



Chapel Chimes

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Dear Friends,

Having spent years of my adult life in California, first attending seminary in Pasadena, then serving churches in LA and Monterey, when I returned to the South two decades ago to live closer to my aging parents, I was smitten by springtime in Virginia. There's nothing like the joy that comes from the first sighting of a crocus or daffodil on a warmish spring morning or the flowering forsythia that evokes memories of the brilliant yellow bush on the hill by our house featured prominently in the heading-to-church-on-Easter-morning polaroid pictures of my childhood.

When I lived in Virginia, I would pull out my phone and snap a picture of a massive pear tree on a country lane near our house and send it to our daughter, Chelsea. She was teaching middle school in Seattle, where springtime wouldn't show up for another month or so. The fluffy white trees are her favorite, so Dwight and I call them 'Chelsea trees.' I would send her the photo and a few minutes later receive the reply, "Beautiful!! Those make my heart sing!" When we lived on opposite coasts nearly 3000 miles apart, seeing something Chelsea loved reminded me of her, and that made my heart sing, too. Now that I'm living back in California, I'm happy to report that Spring is bustin' out all over, to borrow, and slightly alter, a phrase from the musical, "Carousel." Wow! The flowering bushes and trees here are gorgeous! Some look familiar, others are new to my view. They're all bright beacons of God's creative glory.

Virginians hold a special fondness for dogwood trees, another springtime star. The dogwood is Virginia's state tree. Since the late 1970's, Dogwood Blight (Anthracnose), a fungal disease, has been devastating flowering dogwoods. In years gone by, when we would walk with my father a mile to the back edge of his wooded farm, he would point to the black spots on the flower petals and tell us about the blight affecting native dogwoods. He was unable to make that walk the past few years, but the dogwoods are still there in the woods and pasture, reaching up with flowering arms to the springtime sun. Now that Dad's gone, I'm trusting that he's enjoying walks through heavenly pastures and woodlands dotted with dogwoods once more. There's a legend about this beloved tree you may have heard. It's especially fitting for the season of Lent as we anticipate Easter.

As the legend goes, at the time of Jesus' crucifixion the dogwood was the size of other large forest trees. So strong was the tree that it was chosen to be the timber for the cross. To be used for such a cruel purpose greatly distressed the tree. Jesus, nailed upon it, sensed this, and in his pity for all suffering said to it: "Because of your sadness for my suffering, never again shall the dogwood tree grow large enough to be used as a cross. It shall be slender and twisted, with blossoms in the form of a cross, two long and two short petals. On the outer edge of each petal there shall be nail prints, brown with rust and stained with red. And in the center of the flower will be a crown of thorns, that all who see it will remember."

To this day, the blossoms on all dogwood trees reflect the Easter message of Jesus' compassion for the tree and for all humanity.

May God plant Springtime splendor in our souls,
Pastor Sarah

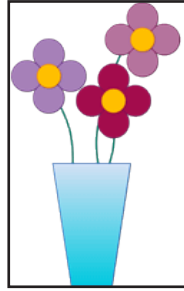


Dogwood in bloom at Parkview.

News

Fresh Flowers to Adorn Altar Again!

We are pleased to announce that the Worship Committee is again accepting floral contributions to adorn our church altar starting Apr 3. We are thankful for past participants of this beloved Parkview tradition. We will begin by contacting those on our last annual altar flowers calendar.



There are some open Sundays available, so we invite anyone, who wishes to give a floral gift to God, make a tribute to a loved one, or commemorate a special occasion, to email Judy Yee (judyfyee@yahoo.com).

Due to Covid concerns, there is a revised donation process. The donor is now in charge of both the floral presentation and clean up on Sunday. Donations should be fresh flowers, arranged in vases/containers, or floral plants in pots. Vases located below the east kitchen sink are available for your use. Please place the floral arrangement/pot on the altar by 9:45 am and remove it after the service. You may consider giving the flowers to a family with an ailing member, a church guest, nursing home, etc. Donors can prearrange to have a church volunteer handle their flowers, if they will not be at church that day. Please make a request to Judy and provide details, if you need help or need to switch your Sunday with someone else. For switches to be acknowledged in the worship bulletin, we must notify our office manager (officemanager@parkviewpc.org) by Wed 5 pm. As before, our donors will receive a reminder email about a month ahead of their scheduled Sunday. Current Schedule:

