



Chapel Chimes

727 T Street • Sacramento, CA 95811 • April 2022

Dear Friends,

Have you ever been cleaning out your storage closet or attic and come across the Easter decorations? And dig through the Easter grass at the bottom of an Easter basket to find a leftover jelly bean or two? Well, here are a few nuggets of Easter wisdom I came across recently. File these under “Things We Learned from Easter Egg Hunts:”

- How is it for 364 days of the year adults say, “What are you doing? We do not eat things we find on the ground!” But on Easter, those same adults say, “C’mon kids, let’s go out and search in the grass and dirt for eggs a strange animal left for you!”
- If six kids can pick up 200 eggs in a grassy area the size of a football field in ten minutes, why does it take two kids two months to pick up five toys in a small bedroom?
- If you see a rabbit laying little brown eggs, don’t eat them. They’re not chocolate.

I wonder what people in America think when they read the story of Jesus rising from the dead for the first time? They might re-read it, surprised they can’t find a single mention of bunnies, dyed eggs, or white sales at Macy’s. Because that is what our culture thinks Easter is about: chocolate rabbits, jelly beans, and new clothes. But all this has very little to do with the actual story, because the gospel story isn’t fancy; it’s messy and mysterious.

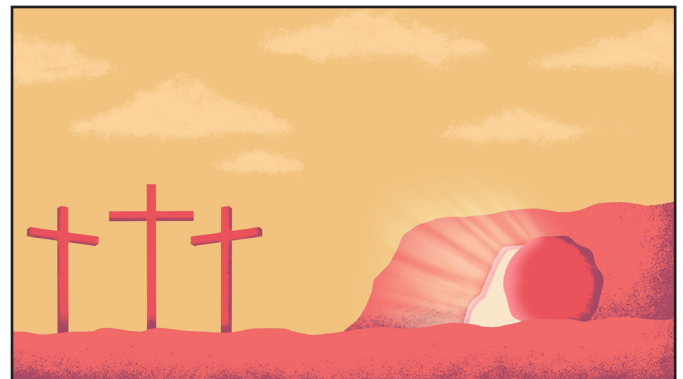
Sorrow and love are light sleepers, and Luke’s gospel reports that early dawn found the grieving women on their way to Jesus’ tomb. The women arrived at His tomb, bringing spices they had prepared to anoint His decaying body. At the tomb, they discovered that angel hands had rolled away the stone, and Jesus’ body was not there. As they stood in the empty tomb wondering what it all meant, two men in dazzling clothes appeared and asked them, “Why do you look for the living One among the dead? He is not here, He has risen.” So, the women hurried back home and told the disciples, and they all threw a welcome-back party for Jesus. Well, not exactly. The disciples didn’t believe them. They thought the women were freaked out by Jesus’ death: that they were excitable and unreliable, and -- one of my least-favorite gender-specific adjectives -- hysterical. They thought the women were talking nonsense and told them to go take an aspirin and lie down. How’s that for an underwhelming reaction to the greatest event in Christianity?

Easter in the Bible may be the greatest story ever told. It’s just not a story the disciples could believe in until they saw the evidence themselves. And it’s not the story we usually tell, because it’s not a story about new dresses and candy baskets and spring flowers. It’s a story about death and disbelief and confusion. It’s about the way God never seems to conform to our expectations. So, while we in churches may want to tidy up Jesus so that Easter visitors will be impressed, the God of Easter, the One who brings life out of death, doesn’t want to make us impressive. God isn’t satisfied with making us good or nice. God isn’t about making us spiffy. God is about making us new. And new doesn’t always look perfect, with a stunning new outfit, because like the Easter story itself, new can be messy.

Thanks be to God for Easter, the Day of days. For the reminder not to seek the Living One among the dead for He is alive, and He lives in us. The One who refuses to let death have the last word over our world offers to raise us to new life every day, delivering us from the grip of disappointment and despair and inviting us to walk with Him in newness of life.

Happy Easter!

