



# Chapel Chimes

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Dear Friends,

The last few months, by nearly any measure, have been difficult. Many of us are reeling from disruptive, disheartening and damaging decisions and events in our country and world. Many of us are heartbroken and angry and ready to resist powers that are dismantling democracy in our country. This month in the Christian Church we proclaim Jesus' death and resurrection. It is a profound privilege but also a daunting responsibility. An insistent call to proclaim emerging warmth and light in the midst of a dark, cold land.

In 1918, English poet and Jesuit priest Gerard Manley Hopkins wrote a poem about a deadly shipwreck. This prayer is in it: "Let him easter in us, be a dayspring to the dimness of us." These days many of us are tired. Many of us are yearning for hope. Some of us may even feel shipwrecked. But Jesus, who rose from the grave, easters in us. He meets us where we are and gives us, as Romans 6 says, "newness of life."

In an Easter essay, Tish Harrison Warren and Jonathan Warren Pagan describe a pattern in Church history in which the Church in a period of vitality slowly grows bored and apathetic. The gospel no longer dazzles. It no longer transforms. Then, people grow skeptical, and ultimately contemptuous of faith. Many lose heart and fall away. The Church seems to lose herself, forget who she is, and have no confidence in her story. But this is a phase that precedes the Spirit's work of renewal. As the Church gets weaker and things look bleaker, the Spirit begins the silent work of rejuvenation. For when we are weak, God is strong. (2 Corinthians 12:9) When we are winded, the winds of the Spirit begin to stir God's people anew. As people grow dissatisfied with the Church, and the world as it is, they are also increasingly certain that they are incapable of solving the

world's problems in their own strength. Small groups of people begin to pray and live as if the resurrection is a central fact of history. And the Church of Jesus Christ is reborn. God's gospel message of renewal, of discovering life and hope, healing and wholeness, in the midst of death and despair, is resurrected.

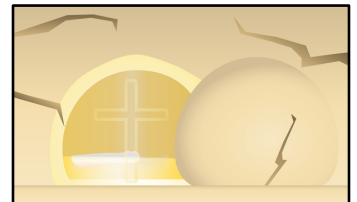
We-our country, our world, our Church, and ourselves- are a people longing for hope. This Easter, as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, we need to be reminded that Jesus hasn't abandoned the Church, or the world, even when it seems weary and sometimes, wrecked. There is a profound work of God's Holy Spirit happening in the Church and in us, even now. Jesus showed up most powerfully, not in prosperity, not when things seemed to be going well, not in political dominance, but in a grave. As a stone that was rolled away to release unending life. This Easter, may He easter in us, be a dayspring to the dimness in us, so that we may become people transformed by Jesus' victory over sin and death and evil. People who announce God's good news to a world in search of lifegiving hope.

- Pastor Sarah

*"Another world is not only possible, she is on her way. On a quiet day, I can hear her breathing."*

- Arundhati Roy,  
author of

*The God of Small Things*



# News

## March Report from Session

The Session did not have a regular meeting in February; instead, there was a Session retreat. At the March 20, 2025 meeting of the Session the following matters were reported, voted upon, and/or discussed:



- The following matters were voted on via email and were ratified at this meeting:
  - Parkview will be a signatory for a letter supporting the creation of a public education fund which was recommended by California's Black Reparations Task Force.
  - Church Statistical Report approved.
  - Approval for concrete work near the end of the courtyard ramp which was not included in the Safety & Security grant.
- Review of the church rolls for 2024 (required by Presbyterian Church U.S.A.)
- Volunteers are needed to do the 2024 financial audit
- Plans are being made to re-paint the parking space lines and numbers
- Approval given to Pastor Rola so she can use signs that will direct students to her classes
- Session is considering having a moveable yard sign placed on the front lawn which welcomes all people to join us in worship
- Session decided not to increase the number of parking spaces to rent out
- An informational presentation by a Mental Health worker will be planned for May or June, so that we can learn how to talk to and help people we may encounter who have mental health issues
- Summerfest fundraiser for this year has been canceled. This event is now scheduled for June 28, 2026 (wrong date was mentioned in the March Chapel Chimes).
- A "Welcome to Parkview" brochure has been drafted and is under review
- Easter lilies or plants: The worship team will be requesting interested people to bring a plant to church on Easter Sunday to beautify the sanctuary and to take the plant home after church service.

