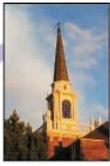


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20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / JOINING SUNDAY

Exodus 15:22-24; 16:1-3; 17:1-2

10:00

Worship, Phil Porter, preaching; Amar Khalsa & Elizabeth Forsyth, musicians; Derek Tam, music director, *Sanctuary Musical Highlights*, Performance pieces by hip-hop artist/poet/activist jason chu

11:15

After Party, Courtyard

11:45

Learning Hour, "California's Oldest and Deepest Sense of Itself," presented by Heyday Books founder Malcolm Margolin, *Sanctuary*

11:45

Imagining Affordable Housing, presented by Satellite Affordable Housing Associates, *Sanctuary*

Your Chance to Make a Difference!

Each year the **Committee of Involvement (COI)** invites FCCB attendees to join the core ministries of the church. Doing so is a great opportunity to meet new people and work together in the life of the church. If you are interested in joining one of the six ministries, contact Clerk **Janet McDonald**.

Preaching Schedule

October 29

David Vásquez-Levy, President of Pacific School of Religion

November 5

Molly Baskette

Imagining Affordable Housing

On **Sun., Oct. 22**, at **11:45 am** in the **Sanctuary**, **Satellite Affordable Housing Associates (SAHA)** will present some ideas for what an affordable housing project might look like on the First Church campus. Strong support was expressed by the congregation for exploring this option at the June 10 Blue Sky meeting.

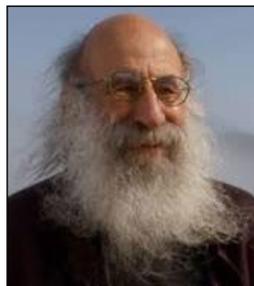
SAHA will present one example of what affordable housing could look like

on the north end of our parcel, including number of units, income requirements, funding and support, taking into account code restrictions, current campus usage and needs (including parking) and revenue opportunities.

Whether you think affordable housing on our campus is a good idea, you're uncertain about it and want to ask questions, or you are opposed and want to be heard, please join the conversation.

Adult Education Presents Malcolm Margolin this Sunday

Adult Education presents **Malcolm Margolin**, noted Berkeley author and founder of **Heyday Books**, who will speak this **Sun., Oct. 22 at 11:45 am** in **Loper Chapel** on "California's Oldest and Deepest Sense



of Itself: Observations on the Spiritual and Practical Life of California's Native Americans." Malcolm is the author of *The Ohlone Way: Indian Life in the San Francisco-Monterey Bay Area* (selected by the *SF Chronicle* as one of the 100 most important books of the 20th century by a Western author), *The East Bay Out: A Personal Guide to the East Bay Regional Parks* and *The Earth Manual: How to Work on Wild Land Without Taming It*.

Resonance Presents Hip Hop Artist jason chu

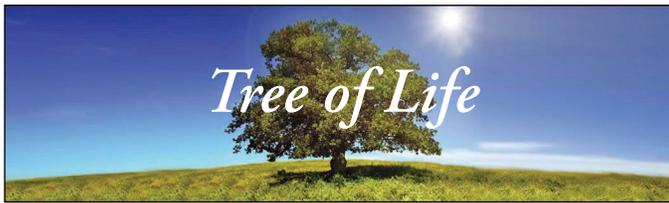
Join us for a special event featuring hip-hop artist/poet/activist **jason chu** this **Sat., Oct. 21, 8 pm** in the **Sanctuary**.

Based in Los Angeles, **jason** (www.jasonchumusic.com) is on a mission to speak hope, healing and justice in a broken world. He tells stories about friends and families wrestling with fear and joy, greed and hope, hurt and healing. jason has performed at colleges, conferences and community organizations across the country. He has partnered with the White House to fight bullying in Asian-American communities

and with Alameda County to speak up about mental health issues. Tickets are \$15-\$25 at the door.

Jason will also be gracing our **Sanctuary** this **Sun., Oct. 22** with some of his spoken word pieces and poetry during worship.





Continued prayers for those affected by the Napa and Sonoma fires.

Continued prayers for **Dorothy Doudna**.

A Look at the Palestinian Issue

In March of this year, **Stan Boghosian** traveled to parts of Israel, Jordan and Lebanon at the invitation of a relative who used to live there. On **Sun., Oct. 29**, at **11:45 am**, Stan will talk about his trip, including his understandings of the Palestinian situation, his attendance at a conference put on by a Palestinian Christian organization and his visit to the Negev region and a Bedouin village. **Phil Porter** will also talk about the UCC involvement at the national level with the Palestinian issue. Discussion time will follow. Location to be announced.

Nonviolent Communication Training

The **Adult Education Ministry** invites you to a **Nonviolent Communication (NVC)** training on **Sat., Nov. 11, 9 am–1 pm** in **Loper Chapel** led by **Executive Director of BayNVC Roxy Manning**. NVC practice begins with the assumption that human beings are compassionate by nature and that violent strategies — whether verbal or physical — are learned behaviors taught and supported by the prevailing culture.