Pastor Sarah



News

Report from Session

At the Mar 10 meeting, the following actions were taken:

- *Health and Safety.* Mask requirement to remain in place for time being in order to protect health of congregation and visitors. Also, policy of no indoor food preparation or eating indoors will continue.
- *Easter Sunday.* Easter Sunday celebration, including an Easter egg hunt, to be held in the courtyard.
- *Finances.* A financial advisory team has been formed to consider investment options for funds generously donated to Parkview. The team will be meeting with a financial advisor to discuss what Parkview may be able to do to help alleviate the 2022 budget deficit.
- *Church Sustainability.* Recent seminar by Presbyterian Church U.S.A. touched on issues of church funding and congregational giving. In order to sustain Parkview's ministry, speaker may be asked to speak to Parkview's congregation.
- *Building & Grounds.* A team will be created to consider usage of the Heiwa and Kansha buildings as a possible source of revenue and ministry for Parkview.
- *Upcoming Events (Stay tuned):*
 - » Installation of: Pastor Sarah
 - » 2024 Session members
 - » PPW officers
 - » Parkview's 110th Anniversary

- Submitted by Irene Uno

Volunteer Spotlight: Liam Wright

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

Liam has been serving as worship leader since last year when he was only eight years old! Now nine, Liam performs all his duties with care and confidence. From scripture readings to the prayer of dedication, he is always prepared. He also sometimes plays piano songs during service. Thank you, Liam, for being an inspiration to us all!



May Lee Honored at Sac State

The Board of Trustees of the California State University conferred the 2022 Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to May O. Lee, founding director of Asian Resources Incorporated.



The Sacramento State University President hosted a reception at the historic Julia Morgan House on Apr 6. The university honored distinguished individuals for their exemplary contributions and positive impact on their communities and the world at large by bestowing upon them the University's highest honors. May will also be honored among the recipients of the 2022 President's Medal for Distinguished Service and Honorary Doctor of Humanities and Sciences at the University's commencement ceremonies. Congratulations, May, for a life of inspirational service, advocacy, and providing pathways in the lives of many.

- Submitted by Carol Sakai

Parkview New Member Information Session

Are you interested in finding out more about Parkview Church and what is involved in becoming a member of this faith community? Are you curious about what Presbyterians believe and how they live out their Christian faith? If your answer to either of these questions is "yes" or "maybe," then please join Pastor Sarah and other congregational leaders for an hour after worship service on Apr 24. We will have snacks and a discussion on how Presbyterians apply the Christian scriptures and tradition to shape our personal and corporate faith practices. Participating in this session does not obligate you to join the church - it is an opportunity to learn more. If you plan to attend, please email Pastor Sarah at revdrnave@gmail.com. Thanks!

P.S. We are very excited to be welcoming a new member into the Parkview Church family during a worship service in May!

News cont'd.

Parkview's Audio Operators

When you look at the back of the sanctuary, you will notice a large black trunk. This box houses Parkview's new state-of--the-art audio system, which was installed last year. It controls the five wireless microphones for in-house use. These



mics can be used in every location of the church. Of course, without our new speakers, this system would not be able to deliver the audio to the congregation. We have four new speakers in the sanctuary, two in the social hall and two in the kitchen. When you come to church, you will be able to hear the audio loud and clear.

We have a dedicated group of Parkview volunteers who arrive at church 30 minutes before worship and start the system up and perform microphone checks. It really is a simple process which begins with opening the box in the back, then switching on the speakers in the sanctuary and turning on the control box. That's it! We then operate the control panel during the service and adjust the audio levels of each microphone, if needed.

The current volunteers on the audio team are: Jerry Champa, Dave McGill, Cathy Nishizaki, Jonathan Sakakibara, Tom Tambara, and Titus Toyama. We want to give a special thank you to the Tambaras, who championed bringing this audio system to Parkview.

- Submitted by Jonathan Sakakibara

Parkview to Host Benefit Concert for Ukraine

You are invited to Parkview Church for a fundraising concert in support of Ukraine on May 1 after worship service at 11:30 am. This 30-minute event is open to the public. Masks are required. We will hear



the violin performance of Igor Veligan, accompanied by his wife, Mira Veligan. Christians born and raised in Ukraine, Mr. and Mrs. Veligan hold their country and people dear to their hearts

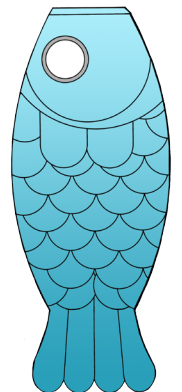
Mr. Veligan is a faculty member of the Conservatory of Music in violin, viola, and chamber music at the University of Pacific. As an orchestra performer, he serves as concertmaster of the Pacific Chamber Symphony. He has served as a guest concertmaster of the Sacramento Philharmonic and principal violist with the Reno Philharmonic.