Submitted by: Terri Bowman, Clerk of Session  
Session members: Jody Brown, Judy Fukuman,  
Donna Komure-Toyama, Aki Kumagai,  
Jana Nakase-Lee, Gary Younglove

## One Great Hour of Sharing

Every year, Parkview collects donations from Lent through Easter Day to help support three of PC (USA)'s programs: Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. We would be very grateful if you could help with a donation to Parkview. Write OGHs in the note section of your check or online donation. We will tally all the donations together and send the total to PC USA. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



## Volunteer Spotlight: Memorial Service Liaisons

*Parkview is fueled by its volunteers, many working behind the scenes to keep the church going.*

Carla Hart and Donna Komure-Toyama volunteer in many roles at Parkview, but it may be their work as the family liaisons for memorial services that is most appreciated. They have been described by families as both professional and compassionate. Thank you, Carla and Donna, for representing Parkview in its best light!



## Open Sundays in 2025 Altar Flower Calendar

There are still some Sundays available in the 2025 calendar: June 1, July 13, and August 31. Please contact Judy Yee at [judyfye@yahoo.com](mailto:judyfye@yahoo.com) with your date request or for more information.



## Financial Report as of March 31, 2025:

	March	Total Yr 2025
Income:	\$26,277.21	\$66,429.69
Expenses:	\$18,100.24	\$50,359.69
Difference:		\$16,070.00

# News

## Crop Walk Scheduled for April 27

Please join us after worship service on Sunday, April 27, for our annual Church World Service CROP Walk. We will be walking around Southside Park. While 75% of the funds raised will go to support CWS's world-wide missions, the remaining 25% will support South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership. As you know, some fifteen Parkview members have been volunteering at SSIP since 2022. Please go to <https://parkviewpc.org/2025/02/28/join-the-crop-walk-to-end-hunger-on-april-27/> to read the full article, learn more about the important work CWS does, and to register to walk, donate, or support walkers. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

- Submitted by Maurine Huang

## Parkview Goes to the Music Circus

Join your Parkview friends at the Music Circus performance of *West Side Story*

- Thursday, July 17, 2025
- 1:30 pm matinee



For more information, contact any of the PPW Activities Committee members:

- Lori Hart ([lori.f.hart@gmail.com](mailto:lori.f.hart@gmail.com))
- Cathy Nishizaki ([cathyjnish@gmail.com](mailto:cathyjnish@gmail.com))
- Carol Sakai ([hawaiianlcs@gmail.com](mailto:hawaiianlcs@gmail.com)).

A limited number of tickets available. Tickets are \$69 payable to Parkview Presbyterian Women (PPW) with notation "Music Circus." Payment is due by May 18, 2025 to Treasurer Betsy Eskridge. Dinner to follow the performance at Sellands on Broadway.

Thank you to Victor and Sherri Yee for arranging group discount tickets with great seats for Parkview. Victor and Sherri have coordinated and supported this event with the PPW Activities Committee for many years. We appreciate all they do for Parkview. See you at the Music Circus!

- Submitted by Carol, Cathy, & Lori  
PPW Activities Committee

## A Word from Rola

Hello Parkview, here's what's happening at Iama Embodied Ministries.

Our Monday evening series is officially underway—we've had three rich and beautiful gatherings so far, combining embodied practices, storytelling, and gentle theology.

After sharing with Parkview Presbyterian Women what we mean by trauma-informed and somatic theology on March 30th, we're now exploring the Easter story through that same lens. The Easter narrative is a confusing one for many. From a somatic or trauma-informed perspective, it can feel especially charged: death, betrayal, abandonment, and resurrection all packed into one weekend. But what if we pause and notice what often gets overlooked? Saturday.

That in-between space—after death, before resurrection. The silence. The disorientation. The waiting. The Christian narrative doesn't always dwell here, but I believe (controversial as it may be) that this pause is the most important part of the story.

Because many of us live there. In the grief between what was and what's not yet. In the ache of letting go without knowing what comes next. I know this is where I find myself currently—in a cycle of death and rebirth, and in that pause in between.

Whether or not you hold to the resurrection as historical fact, the story speaks to a deeper human truth: that life is full of little deaths and surprising rebirths. That pain is inevitable—and so is transformation.

So if you're in a season that feels like death, know you're not alone. And if you're stuck in the Saturday in-between, as many of us are, hang in there.

Many before you have walked this path, and it is not a linear journey but a cycle. The body breaks and heals, and in between, the silence of transition is painful, but somehow, life always finds a way.

We'll be unpacking this embodied approach to Easter in our next gathering on Monday, April 14 at 6 pm.