- Apr 3.** Russ & Lori Hart
- Apr 10.** Evelyn & Glenn Kubota
- Apr 17.** Edwin & Lisa Imura
- Apr 24.** Nancy Arata-Fong
- May 1.** Richard & Julie Howe
- May 8.** Gloria Okawara
- May 15.** Bill & Linda Nagata
- May 22.** Jerry & Marilyn Champa
- May 29.** Steve & Janet Hill

- Submitted by Haruko Sakakibara & Judy Yee
Flower Coordinators

Beyond Eating a Vegetarian Diet

If you've ever had the chance to ask Sherri and Victor Yee what plant-based eating is, you will find they have a wealth of knowledge from first-hand experience about the many health benefits beyond eating just a vegetarian diet. With that experience, Sherri and Victor will be special guests at ACC Senior Services in the "Living Healthier and Longer With Plant-Based Eating" online learning series hosted by registered dietitian and health advocate Robin Withrow-Wong. You will be able to watch Sherri and Victor talk about their journey to plant-based eating and cook a dish using their favorite meat substitute. Check out the ACC's *class webpage* for the upcoming schedule. In the meantime, they posted a recipe for a delicious no-tuna salad sandwich on our church website: <https://parkviewpc.org/2020/08/28/no-tuna-salad-sandwich/>.



It is worth mentioning that Victor's connection with the Asian Community Center goes back to the 1980s. At the time when many banks refused to finance the needed ACC's nursing home project, Victor played a vital leadership role in his capacity as Vice President of Sacramento Savings and Loan, helping the ACC secure a bridge loan to permit ACC to commence construction of the ACC Nursing Home and secure permanent bond financing. Known today as the ACC Care Center, the nursing home has benefited the community by providing excellent care for its residents for close to 35 years.

- Submitted by William Yee

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A Day in the Life of a Zoom Moderator

Our team's goal is to give our online worship participants the best possible experience. We appreciate the feedback from our online greeter, May Lee, and other online participants on how the sound is so we can adjust things on the spot or take it



to the team to make long-term improvements. It's a work in progress so thank you for your patience!

I work with an awesome team of Zoom moderators (Nancy Arata-Fong, who has been our go-to person for assistance or training, Judy Yee, and Lois Van Beers), May Lee, our online greeter, Jonathan Sakakibara, our sound technician, Haruko Sakakibara, our Worship Committee representative, and Kris Sasaki, the office manager. Everyone on the team does what it takes to make it happen, including covering for and helping each other as needed. I want to give you a peek behind the scenes to see what goes in to bringing the worship service to you online. This is what we do every week.

Preparation for Worship:

Receive the worship bulletin from Kris and mark it up with notes of what Zoom functions are needed and when, review the worship slides created by Pastor Sarah and Kris and report any edits.

Worship Sunday:

Arrive at church anywhere from 9-9:30, set up iPad camera on tripod, set up laptop. When worship starts, share worship slides, adjust camera to feature applicable worship speaker, pianist, and congregation. (I've relied on Jonathan, other Zoom moderators, or Russ Hart to do this for me so I can focus on the Zoom operation.) Adjust microphone on iPad according to who is speaking, record sermon so it can be uploaded to the church website, back-up the online greeter and admit participants into the Zoom meeting, read online joys & concerns to the in-person worshipers. After service, close down the equipment, document other notes as needed to update our evolving Zoom moderator instructions.

- Submitted by Lori Hart

Volunteer Spotlight: Carla Hart

Parkview is fueled by its volunteers, many of whom work behind the scenes to keep the church going.

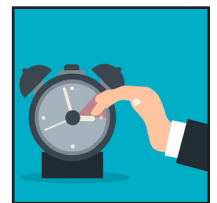
Carla has been involved with many of our outreach activities, including creating kits for the homeless. She volunteers at the SSIP Food Closet and keeps our elder members at the fore by maintaining buddies and the assembling goody bags for them.



Carla comes to church every Thursday to fold bulletins and wipe down services in preparation for worship service. Thank you, Carla, for all you do!

It's Time to Spring Forward!

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 am on Mar 13. Please set your clocks AHEAD one hour before going to bed. If you have a smart phone, it's so smart it will do the work for you!



The McKenzies have Moved to Taiwan!

Parkview sends its best wishes to W.R. and Meilynne McKenzie. W.R. has retired so he and Meilynne decided to move to Taiwan, where Meilynne has family roots. They really enjoyed their time at Parkview and say to come visit them, if your travels take you to Asia. Drop them a line at meilynne@live.com.