The proceeds from this concert will be donated to the Ukrainian Heritage Club of Northern California, where Mrs. Veligan has been a member for 25 years. The money will be used for wounded soldiers and civilians. It will also go to elderly people who could not evacuate the country. You may donate at the concert or online at www.parkviewpc.org. Please write "Ukraine" in the notes.

- Submitted by Haruko Sakakibara

One Great Hour of Sharing

The Presbyterian Church (USA) invites us every year at Easter to consider what we are able to give to work towards disaster assistance, alleviation of hunger, and community building in the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering. You can learn more about the OGHS at <https://pcusa.org/oghs>. To make your offering, you may send your check to Parkview or submit your offering online at <https://parkviewpc.org>. Please write OGHS in the notes.



We will be collecting offerings until April 25. Thanks!

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.



News cont'd.

Good Friday Worship Service is April 15

Our joint service with the Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church begins at 7:00 pm. Join us . . .

- in person at SJUMC, 6929 Franklin Blvd
- via YouTube <https://youtu.be/kdyB6m-h7OU>
- via Zoom

Meeting ID: 834 2498 2731

Password: 373498

Call in to listen: 669.900.6833

Easter Celebration is April 17

Let's all join together in the courtyard for refreshments after the worship service. Everyone is invited to bring treats to share with the Parkview family. Please bring them individually wrapped and ready to serve.



- PPW will provide a cake.
- There will be an Easter egg hunt for the children.
- We will assemble special Easter bags to extend our friendship and spiritual fellowship with seniors at home.

CROP Walk Scheduled for May 22

Join Parkview in a walk around Southside Park and raise funds to help end hunger, both worldwide and locally. [Click here](#) to register and to donate. Meet in front of the church after worship service. The CROP Hunger Walk is a



nationwide movement founded by Church World Service to raise funds to end hunger and poverty in the U.S. and around the world. Hundreds of religious groups, businesses, schools and others organize local Walk events in their communities each year, while others join the National Walk and choose their own location and experience. This year 25% of the total funds raised from the Sacramento CROP Walk will help South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership.

PPW Officer Installation

Please join Parkview Presbyterian Women for our officer installation and celebration. It will be held on May 15, at 11:30 am after worship service in the church courtyard. and will include individually wrapped edibles. Pastor Sarah Nave has graciously agreed to be our guest speaker. In a one-time departure from our tradition, we invite Parkview members and supporters to attend. Please observe our Covid protocols.

Memorial Service for Daisy Seto Scheduled

Daisy's memorial service will be held at Parkview on May 7 at 2 pm. A reception will take place after the service. Masks are required.



Postlude Added to Worship Program

Parkview's Session is inviting the Parkview family to remain seated during the Postlude to enjoy the music provided by our pianists. We want to honor the musical gift they offer to us, and to God, by sitting back down after we sing Shalom. The Postlude provides a peaceful moment to catch our breath and reflect on what we've experienced during the service before we stand up and greet each other before leaving the sanctuary. If you need to leave right after service, please feel free to do so. And go with God's blessings. If you can sit down and enjoy the Postlude and honor our terrific musicians, please do. Thank you.

Financial Report as of March 31, 2022:

	March	Total Yr 2022
Income:	\$8,528.81	\$42,772.90
Expenses:	\$14,330.49	\$44,981.40
Difference:		(\$2,208.50)

Events, Etc.

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.