With love, Rola

P.S. Check out our page on the PPC website—thank you to Kris for setting it up!

Follow us on Instagram at [@embody.iama](https://www.instagram.com/embody.iama) for updates and reflections.



# News

## Meet Parkview's Newest Member – Louis!

A warm welcome to Louis Espinoza Reza, who became an active member of Parkview during worship on Sunday March 16. This date is Mr. Rogers Sunday in the Presbyterian Church, so after Louis answered the three questions for membership, Parkview's choir and congregation sang the theme song from the Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood TV show, "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" Louis was invited to Parkview by his friend, Tia Kilpatrick, in 2023. He began attending worship regularly in 2024 and enjoyed meeting Parkview's friendly church family and eating delicious food at coffee hour. He's interested in helping out with Parkview's service projects, like the SSIP food pantry. Louis is currently a full-time student at Sac City College and hopes to major in psychology. We're so glad that Louis came to visit us in the Parkview neighborhood! We're delighted to warmly welcome Louis as a member of the church family. Welcome, Louis!



Submitted by Pastor Sarah

## And More Good News...Another Delightful New Member Joins Parkview on Palm Sunday!

On Palm Sunday, April 13, during morning worship, we'll welcome Jack Nordman into active membership at Parkview. Jack was looking for a church earlier this year and visited Parkview. The church family was very welcoming, and he enjoyed the music, he said. Jack kept attending worship, met more nice people, and decided that he wanted to make Parkview his church home. We're so happy to welcome Jack into the church family on Sunday April 13!



Submitted by Pastor Sarah



## Congratulations, Tia!

Our very own Tia Kilpatrick was recently selected to be a presenter at the California Mania Fitness Pro Convention in Burlingame, CA. Tia combines her background in the humanities with fitness expertise to create uniquely musical and thoughtful classes in indoor cycling, Pilates, Qi Gong, and mobility. Among her many classes, she is currently teaching fall prevention and strengthening at Belle Cooledge Community Center, 5699 South Land Park Drive. There are still spaces available at her Friday 10:30 am class. As one of her students, I can attest to Tia's talent and expertise. She is an amazing teacher! I don't even groan anymore when I stand up out of a chair!



- Submitted by Kris Sazaki



## PPW Officer Installation

On March 30, 2025, the Parkview Presbyterian Women installed new leadership for 2025-2026. PPW then enjoyed a festive luncheon in the social hall with a presentation by Rev. Rola Al Ashkar on embodied listening. [Click here](#) or visit our website to view the slideshow.





# Upcoming Events

## Worship with Us In Person or Online:

You can find login info for worship and Zoom meetings as well as worship programs at <https://parkviewpc.org/>.

### Apr 13: **Worship Service.** Palm Sunday. 10 am.

Worship Leader:

Judy Fukuman

Japanese Reader:

Aki Kumagai

Pianist: Nancy Arata-Fong

YES: Jana Nakase-Lee,

Lynn Yamamoto

Online Moderator/Greeter: Lori Hart

Sound System: Dave McGill

Parking Barriers (Sat): Russ Hart

Parking: Russ Hart

Ushers: Bill Grissom, Herning Grissom

Greeters: Pattie Hashimoto, Cathy Nishizaki

Altar Flowers: Jack & Carol Sakai



### Apr 13: **Black Tie Brass Quintet.** Enjoy this special performance during worship service.

The quintet is made up of:

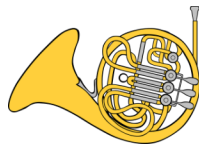
Tia Kilpatrick, horn

Aaron David, tuba

Michael Mencarini, trombone

Rick Ortega, trumpet

Mason Rogers, trumpet



### Apr 15: **No Weekly Bible Study.**

### Apr 16: **Session Meeting.** 5:30 pm via Zoom.

### Apr 16: **Choir Practice.** 7 pm in the social hall.

### Apr 17: **Hatha-Vinyasa Practice.** 6 pm in the social hall.

### Apr 18: **Good Friday Service.** 6:30 pm. This service will take place at Parkview.



### Apr 20: **Worship Service.** Easter Sunday. 10 am.

Worship Leader: Carla Hart

Japanese Reader: Miko Kumagai

Pianist: Janet Hill

Online Moderator/Greeter: Aki Kumagai

Sound System: Cathy Nishizaki

Parking Barriers (Sat): Jonathan Sakakibara

Parking: Dave McGill

Ushers: Miko Kumagai, Miyo Uchida

Greeters: Tia Kilpatrick, Miyo Uchida

Altar Flowers: Edwin & Lisa Imura

### Apr 20: **Easter Fellowship.**

After worship service. Bring a dish to share at coffee hour. Cake will be provided.



