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Communion Sunday

Parte del Botillo, by Immanuel Galvez, is from the Art & Spirit exhibit.

WE CELEBRATE CORPORATE COMMUNION FOUR TIMES A YEAR as a congregation. All are welcome to receive the gifts of God—the bread of life and the cup of grace. Every Sunday, individual Holy Communion is celebrated after our worship service, immediately following the Organ Postlude. We welcome you to join with others on The Chancel at the front of the Sanctuary.

The Guibord Center presents

Decoding Rituals and Symbols of Islam

Saturday, April 9 – 2-4PM – The Islamic Center of Southern California

Help us counter the hate, born of ignorance, that is aimed at the Muslim Community. Participate in an informative and enlightening afternoon at the Mosque where you can learn about Islam for yourself. Bring a friend and be part of the solution! The Islamic Center of Southern California is located at 434 S. Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles 90020. The event will be followed by wine and cheese at the home of Laura and Fred Fregin. Please register online at www.TheGuibordCenter.org/events This event is offered at no charge and free will donations will be gratefully accepted at the Islamic Center.

Book Club

Literature appreciation for those who love to read

April 10 – 12:30PM – Barnum Room

It's BYOB – Bring Your Own Book – Sunday! Bring a book you've been reading to share with the group. Inspire others and be inspired!

All the Questions You Ever Wanted to Ask About God, Faith and Religion

April 17 – 11AM – Worship Service

Have you ever listened to a sermon and wanted to ask a question about the topic, or another aspect of your faith? On April 17, you'll have your chance! Dr. Colglazier's "sermon" that day will be a free-wheeling exploration of any question you've ever wanted to ask about God, faith and religion. Start thinking of your question and join us for what promises to be a very interesting Sunday.

Annual Meeting

May 15 – 12:30PM – Shatto Chapel

Dear Friends,

It is my honor to announce that in accordance with the By-Laws of First Congregational Church of Los Angeles, the Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, May 15, 2016 at 12:30PM in Shatto Chapel. Important business will be covered, including the election of officers and passing of the budget for Fiscal Year 2016-17. This year, our children will be gifting us with a gathering song before our meeting begins, so you will want to arrive on time.

All materials will be posted on a secure, member-only section of our website in the coming weeks, including nominee photos and biographies, at http://www.fccla.org/annualmeeting. The password for members will be sent via email. On May 1, a complete Annual Report will be sent to all members with email addresses. Should you desire a hard copy of the documents, a complete set will be available after May 1 and may be obtained from Rev. Fregin.

Please mark your calendars to be with us that morning for worship as we honor our 25 and 50-year members, as well as celebrate another wonderful year at First Congregational Church.

Sincerely,
Donald Battjes, *Moderator*

Order of Worship 4.3.2016

COMMUNION SUNDAY

Liturgy of Praise

Organ Prelude Mr. Phillip Smith
"Grand Chorus" in B-flat Major *Théodore Dubois*
from "Twelve Pieces for Organ" No. 12
Chorale Prelude –
"Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend," BWV 709 *J.S. Bach*
"Six Organ Pieces" – 1. Allegretto grazioso *Frank Bridge*
Prelude in C minor, "The Great" BWV 546 *J.S. Bach*

Call to Worship Dr. R. Scott Colglazier

† **Processional Hymn** – No. 553
"Gather Us In" *GATHER US IN*

† **Invocation** Rev. Laura Fregin

† **Introit** – "Come That We Love The Lord" *arr. Dan Bird*
Cathedral Choir
Dr. Jonathan Talberg, Director

† **The Lord's Prayer** (using "debts") Rev. Fregin

† **Gloria Patri** (No. 558, congregation singing)
Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Colglazier
Please sign the red friendship pad in your pew and pass it to your neighbor.