- Apr 10. Palm Sunday Worship Service.** 10 am.
Worship Leader - Donna Komure-Toyama
Japanese Reader - Mieko Davis
Pianist - Wade Tambara
Zoom Moderator - Lori Hart
Sound System - Tom Tambara
Parking - Dave McGill
Ushers - Bill Grissom, Maurine Huang
Greeters - Judy Fukuma, Jana Nakase-Lee
Online Greeter - May Lee
- Apr 12. NO Bible Study.**
- Apr 13. Choir Practice.** 6:30 pm in the social hall.
- Apr 15. Good Friday Service.** 7 pm. See page 4.
- Apr 17. Easter Worship Service.** 10 am.
Worship Leader - Kishwer Vikaas
Japanese Reader - Miyo Uchida
Pianist - Haruko Sakakibara
Zoom Moderator - Nancy Arata-Fong
Sound System - Cathy Nishizaki
Parking - Russ Hart
Ushers - Julie Chew
Greeters - Jerry Champa, Sue Lorens
Online Greeter - May Lee
- Apr 18. PPC Legacy Meeting.** 7 pm via Zoom.
- Apr 19. Bible Study.** 6 pm via Zoom.
- Apr 20. Choir Practice.** 6:30 pm in the Social Hall.
- Apr 21. Session Meeting.** 1 pm.
- Apr 21. Book Club Meeting.** 1 pm. "The California Trail" by George R. Stewart. Email officemanager@parkviewpc.org for meeting location.
- Apr 24. Worship Service.** 10 am.
Worship Leader - Phil Chew
Japanese Reader - Michael Wright
Pianist - Wade Tambara
Zoom Moderator - Judy Yee
Sound System - Titus Toyama
Parking - Phil Chew
Ushers - Maurine Wright

Greeters - Pattie Hashimoto, Gary Younglove
Online Greeter - May Lee

- Apr 24. New Member Information Session.** See page 2 for details.
- Apr 26. Bible Study.** 6 pm via Zoom.
- Mar 30. Choir Practice.** 6:30 pm in the Social Hall.
- May 1. Worship Service.** 10 am.
Worship Leader - Christine Umeda
Japanese Reader - Haruko Sakakibara
Pianist - Haruko Sakakibara
Zoom Moderator - Nancy Arata-Fong
Sound System - Jonathan Sakakibara
Parking - Gary Younglove
Ushers - Judy Fukuman
Greeters - Bill Grissom, Herning Grissom
Online Greeter - May Lee
- May 1. Benefit Concert for Ukraine.** 11:30 am.
See page 3 for details.
- May 1. Chapel Chimes Deadline.** Send articles (350-word maximum) and photos to officemanager@parkviewpc.org by 5 pm.
- May 2. Pastor Sarah Away at Conference.** Thru May 4.
- May 3. Prayer Team Meeting.** 7 pm via Zoom.
- May 7. Memorial Service for Daisy Seto.** 2 pm.
See page 4 for details.
- May 11. Worship Committee Meeting.** 5 pm via Zoom. Note special date/time.
- May 15. PPW Installation.** 11:30 am. See page 4.
- May 22. CROP Walk.** 11:30 am. See page 4.



Contact Us:

Office phone: 916.443.4464
Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave: pastor@parkviewpc.org
Christine Umeda: session@parkviewpc.org
Kris Sazaki: officemanager@parkviewpc.org

Explore the Website:

Visit our website at <https://www.parkviewpc.org/> to find meeting 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 Prayers for Her Father: Miyo Uchida

In Memory of Don Price (Maurine Huang's Stepbrother): Titus & Donna Toyama, Hach & Linda Yasumura

In Memory of Daisy Seto: Phil & Julie Chew, Betsy Eskridge & Lois Van Beers, Tak & Judy Fukuman, Bill & Linda Nagata, Cathy Nishizaki, Ken Okawara, Stan & Christine Umeda, Hach & Linda Yasumura, Victor & Sherri Yee

In Memory of Sanae Uchida (Miyo Uchida's Father): Marilyn Champa, Betsy Eskridge & Lois Van Beers, Tak & Judy Fukuman, Carla Hart, Bill & Linda Nagata, Stan & Christine Umeda, Lynn Yamamoto, Hach & Linda Yasumura

In Memory of William Woody (Diane Younglove's Father): Betsy Eskridge & Lois Van Beers, Bill & Linda Nagata, Stan & Christine Umeda

In Memory of Teruko Wright: Betsy Eskridge & Lois Van Beers, Jonathan & Haruko Sakakibara, Stan & Christine Umeda

In Support of SSIP Full Plates/Full Hearts: Phil & Julie Chew, Betsy Eskridge & Lois Van Beers

Thank you in advance for your Easter offering.

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.

Scam Alert

Emails have been circulating anew claiming to be from Pastor Sarah, who "needs" a favor, etc. Please do not respond to these emails. Just delete them. Pastor Sarah never asks for favors or money. If she does need something, she will call. Thank you for staying alert!

