, Doug Warner, The Family of Nancy Yamamoto, Emiko Stewart, Dorothy Mayeda, The Family of Matthew Sakata, The Family of Yukio Nagata, The Family of Rev. Tom Carr, The Family of Rev. Shousei Hanayama, Charlene Nakamura, Elijah Veal, Susan Manabe, Gary Brooten, Leslie Hoffman, Rev. Mick Erickson, Marie Nakamoto, Louise Sako, Karen Hirahara, Ted & Shigeiko Tahira, Dr. Masako Miura, Randy Hongo, Fred & Paula Sugidono, Laura Cass, Shirley Koda, and Toshio Kato.

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Easter

*Dr. Dennis & Linda Eguchi Dr. Art & Joanne Hayashi Mary Lou Hoffman Diane Mio
David & Jeanni Kadotani Steve & Irene Kajihara Lynne Nagata Nancy Shott
George & Eiko Stewart Dick & Shirley Wong Reiko Yamamoto Stephani Jarvis Tom Huang
Grace Kawano Jerry Enomoto Edna Nagata Louise Sako Jane & Robert Yoshida
Min & Marian Niiyama Floy Sakata*

Birthday

Louise Sako: 100 Year Celebration

Janitorial Fund

*Nancy Ann Shott Robert & Jane Yoshida Dr. Dennis & Linda Eguchi Teruko Fukutome
Louise Sako*

Capital Campaign

Diane Mio

General Offering

Sheri Katsuyama Michael Ortiz