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In Memoriam: Daisy Seto

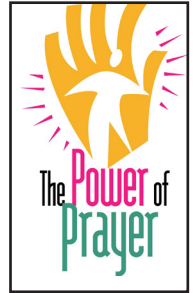
We lost a beautiful soul on Feb 22 with Daisy's passing. She was born on Oct 8, 1927. Her lovely smile, her gentle spirit, her kind and loving nature are now treasured memories to inspire us during our dark days. Despite a difficult life, she took great joy in helping others in so many ways. Before Covid, Sunday mornings would often find Daisy helping in the church kitchen. She once told me she regarded that as a kind of "call," every bit as valid as some of the more visible roles others were filling. Her unshakable faith supported her during many hard times. She spoke occasionally of her absolute conviction that God was always with her. She seemed to have an unerring ability to see the best in everyone, qualities we often could not recognize in ourselves. When I think of Daisy, I think of kindness and acceptance incarnate. I think of faithfulness, of willing service, of eagerness to help, of a loving presence. While Daisy was tiny in stature, she has left a huge hole in our Parkview community. We can best honor her by learning from the memories of her generous spirit and seeking to do likewise.

- Submitted by Maurine Huang



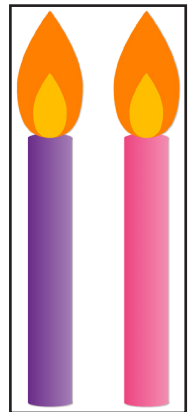
Prayer Requests

Let Parkview's Prayer Team members support you when you have a prayer need. You can use the "Pray for Me" green button on our church website or email us at prayer@parkviewpc.org. Let us know, if this prayer need should be shared during Sunday Services.



The Usher at Parkview

The duties of ushering at Parkview Presbyterian Church's worship service are simple and we would encourage anyone who wishes to offer their services at Sunday worship service to start as an usher. We volunteer as an usher every couple of months and feel honored to contribute our service and assistance to the Lord's House of Worship on Sunday mornings. Our current usher team includes Julie Chew, Judy Fukuman, Tak Fukuman, Maurine Huang, and Michael Wright. As ushers, we



1. light the candles at the altar at the beginning of the worship service,
2. oversee the offering plate/basket and assisting attendees in placing their offering in the plate/basket,
3. extinguish the candles at the end of the service, collect the offering plate, etc, and
4. if there is a first-time attendee or guest, the usher may welcome them and ask for their names so that they can be introduced.

Please contact Haruko Sakakibara if you wish to volunteer as an usher, and she will gladly add you to the rotation and provide a short training session. It will be nice to add a versatile group of volunteers to be ushers on Sunday morning!

Submitted by Judy and Tak Fukuman
Volunteer Ushers

Financial Report as of February 28, 2022:

	February	Total Yr 2022
Income:	\$24,155.78	\$34,244.09
Expenses:	\$13,643.14	\$30,650.91
Difference:		\$3,593.18

Events, Etc.

- Mar 13. Daylight Saving Time Begins.**
- Mar 13. Worship Service.** 10 am in person/online.
Worship Leader - Kishwer Vikaas
Japanese Reader - Haruko Sakakibara
Pianist - Wade Tambara
Zoom Moderator - Judy Yee
Sound System - Tom Tambara
Parking - Dave McGill
Usher - Maurine Huang
Greeters - Irene Uno, Lynn Yamamoto
Online Greeter - May Lee
- Mar 13. PPW General Meeting.** See box below.
- Mar 15. Bible Study.** 6 pm via Zoom.
- Mar 16. NO Choir Practice.**
- Mar 17. Book Club Meeting.** 1 pm. “Born a Crime” by Trevor Noah. Email officemanager@parkviewpc.org for meeting location.
- Mar 20. Worship Service.** 10 am in person/online.
Worship Leader - Judy Fukuman
Japanese Reader - Miyo Uchida
Pianist - Haruko Sakakibara
Zoom Moderator - Nancy Arata-Fong
Sound System - Jonathan Sakakibara
Parking - Russ Hart
Usher - Julie Chew
Greeters - Betsy Eskridge, Miyo Uchida
Online Greeter - May Lee
- Mar 22. Bible Study.** 6 pm via Zoom.
- Mar 23. Choir Practice.** 6:30 pm in the Social Hall.

