

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN LEONIA

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February 10, 2019

Rena Shim



**GOD IS CALLING US TO LET OUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE OTHERS,
SO THAT THEY MAY SEE AND GLORIFY GOD. Matthew 5:16**

The Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler, Pastor
Renée Guerrero Harris, Organist/Choir Director
Patricia Major, Church Administrator

5th Sunday after Epiphany
10th of February 2019 10:30 a.m.

Preparing for Worship

Please silence cell phones. An asterisk (*) in the bulletin means please stand if you are able. **Speak in unison at the bold face areas.** Newer English speaker? English copies of the sermon are available from the ushers to help you follow along. LARGE-TYPE editions of the Hymnal are available from the ushers, as well as Chinese/English, Spanish/English, Korean/English and Japanese/English Bibles.

You may share joys and concerns to be shared during the Prayers of the People by filling out a blue prayer card and leaving it in the offering plate.

Nursery care is available in the room adjacent to the rear hallway. Kindergartners to fourth graders remain in worship through the children's sermon; they then may go to the activity period. Parents may also sit with restless children in the Tower room, which is located off the rear of the sanctuary. Children are welcome to remain for the entire service. Sunday School and Adult Classes meet from 9:30 to 10:15 am.

PRELUDE

Manhattan Taiko

GREETING

Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler

INTROIT "Wasurenaide" ("Don't Forget")

Lunar New Year Choir

Don't forget! Jesus always is looking at you.

So, keep it full, a smile in your heart.

Though some days a storm will extinguish your smile,

Even so, keep hold of God's word in your heart.

Don't forget the night of sorrow will turn to a dawn of hope.

So, bring back the smile of your heart.

Gathering as God's People

*CALL TO WORSHIP (by Maria Ling, United Church of Canada)

O Lord of the exiled, Spirit of the sojourners, Christ of new birth, come alongside us as we journey through this beautiful land.

We are here because we were birthed here. We are here because we

have chosen to come here. We are here because our migration was forced upon us. We have roots that grow deep, tying us to this place. We are born anew to spread our branches to bear the burdens of others, to reach with love those who are downtrodden, to pull up those who have been pressed down.

O Lord of the wandering faithful, God of the seeking saints,
Come empower us as we work for your kingdom's sake. Come dwell the praises of your people here today.

*INVOCATION

*OPENING HYMN #610 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we are completely put together, the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our distractions, our errors, and our anxieties, God will meet us and renew us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Living Water, we confess we are sometimes confused as to how your Spirit calls us. We do not know when to act as individuals called distinctly by you, and when to submerge our identities for the sake of the group. We do not know when to stay quiet and listen, and when to raise our voices. We confess that sometimes our action, or inaction, has contributed to suffering in the world. We know weapons that cause utter destruction are made in factories on this land. We know that years of colonialism have stolen land and erased cultures and languages, and that sometimes this was done in the name of Christ. We acknowledge suspicion of others that causes us to build walls, or to keep to ourselves, rather than offer the hospitality Jesus modeled. We seek to be one in the church, but the silent histories among us can be an obstacle. We need your forgiveness and guidance, and not only that; we need to practice the hard work of reconciliation with one another.

Time for silent meditation

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has promised that whenever we repent, and seek a new union with God, forgiveness is ours. That promise comes true now. Friends, know that in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

*SUNG RESPONSE #465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus" v. 1

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer.

O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

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걱정 근심 무거운 짐 우리 주께 맡기세

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사람들이 어찌하여 아릴 줄을 모를까

Passing of the Peace

Listening for God's Word to Us

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

You call us, Wanderer of Seashores, inviting us to sail out of our harbors into the uncharted waters of faith. You call us to wander off from our predictable paths to follow you into the unpredictable footsteps of the discipleship; to leave the comfort of our homes and accompany you into the uncomfortable neighborhoods where we do not speak the language or know the customs. And now, you lead us into the pages of scripture—written in another time, another language, and another culture. By your Spirit, bless these readings that they might speak truth to us today. Amen.

A READING FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE Psalm 138 (page 577 or page 709)

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Luke 5:1-11 (page 62 or page 76)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler

SUNG RESPONSE #469 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

SERMON

"Finding Fish"

Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler

*HYMN #720 "Jesus Calls Us"

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers today are donated by Leah Fowler and Chris Gajilan, in honor of our daughter Kai, who adds love, joy, and playfulness to our lives. Happy Birthday!

