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SUNDAY, APRIL 17
11AM WORSHIP SERVICE

ALL THE
QUESTIONS
YOU EVER
WANTED TO ASK
ABOUT GOD,
FAITH, AND
RELIGION

*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 bring it with you next
Sunday, or email it to Kate Grabau at
kgrabau@fccla.org.*

God...
are you there?

God...Are You There?, by Jeff Wagner, is from the Art & Spirit Exhibit

Book Club

Literature appreciation for those who love to read

TODAY at 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!



Generosity

Heartfelt gratitude to Ace Photographer **Vernon Topp** for the beautiful photographs he made and shared with First Church on Easter Sunday. Vernon has been taking photos at our worship services, concerts, and special events over the years, so you have seen his images in our publications before. Many thanks to Vernon for his talents and generosity!



Poetry Sunday

Mary Oliver, American Poet

Sunday, April 24 – 11 AM – Worship Service

Mary Oliver (b. 1935) is known for her poignant observations 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.

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

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

LITURGY OF PRAISE

Organ Prelude Dr. Christoph Bull

Hymn Improvisation

"Vic 1/Vic2" *Christoph Bull*

"Adagio in C major" *Charles Marie Widor*

"Crown Imperial" *William Walton*

Call to Worship Rev. Laura Fregin

† **Processional Hymn** – No. 31

"O How Glorious, Full of Wonder" *IN BABILONE*

† **Invocation** Dr. Tom Eggebeen

† **Introit** – "Stand Up and Praise" Cathedral Choir
Phil Azelton Dr. Jonathan Talberg, Director

† **The Lord's Prayer** (using "debts") Dr. Eggebeen

† **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 Rev. Fregin

*Please sign the red friendship pad in your pew
and pass it to your neighbor.*

Baptism – Charles Cole Bonstead Dr. Eggebeen

Son of Tyler and Rebecca Bonstead

Blessing of the Children Dr. Eggebeen

LITURGY OF MEDITATION

Meditation Anthem Cathedral Choir

"I sat down under His shadow" *Edward C. Bairstow*

Versicles (congregation singing) Rev. Fregin

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) Rev. Fregin

You know what is within us, O God.

You know the beauty and the falseness of our hearts.

You know the heights and the depths
of the human spirit.

Lead us further into the depths of our souls
that we may know the wisdom and strength
that you have placed within us.

Lead us further into the mystery of our souls
that we may be strong and wise
for the well-being of the world.

Assurance of Pardon Rev. Fregin

Silent Prayers

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Fregin

LITURGY OF GUIDANCE

Scripture Reading – Acts 9:1–6 Mr. Felix Pfiefler

† **Sermon Hymn** – No. 28

"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets" *NETTLETON*

Sermon – *I Knew It!* Rev. Fregin

LITURGY OF DEDICATION

Presentation of Offerings Dr. Eggebeen

Offertory Anthem Cathedral Choir

"Swell the Full Chorus" from Solomon *G.F. Handel*

† **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

† **Passing of the Peace and Benediction** Rev. Fregin

† **Choral Benediction Response** Mr. Luc Kleiner, Baritone

"Sevenfold Amen" *K. Lee Scott*

Cathedral Choir

† **Recessional Hymn** – No. 353

"Be Thou My Vision" *SLANE*

Organ Postlude Dr. Bull

"Crown Imperial" – Reprise *William Walton*

† 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, hosted by Roger Ipswitch, in the Forecourt following today's service.

Holy Communion is celebrated on The Chancel following today's service. All are welcome!



TODAY'S ALTAR DEDICATION
The Flowers are placed on The Altar today
in memory of my sister, **Nella**, by Sally Ross.



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).

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.

Art Sales

Art & Spirit will remain open through Sunday, April 24. Much of this incredible artwork is for sale and can be purchased by contacting Kate Grabau at 213.355.5231 or kgrabau@fccla.org. A portion of the proceeds will go to Art Division, helping them to continue providing high-quality arts education to the underserved youth of Los Angeles; a portion will also be donated to First Church, so we may continue our sponsorship of community partnerships, such as Art & Spirit.



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