



## Unison Prayer

Gracious God, Be patient with us in the diverse landscapes of our lives. Make us patient with one another and even with ourselves. Do your good work within us, among us, and beyond us until our lives and all of creation come fully into your realm. In all we do this day, use us as a sign of your reconciling and unconditional love. Let us not view anyone from a human point of view; but let us see all whom we encounter each and every day through the eyes of Christ. With all interactions, let us share Jesus' compassion and forgiveness as He has generously shared with us. Amen.

## Silent Prayer / Pastoral Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer**

Austin Barrett & Laurie Pertile

**Young at Heart Moments**

Deb Davidson

**Hymn "Open my Eyes that I May See"**

hymn #454 (vs 1-3)

**Scripture Reading**

Psalm 32:1,2 (NIV), Luke 6:37-41 (NRSV)

**Message**

Rev. Dr. Deena Barwick

*"Peace in Forgiveness"*

## The Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings

**Offertory "Amazing Grace"**

Laurie Pertile

**\* Doxology**

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**\* Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\*Hymn "Spirit of the Living God"**

hymn #393 (Sing 3 times)

**\*Benediction**

**\*Taking the Light of Christ into the World**

**\*Congregational Response**

**“Go Now In Peace”**

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm**

## The Joy of Forgiveness

Why should we forgive? *“I was wronged – heinously wronged. Why should I forgive when they should be the ones asking me for forgiveness!?!”* Good question. In Psalm 32 we read that the one who has their sins forgiven will find joy, they are blessed. In Luke

6, we read, “Do not judge and you will not be judged; do not condemn and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven; give and it will be given to you.” Forgiveness is hard – it goes against most of our human nature. We want others to ask

for forgiveness from us; but find it quite difficult to offer forgiveness to others. Yet, God has commanded us, as Disciples of Christ, to forgive so that we will be forgiven – as God has forgiven us. Most of us could quote at least one scripture that gives this commandment from God. We say it when we recite the Lord’s

Prayer - "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us". Secondly, it is us, not them, that need to “let it go” so we can reclaim peace and joy in our future.

Forgiveness is something that we give to ourselves.

When we don’t, we make future decisions based on damaged emotions: anger, revenge, hurt, and disappointment – and these emotions severely cloud our judgment. All those emotions taint us into believing that we are “okay”. BUT we will eventually suffer physically, mentally and/or emotionally from holding tightly to the emotions of anger, disappointment, and disillusionment. Since time is not kind or hardly ever on our side, the longer we wait, the harder it is to forgive and let go. And if we wait too long, it might be too late as regret begins to dig in deeper.

Forgiveness is a personal gift we give to ourselves so we can move forward and live healthier lives for Christ.

## Prayer List

The Brown Family in the loss of Darlene Brown;  
Judy Salveson's brother Matthew Buckley;  
Darlene Coleman; Bruce & Linda Crabtree;  
Helen Davis; Steve Dyerly; Kenny Lingle  
and his brother-in-law Pat Fletcher;  
The Family of Nancy Greening;  
David Brown's sister Melissa Higginson;  
Kenny Lingle's friends Alice and Dr John Calleja and Jamie,  
Preston and Lyla Fletcher in the loss of Chelsee,  
Alicia Medina; Rachael Moore; Lorene Muñoz;  
The Barretts in the loss of brother Ruben Penalosa, Jr.;

The Popejoy Family in the loss of Lorraine;  
The Pugh Family in the loss of Jerry;  
The Family of Maynard and Nancy Reitzler;  
Ralph Snook; Alison Spiegel; Larry Stiff;  
George Weeks; The Ray Wilson family;  
Pastor Jill Darling in the loss of Arlon;  
Pastor Phillips Whang;

District Superintendent Rev. Moonyoung Lee;  
Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank; the Church;  
our nation and our world.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters at  
Saint Andrews UMC in Santa Maria.

Please pray for growth in our churches  
and a return to worship.

Please pray for all the victims  
of war and natural disasters.

Pray for peace.

## ***Here's what is happening at Yucaipa UMC!***

**Parent's Night Out** will be held  
Saturday, March 28 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm  
for Spring Pot Painting and Planting

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### **Free Saturday Movies!**

"City of Ember" shows in Faith Theater 2

**Saturday, April 12 at 11 am**

**\*Please note different date!\***

Doors open at 10:30 am.

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**90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration for Darlene Coleman**  
Potluck in Fellowship Hall Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm  
**Please sign up to attend!**

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**The Interfaith Community Support Center (ICSC)**  
has lost one of their largest food donors and is having  
trouble meeting the community food needs. If you can  
help by purchasing some extra non-perishable food in  
addition to your regular cereal donations, bring it  
to the Narthex. **Thank you!**

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**Check the website ([www.yucaipamethodist.org](http://www.yucaipamethodist.org))  
for information and remember to keep in contact  
with one another. If you have an email that  
the church does not have, please let the office know.**