This training is suitable for high schoolers and older (middle-school youth may attend with parental consent). Pre-registration is required. Register after worship **Sundays, Oct. 22 & 29**, email **Louise Halsey** at lhalsey@fccb.org or sign up online <https://goo.gl/Dvx9JX>. Child care is available and refreshments will be served.

Sunday Video

View the video from the **Sun., Oct. 15** 10 am service at: www.fccb.org/live-sunday-morning-webcasts.

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The View from Here

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We are called to love each other, even the stranger and the enemy.

We are called to pay particular attention to the most vulnerable among us.

We are called to a vision of heaven — the one in the here and now and the one that we can hardly imagine in the future — in which the most unlikely creatures get along.

All of this leads to a highly amorphous understanding of who is “us” and who is “them.” As a matter of fact, the Good News seems to place explosives right at the base of any boundaries we might construct.

All of this also reinforces my fundamental belief in the common good. We are all in this together. If we work together, we can solve problems. When others are in need, we can respond.

In the wake of multiple natural disasters in the last few months, I have seen this impulse to respond to the needs of others shine. Neighbors rescuing neighbors, folks taking in the displaced, people donating money and lifting up prayers. I know we have this in us, as part of our national and international character, and that it transcends divisions that might have existed the day before a really bad thing happened.

We understand that when one suffers, we all suffer. When one rejoices, we all rejoice.

Unfortunately, the belief in the common good doesn't always “rule.” We do construct boundaries, we do draw in the circle of our concern, we do define “us” and “them” and sometimes we have good reasons for this. Some would say that their safety and security depends on it.

As the human beings that we are, I would expect us to both succeed and fail at the difficult work of upholding the common good. But I do believe we are capable of it, even in times of “not-a-disaster.”

Thank God for God, who holds us to this difficult task and also understands our limitations in pulling it off. Thank God for God, who can handle enormity. Thank God for God, who will comfort the fear that makes us small-minded and protective rather than open-hearted and disarmed.

With God's help we will rise to the occasion and do what needs to be done in both the good times and the bad.

“What the Reformation Means to Me” Reflections

In honor of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, our second reflection comes from **Alice Clark**.

The Reformation and the Rest of the World

After the Protestant Reformation began, religious wars soon convulsed



Alice Clark

Europe, adding fuel to the wars of imperial conquest raging throughout the rest of the world, where Europe had already embarked upon what was ironically called its “Age of Discovery.”

Rising European nations now staked out vast foreign lands for conquest and occupation under competing Christian sectarian banners. Protestant nations, with their newly modern merchant classes flexing their freedom from absolute domination by kings, worked to create empires under new kinds of financial and trade arrangements, supported by the latest military methods, which came to be known as the “Imperialism of Free Trade.” This kind of “free trade” financed the European colonization and exploitation of vast populations, along with the enslavement and transport of millions to the “New World.” The rising Dutch Republic founded its East India Company in 1602 to trade in, exploit and ultimately conquer Indonesia. The newly Protestant England founded its own East India Company in 1600 to finance trade incursions into India, which it then began conquering in earnest in the following century, leading to an unparalleled world empire. These Asian countries had been among the richest on earth before this wave of Protestant European colonialism began. By the time foreign empires under European hegemony ended in the mid-20th century after WWII, the Asian nations which emerged from the wreckage ranked among the poorest.

Please read the rest of her fascinating piece at: www.firstchurchberkeley.org/events/500th-anniversary-reformation.

Companionship Training in January 2018

On **Sat., Jan. 20, 2018**, First Church is pleased to offer a day-long training on



Companionship, with **Craig Rennebohm**, author of *The Way of Companionship: Welcoming the Stranger* and a nationally renowned expert.

Companionship is an effective approach to the practice of mental health ministry through which any caring human being can reach out and help another who is suffering. The training will prepare individuals, care teams and volunteers to respond to those suffering around us in a variety of settings, including worship gatherings and community programs such as shelters and food banks.

Our Mental Health Ministry has been looking for a model of care as we have discussed the best way for us to respond to people experiencing “in-the-moment” events of a mental health nature at church. What can we do when we see someone who appears isolated or upset? How can we approach the person and start a conversation? Are there skills we can learn to reach out to people in worship, be they visitors or our own members? How can we practice the call of welcoming the stranger? Can we expand our skills to other locations outside the church where people are isolated or in need? We see Companionship as a model of care to help us address these questions.

Companionship welcomes the stranger, offering individuals who are isolated, alone and estranged the encouragement of five basic spiritual practices: hospitality, neighboring, sharing the journey side-by-side, listening and accompaniment.

The Companionship Training will be held from **9 am to 4 pm** in **Loper Chapel**. This training is offered free-of-charge, with a requested donation of \$10 for lunch. RSVP to **Robin Kempster**, Parish Nurse, by following the link below to complete the registration form: <https://goo.gl/1JC86f>. Contact **Robin** with any questions at rkempster@fccb.org.

Did You Know...?

...that if you ran a **small group** this past summer, and want to offer a new iteration this fall, you can speak to **Molly** about making that happen? And if you have never run a small group but want to try your hand at this great tool for building community and depth, you can work with **Rachel** in the new year for orientation and support?