### Apr 20: **Easter Egg Hunt.**

After worship service. Please join us in the courtyard for some fun hunting!



### Apr 21: **PPC Legacy Meeting.** 7 pm via Zoom.

### Apr 22: **Gentle Yoga.** 10 am in the social hall.

### Apr 22: **Weekly Bible Study.** 6 pm via Zoom.

### Apr 23: **No Choir Practice.**

### Apr 24: **Hatha-Vinyasa Practice.** 6 pm in the social hall.

# Upcoming Events

**Apr 27: Worship Service.** 10 am.

Guest Pastor: Rev. Sheri Edwards  
Worship Leader: Donna Komure-Toyama  
Japanese Reader: Mieko Davis  
Pianist: Janet Hill  
YES: Julie Chew, Cathy Nishizaki  
Online Moderator/Greeter: Lois Van Beers  
Sound System: Jonathan Sakakibara  
Parking Barriers (Sat): Dave McGill  
Parking: Tak Fukuman  
Ushers: Betsy Eskridge, Lynn Yamamoto  
Greeters: Sachiko Yoshikawa,  
Gary Younglove  
Altar Flowers: Bill & Linda Nagata

**Apr 27: Crop Walk.** After worship. See [page 3](#).

**Apr 27: Newsletter Deadline.** 5 pm. Email photos and/or articles (350 word max.) to [officemanager@parkviewpc.org](mailto:officemanager@parkviewpc.org).

**Apr 29: Gentle Yoga.** 10 am in the social hall.

**Apr 29: Weekly Bible Study.** 6 pm via Zoom.

**Apr 30: Choir Practice.** 7 pm in the social hall.

**May 1: Hatha-Vinyasa Practice.** 6 pm in the social hall.

**May 4: Worship Service.** 10 am.

Worship Leader: Dave McGill  
Japanese Reader: Haruko Sakakibara  
Pianist: Haruko Sakakibara  
YES: Ben Pryor, Kishwer Vikaas  
Online Moderator/Greeter: Lois Van Beers  
Sound System: Titus Toyama  
Parking Barriers (Sat): TBD  
Parking: Gary Younglove  
Ushers: Julie Chew, Terri Bowman  
Greeters: Luyan Tang, Lynn Yamamoto  
Altar Flowers: Jonathan &  
Haruko Sakakibara

**May 6: Gentle Yoga.** 10 am in the social hall.

**May 6: Bible Study.** 6 pm via Zoom.

**May 6: Prayer Team Meeting.** 7:15 pm via Zoom.

**May 7: Choir Practice.** 7 pm in the social hall.

**May 8: Hatha-Vinyasa Practice.** 6 pm in the social hall.

## Save the Dates!

**May 11.** Fumi Nakata's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

**May 18.** Benefit Concert for Ukraine. See attached flyer.

**June 22.** Summerfest has been postponed to June 21, 2026. Details to follow.

**July 4.** Party/picnic at Parkview

**Jul 17.** Music Circus. See [page 3](#).

**Sep 20.** Hot Dog Movie Night



# Thank You for Your Support

## Thank You for Your Support!

Many thanks to all of you who contribute to Parkview through your generous pledged offerings! Additionally, thanks so much to the following for their generous special donations. Acknowledgment letters and postings in the *Chapel Chimes* may be in reverse order. Thank you for your patience. Contact [officemanager@parkviewpc.org](mailto:officemanager@parkviewpc.org) with any questions.

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**In Support of PPW:** Dave McGill

**Offerings for One Great Hour of Sharing:** Bill & Linda Nagata

**Easter Offerings:** Jonathan & Haruko Sakakibara



## How to Donate:



**In Person:** You may drop off your donation during worship service.

**By Mail:** Make checks payable to Parkview Presbyterian Church. Please do not send cash.

**Online:** Please go to <https://www.parkviewpc.org/>, 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 a credit card or bank transfer; donate one time only or set up regular donations. Thank you for your generosity.

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**CELLO: MIKE DAHLBERG**  
**PIANO: NATSUKI FUKASAWA**

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**FOR UKRAINIAN CHILDREN**  
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**727 T STREET SACRAMENTO, CA 95811**

**CONTACT: SAKAKIBARAHARUKO@GMAIL.COM**



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