SHARING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM

Manhattan Taiko

*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all people here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN #615 "Praise to the Lord"

Going Forth in Dedication and Service

*THE CHARGE and BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Manhattan Taiko

Our liturgist, Fumio Ito, and our reader, Jane Wilson, are helping lead our worship today.

The art on the bulletin is by Rena Shim of our church.

We welcome Manhattan Taiko to our worship service today, with performers Akiyo Furukawa, Mistu Fukushima, Takako Yoneyama, Aiko Cascia and Wendy Kelly. Manhattan Taiko blends ancient traditional Japanese drums with modern movement and spirit.

The story goes that the first Taiko drum was made to lure the Sun Goddess Amaterasu out of her cave. Taiko drumming values:

Kokoro (Spirit) -- Play with your entire spirit engaged.

Waza (Action) -- Strive for skill and technique.

Karada (Body) -- Build endurance and physical strength.

Rei (Etiquette) -- Show respect and courtesy to the teacher
and all of the students.

Encourage unity and harmony in the group.

Manhattan Taiko has generously offered to instruct people in playing their drums if you would like to give it a try after worship.

TODAY:

USHERS: Roberta Toolen, Linda McGarry, Maryellen Neu

COUNTERS: Anne Stebbins, Hyung Shim

GREETER: Linda McGarry

NURSERY: Keyla Garcia

FLOWERS: Chris Gajilan & Leah Fowler

We welcome all visitors in the name of Jesus Christ. We invite you to sign the guest register in the entry room and to join us for coffee in the entry room following the service.

Readings for Sunday February 10, 2019

Jeremiah 17:5-10, Psalms 1

1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

GREETER

Linda McGarry

SECOND READERS

February 17: Rena Shim

February 24: Leo Shim

USHERS

February 17: Kristen Richter, Gretchen Harders

February 24: Lisa VanDeWeert, Keyla Garcia, Cory Lehnbeuter

March 3: Fara Razavy, Anne Stebbins, Susan Dindial

March 10: Hyung Shim, Karen Peters, Vicky Li

COUNTERS

February 17: Diane Borer, David Voreacos February 24: Jonathan Phillips, Fumio Ito

March 3: Pete Shanno, David Voreacos March 10: Anne Stebbins, Pete Shanno

NURSERY

February 17: Laura Gonzalez

February 24: Nicole Lehnbeuter

March 3: Linda McGarry

March 10: Judy Nyirongo

FLOWERS

February 17: Nancy Salvati

February 24: Karen Klingner

March 3: Keyla Garcia

March 10: Pete Shanno

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

After Worship Today

Monday, 2/11/19

Tuesday, 2/12/19

Wednesday, 2/13/19

Thursday, 2/14/19

Lunar New Year Celebration

9:30 a.m. ESL Family Class

10:30 a.m. ESL Class

10:00 a.m. ESL Class

7:30 p.m. Session Meeting

9:30 a.m. ESL Class

10:45 a.m. Bible Study

7:30 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting

10:00 a.m. ESL Class (2)

Next Sunday, 2/17/19

1:00 p.m. ESL Class
4:30 p.m. Daisy Troop Meeting
7:30 p.m. Bottles and Badges Meeting
9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all
10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion
Annual Church Meeting
3:00 p.m. Japanese Language Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - LUNAR NEW YEAR

After worship, we will celebrate the Year of the Pig with a big feast! Please donate as you are able, \$10 per person (\$25 family max), if you did not bring a dish to share.

ANNUAL MEETING The Annual Meeting will be held next Sunday, February 17 after church and will include a sandwich luncheon. Come to hear the scope of the ministry of our church in 2018, and to approve the budget for 2019. Church members will be allowed to vote but everyone may attend.

PRESBYTERY PER CAPITA Please consider adding to your pledge a \$42 donation per adult or confirmed teenager in your home. This supports Mission and administrative costs of belonging to the Presbytery of the Palisades.

PRAYER PRACTICE FOR THE HOME

See Jesus through Asian eyes. Too often the pictures we inherit of Jesus are of a white man with blue eyes and long, flowing blonde hair. To see how Jesus might look from another cultural perspective, try looking in Google Image for "Chinese Jesus" or "Asian Biblical Art" etc. Give thanks that God's incarnation can show up in any body.



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