- Mar 27. Worship Service.** 10 am in person/online.
Worship Leader - Liam Wright
Japanese Reader - Michael Wright
Pianist - Janet Hill
Zoom Moderator - Lois Van Beers
Sound System - Titus Toyama
Parking - Phil Chew
Usher - Michael Wright
Greeters - Luda Wright, Diane Younglove
Online Greeter - May Lee
- Mar 29. Bible Study.** 6 pm via Zoom.
- Mar 30. Choir Practice.** 6:30 pm in the Social Hall.
- Apr 3. Worship Service.** 10 am in person/online.
Worship Leader - Betsy Eskridge
Japanese Reader - Haruko Sakakibara
Pianist - Haruko Sakakibara
Zoom Moderator - Lois Van Beers
Sound System - Jonathan Sakakibara
Parking - Gary Younglove
Usher - Judy Fukuman
Greeters - Mitch Lorens, Sue Lorens
Online Greeter - May Lee
- Apr 3. Chapel Chimes Deadline.** Send articles (350-word maximum) and photos to officemanager@parkviewpc.org by 5 pm.
- Apr 5. Prayer Team Meeting.** 7 pm via Zoom.
- Apr 6. Worship Committee Meeting.** 6 pm via Zoom.
- Apr 15. Good Friday Service.** 7 pm at SJUMC.

PPW General Member Meeting

- This year’s general meeting of Parkview Presbyterian Women will take place on Mar 13 at 1 pm. Zoom ID:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87627609339>
Agenda:
1. Approval of a new slate of officers, committee chairs, and members.
 2. Review and approval of revised bylaws.
 3. Decision of whether/when to hold an officer installation/celebration.

Worship with Us In Person or Online:

Login info is available at <https://parkviewpc.org/worship-with-us/>. Worship programs are posted on our website.

Contact Us:

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Christine Umeda: session@parkviewpc.org
Kris Sazaki: officemanager@parkviewpc.org

Explore the Website:

Visit our website at <https://www.parkviewpc.org/> to find Zoom links and other information you need to stay connected with Parkview.

Thank You for Your Support!

Thank you so much for your kind and generous donations. Acknowledgment letters and postings in the *Chapel Chimes* may be in reverse order. Thank you for your patience. Contact officemanager@parkviewpc.org with any questions.

In Appreciation of the Parking Attendants: Anonymous

In Celebration of Her Birthday: Haruko Sakakibara

In Memory of Harry Fujii: Bill & Linda Nagata

In Memory of Mary Umeda Kawanishi (Stan Umeda's Aunt): Victor & Sherri Yee

In Memory of Craig Miyamoto: Fumi Nakata

In Memory of Ralph Nishimi: Fumi Nakata

In Memory of Daisy Seto: Jerry & Marilyn Champa, Russ & Lori Hart, Brian & Leah (Fujiwara) Kanegawa, Jane Matsuoka, Jonathan & Haruko Sakakibara, Merijune Tokuno, Rick & Irene Uno, William & Judy Yee, Gary & Diane Younglove

In Memory of Sanae Uchida (Miyo Uchida's Father): Russ & Lori Hart

In Memory of William Woody (Diane Younglove's Father): Tak & Judy Fukuman, Carla Hart, Fumi Nakata, Bill & Linda Nagata, Cathy Nishizaki, Wade & Tom Tambara, Titus & Donna (Komure) Toyama, Victor & Sherri Yee, Gary & Diane Younglove

In Memory of Teruko Wright: Tak & Judy Fukuman, Jerry & Maurine Huang, Jonathan & Haruko Sakakibara, Titus & Donna (Komure) Toyama

In Recognition of the Parkview Choral Groups: Anonymous

In Support of South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership (SSIP): Carla Hart, Titus & Donna (Komure) Toyama, William & Judy Yee



How to Donate

- **By Mail.** Make checks out to Parkview Presbyterian Church. **Please do not send cash.**
- **Online.** Please go to <https://www.parkviewpc.org/> and click on the "Support Parkview" tab and select "General Fund." Use the Notes section to provide additional information about your donation, i.e. "in memory of" or "xx fund." You can use credit card or bank transfer, donate one time only or set up regular donations.
- **In Person.** You may drop off your donation during worship service.



WHISPERS OF WORSHIP

Jeremiah 29:12 "Then you will call on Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you"

During this season of Lent, we invite you to reflect and share your thoughts with one another.

Was there something you learned from the sermon? Some music that made your heart sing? A prayer that opened you up to God? A nudge from God's Spirit that brought you comfort, challenge or joy? Share with us.

Send a zoom chat or take a moment to add a post-it note to the Whispers of Worship (WOW) board located in the church foyer.

Poster created by Leah Nishizaki