Blessing of the Children Ms. Julianne James

Liturgy of Meditation

Meditation Anthem Cathedral Choir
"If Ye Love Me" *Thomas Tallis*

Versicles (congregation singing) Dr. Tom Eggebeen
Minister: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: And with thy spirit.
Minister: Let us pray. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
Congregation: And grant us thy salvation.
Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Congregation: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Prayer of General Confession (unison) Dr. Eggebeen
Holy One, we long to open our hearts to you,
to love you with all that we are,
with all that we have,
and with all we are becomming by your grace.
Help us to be unafraid,
help us to seek solace in your mercy,
help us to take courage as we follow you.

Assurance of Pardon Dr. Eggebeen

Pastoral Prayer Dr. Eggebeen

Liturgy of Dedication

Presentation of Offerings Dr. Eggebeen

Offertory Anthem Cathedral Choir
"Arise O God and Shine" *Mack Wilberg*

† **Doxology** (No. 562, congregation singing)
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

† **Prayer of Dedication** Dr. Eggebeen

Liturgy of Guidance

Scripture Reading – Luke 24:28–35 Ms. Deanna Wilcox

Sermon – *A Bread Story: In Five Parts* Dr. Colglazier

Liturgy of Communion

Communion and Blessing
At the direction of the ushers, please come forward to receive the gifts of bread and cup. If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand and one of our Deacons will serve you in the pew. Out of respect for all people, we use non-alcoholic grape juice and offer gluten-free wafers, along with the bread, for our Communion Service.

Communion Anthems Cathedral Choir
"Notre Père" (The Lord's Prayer) *Maurice Duruflé*
"The Cloths of Heaven" *Z. Randall Stroope*
"O Altitudo" (O the Depth) *Gimmateo Asola*

† **Passing of the Peace and Benediction** Dr. Colglazier

† **Choral Benediction Response** Cathedral Choir
"Go Forth With God" *Martin Shaw*

† **Recessional Hymn** – No. 432
"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" *CWM RHONDDA*

Organ Postlude Mr. Smith
Chorale Prelude, "Gelobet sei Gott" *Healey Willan*
from "Six Chorale Preludes," Set 1

† Please Stand

Please silence all cell phones.
For a wireless, enhanced hearing device, please see an usher.

After Today's Service

Join us for Coffee Fellowship in the Forecourt following today's service.

We will be collecting a special offering for the Deacon's Fund at the doors following today's service.
The Deacon's Fund is used to help church members facing short-term financial difficulties. Thank you for your generosity.

Altar Dedications

Sign up at the Altar Guild table after worship, or contact Sammi Smith at ssmith@fccla.org.

Host a Coffee Fellowship

Sign up at the Welcome Table after worship.

Looking Ahead!

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This Month at First Church

Participate!

Every Week at First Church

8:15AM	Cathedral Choir Rehearsal
9:30AM	Adult Education: Seekers Class
9:30AM	First Kids First: Childcare *Room 208, off the small playground*
10:15AM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
10:30AM	Prelude on The Great Organs
11:00AM	Worship Service
11:15AM	First Kids First (K–5th grade) *Music Room, 1st floor*
12:15PM	Coffee Fellowship

Seekers Class

Life From Death: Resurrection Stories

Sundays, through May 8 – 9:30AM – Founders Room

Join the Seekers class for this new study series. We'll consider some of the stories about Christ's resurrection and what they reveal about his power to bring life from death. Readings will include passages from Luke, John, Acts, and the Gospel of Mary, as well as selections from *The Trouble with Resurrection: From Paul to the Fourth Gospel* by Bernard Brandon Scott (handouts will be available).

Poetry Sunday

Mary Oliver, American Poet

Sunday, April 24 – 11AM – Worship Service

Mary Oliver (b. 1935) is known for her poignant observances of the natural world which she connects to the spiritual and the sacred. Join us on April 24 as we celebrate Poetry Sunday and the work of Mary Oliver.

Conversations of *Faith*

May Boeve, World's Leading Climate Change Activist

Sunday, May 1 – 11AM – Worship Service

May Boeve, 350.org's executive director and a leading voice for the green movement, will join Dr. Colglazier for this important dialogue on May 1.

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