Combatants for Peace in the Middle East

BOCA (Berkeley Organizing Congregations for Action) presents “A Reason for Hope — There is Another Way” on **Tues., Nov. 7 at 7 pm** at **St. John’s Presbyterian Church** (2727 College Ave., Berkeley). Two representatives from **Combatants for Peace (CfP)**, **Mohamed Owedah** and **Galia Galili**, will speak about their vision for the path to peace in the Middle East.

CfP is an organization made up of those who have fought on both sides of the Middle East conflict. Nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, CfP rejects violence and is working toward finding new ways of resolving the issues in the region. They will show an award-winning film about CfP called *Disturbing the Peace*.

First Church is a co-sponsor of this event and is a founding member of BOCA. Other co-sponsors include Chochmat Halev, Kehilla Community Synagogue’s Middle East Committee, Kol Hadash, Montclair Presbyterian Church, Qal’bu Maryam Women’s Mosque and the Social Justice Council of the Unitarian-Universalist Church of Berkeley.

Coming Up!

Alameda County Community Food Bank Day

Sat., Nov. 4, 1–4 pm

Nonviolent Communication Training

Sat., Nov. 11, 9 am–1 pm, Loper Chapel

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Bits and Pieces

FamChY Kids Night In!

FamChY hosts its first **Kids Night In** (so parents can have a night out!), **Sat., Nov. 4, 4:30–8 pm** for First Church kids ages 0–11. Supervised by our trustworthy, certified and loving childcare staff and a few youth assistants, **children ages 0–3** will be in **Loper Chapel** and **children**

ages 4–11 will enjoy crafts, games and a kids movie in the **Pillar Room**.

Drop off begins at **4:30 pm** and pick up is no later than **8 pm**. Registration is required (first come, first served). The fee is \$10 per child. Pizza and fruit will be served at **6 pm**. If you prefer that your child not eat pizza, feel free to pack a supper for your child. Contact **Katie Sparks** or **Carolyn Ash** (clash@fccb.org) for questions or registration information.

Day of the Dead Celebration



Our second annual **Day of the Dead Celebration** will be held in **Loper Chapel** from **3:30–5:30 pm, Sun., Oct.**

29. Come decorate sugar skulls and do other fun Mexican crafts. Bring something to share for our altar that represents a loved one who has passed, may be a grandparent or a beloved pet, etc. We will gather at the altar for a time of sharing, remembrance and prayer. There will be music and refreshments. Mexican attire encouraged. Everyone is welcome!



Weekly Calendar

Sunday October 22

SONGS OF THE SOUL REHEARSAL

9 am, Room #4, EBSB

WORSHIP

10 am, Sanctuary

AFTER PARTY

11:15 am, Courtyard

GOSPEL CHOIR REHEARSAL

11:30 am, Pillar Room

AFFORDABLE HOUSING TALK WITH SAHA

11:45 am, Sanctuary

LEARNING HOUR — MALCOLM MARGOLIN

11:45 am, Loper Chapel

JUSTICE & SERVICE MINISTRY MEETING

11:45 am, Room #5, EBSB

Tuesday 24

STAFF MEETING

1 pm, Durant House Main

REV. MOLLY'S OFFICE HOURS

5:30–7 pm, Comal

2020 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley

CHURCH COUNCIL

7 pm, Durant House Main

Wednesday 25

BIBLE STUDY

7 pm, Durant House Main

Thursday 26

FAMCHY MEETING

5:30 pm, Durant House Main

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

6:45 pm, Pillar Room

SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

7 pm, Sanctuary

Young Adult News

For more info: knovotny@fccb.org

- **Frozen Yogurt Outing**, hosted by **Yuka**, **Sun., Nov. 5, 11:45 am–12:45 pm**

Soyinka Rahim and Derek Tam's first singing session drew an intergenerational bunch after church yesterday. If you missed it, Soyinka will be back on Sun., Nov. 5.



Red Cross Babysitter's Training with First Aid & CPR

There will be a special **Red Cross training** for First Church youth on **Sat., Dec. 9 & 16, 11 am–4:15 pm** in **Loper Chapel** intended for any youth interested in receiving a certificate of completion for first aid, CPR and babysitting. You must attend both sessions to receive a certificate, which is a prerequisite for volunteering at the church nursery and preschool. Our nursery and preschool adult Sunday school teachers will join the training as well. Participants will:

- gain the knowledge and skills necessary to safely and responsibly give care to infants and children;
- learn about basic child care and basic first aid; and
- learn how to recognize and care for a variety of first aid/CPR emergencies.

Cost is \$140 per person. Each attendee is asked to pay what they can; the church will sponsor each attendee for the remaining amount. Space is limited. RSVP to **Carolyn Ash** (clash@fccb.org or 510/759-5935) by this **Sun., Oct. 22**.

Brewsters Halloween Party

The **Brewsters** will get together for a Halloween potluck dinner at **Bruce Stangeland's** (691 Cragmont Ave., Berkeley) this **Fri., Oct. 20 at 6:30 pm**. RSVP to **Joanne Lagerstrom** by **Oct. 18**.