



*Retirement Celebration*  
*Finding Shalom in Service*  
*Friday, June 15*  
*7:00 Concert ~ 7:30 Worship*

**A TIME OF GATHERING**

CHORAL PRELUDE

Revelation Youth Choir

At the River, by Aaron Copland  
When You Believe by Stephen Schwartz  
Water and the Word  
Living Water of Life  
Down by the Riverside, arranged by John Rutter

**\*OPENING HYMN                      God Hath Spoken by the Prophets**

**\*CALL TO CELEBRATION**

One:    Creating One, you weave together all times and all places: you are God.

**ALL: We listen for the timeless Word; we await your holy presence now.**

One:    Be among us as we celebrate past faithfulness;

**ALL: be among us as we press on toward future goals.**

One:    Your pattern has formed us and your light brightens the path ahead.

**ALL: You are God: the First and Last. Amen.**

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 3:7-16

**PSALM 90**

**Response = sung response**



Great is thy faith - ful - ness!    Great is thy faith - ful - ness!    Morn - ing by morn - ing new  
mer - cies I see;            all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;  
great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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Music: William M. Runyan  
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Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
 In all generations.  
**Before the mountains were brought forth,  
 Or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
 From everlasting to everlasting you are God.**  
 You turn us back to the dust,  
 And say, "Turn back, O mortal ones!"  
**For a thousand years in your sight  
 Are but as yesterday when it is past,  
 Or as a watch in the night.**  
 You sweep them away; they are like a dream,  
 Like grass which is renewed in the morning:  
**In the morning it flourishes and is renewed;  
 In the evening it fades and withers.**

**Response**

The years of our life are threescore and ten,  
 Or even by reason of strength fourscore;  
 Yet their span is but toil and trouble;  
 They are soon gone, and we fly away.  
**Who considers the power of your anger,  
 The awesomeness of your wrath?**  
 So teach us to number our days  
 That we may receive a heart of wisdom.  
**Yes, establish the work of our hands.**

**Response**

GOSPEL LESSON

John 21:15-19

**A TIME OF OFFERING**

GATHERING OF GIFTS

Neighborhood Immigration Clinics

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthems

For All That Is

Thornburg and Davis

Gloria in Excelsis

Mozart

Revelation Youth Choir, Rev. Timothy Morrison, Director

**A TIME OF CELEBRATION AND HONOR**

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

Rev. Anna Mulford

PRESENTATION OF RETIRING CLERGY

*(We honor these retirees who are absent from our gathering this evening.)*

Rev. Jeannie K. Choi

Rev. Robert Morley

Rev. John Leonard Giffin

Rev. Timothy C.H. Ting

Rev. George B. Hartzog, III

Jhun Youngstone

Rev. Young D. Kim

*(We honor these retirees who are with us this evening, some of whom will share their stories.  
After a series of reflections and memories from our retirees, we will respond in song and liturgy.)*

Rev. Yong Teck Lee  
Rev. Myriam Escorcia

Rev. Langi Fine  
Rev. Earl Wesley Guy



Breath of God, Breath of peace, Breath of love, Breath of life, Breath of jus - tice,  
Breath of pas - sion, Breath cre - a - ting, Breath of heal - ing, Breath of sing - ing, Breath of pray -  
ing, Come — up - on us, come re - store us, come in - spire us, Breath of God.

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*Bishop Swenson:*

Brothers and sisters in Christ, you came to us from congregations  
where the Spirit of the Lord was upon you;  
and you were charged to preach to the brokenhearted,  
to visit the captive, to anoint those who were bruised.  
These things you have done.

**Congregation:**

**We thank God for the community of the faithful  
in which the Voice of God found response.  
Countless persons have depended upon you for help.  
In the providence of God, you know  
that both suffering and joy can be woven into God's way of teaching and healing.**



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**PRESENTATION OF RETIRING CLERGY**

Rev. Steve Charles Islander  
Rev. Charles R. Mabry

Rev. Emilio Muller  
Rev. Teresa Mee Sue Park

Word of God, Word of peace, Word of love, Word of life, Word of jus-tice,  
 Word of pas-sion, Word cre - a - ting, Word of heal-ing, Word of sing-ing, Word of pray -  
 ing, Come up - on us, come re - store us, come in - spire us, Word of God.

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*Bishop Swenson:*

At your ordination,  
 you received authority....  
 By God's grace you did many things  
 that seemed to be beyond your power.

**Congregation:**

**We thank God that you were given the vision to be faithful.  
 Death and illness have not come on schedule.  
 The truth has not always been easy to preach.  
 We know something of the grace by which you have lived,  
 and we thank God for your vision.**

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 ing, Come up - on us, come re - store us, come in - spire us, Word of God.

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**PRESENTATION OF RETIRING CLERGY**

Rev. Roy R. Riggs  
 Rev. Joe Hyung-Seung Yang  
 Rev. Il Heum Yun

Voice of God, Voice of peace, Voice of love, Voice of life, Voice of jus - tice,  
 Voice of pas - sion, Voice cre - a - ting, Voice of heal - ing, Voice of sing - ing, Voice of pray -  
 ing, Come — up - on us, come re - store us, come in - spire us, Voice of God.

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**UNISON PRAYER** (*following Bishop Swenson's blessing*)

**God of grace, you fill your servants with the vision.**

**You empower your servants with your Spirit.**

**We give thanks for the ministry of these women and men,**

**and for the ways in which you have ministered to us through them.**

**Give them a sense of your abiding presence,**

**that they may continue to love and serve you,**

**and ever grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ,**

**in whose name we pray. Amen**

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**PASSING THE LEGACY**

## A TIME FOR SENDING FORTH

### \*CLOSING HYMN

**Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart**

### \*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

For everything, there is a season,

**A time for every matter under heaven.**

So, too, there is a time for movement,

**new adventures, fields of service not yet touched.**

With love, we go forth in the spirit of John Wesley:

**May the world be our parish and shalom be our goal.**

Responding to the love of Christ in all we do,

**May we live out the vision God has given.**

May we create communities of health and wholeness,

**And may peace be our way in the world.**

*Adapted from The United Methodist Book of Worship and Ecclesiastes 3:1-2*

### CHORAL POSTLUDE

Again I Say Rejoice  
Revelation Youth Choir

Israel Houghton

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## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

### Officiants:

*Bishop Mary Ann Swenson and Rev. Anna Mulford, Board of Ordained Ministry*

### Liturgists:

*Rev. Nestor Gerente*

### Musicians:

*Rev. Gregory Norton, Conference Music Director*

*Revelation Youth Choir of Custer Road UMC, Plano, Texas,*

*Directed by Rev. Timothy Morrison*

### Planners:

*Rev. Gregory Norton, Rev. Mary J. Scifres, Rev. Karin Ellis, Rev. Cheryl Reagan,*

*Rev. Sue Oeffler, Rev. Sue D'Alessio,*

### Offering:

*Neighborhood Immigration Clinics are sponsored by the Cal-Pac Immigration Task Force through the help of dedicated volunteer immigration lawyers, congregations and community partners offering hospitality and free legal consultations. These monthly immigration legal clinics are offered throughout the conference, including the long-standing clinic at Rosewood UMC, new locations at Hawthorne UMC beginning this fall and through North Valley Caring Services at Sepulveda UMC. Your donation dollars this evening will support these clinics, and additional expansion sites currently in development. Please make checks payable to Cal Pac UMC and indicate "Immigration" in the memo line.*

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