



UCC Petaluma



A Ministry of Hope - A Mission of Healing
Open & Affirming to All
Servants of the Just & the Good

Sunday, August 2 9:30am

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Preparation for Communion:

Before our gathering begins, please choose one food and one spirit element for communion and place them on your altar if you keep one or simply have them near you. These elements will hold the presence of bread and spirit for you to take in. You are free to choose anything that is meaningful or simply what is available. Either will be perfect. Pastor Jason will lead us through the communion ritual during the hour.

Today's Scripture

Genesis 32:23-31

Jacob gathered all his family and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. 24 Jacob was left alone; and an angel-like-human presence (*Iysh/mal'ak*) wrestled with him until daybreak. 25 When the presence did not prevail against Jacob, it struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he continued to wrestle. 26 Then the presence said, "Let me go, because the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." 27 So the presence said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." 28 Then the presence said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for with God you have princely power (*sarah*) and with humanity you have endured over time (*yakol*)." 29 Then Jacob asked, "Please tell me your name." But the presence said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there the presence blessed Jacob. 30 So Jacob called the place Peniel (*face of God*) saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved and delivered (*natsal*)." 31 The sun rose upon Jacob as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Hymn

Wildflowers

By Tom Petty

You belong among the wildflowers
You belong in a boat out at sea
Sail away, kill off the hours
You belong somewhere you feel free

Run away, find you a lover
Go away somewhere all bright and new
I have seen no other
Who compares with you

You belong among the wildflowers
You belong in a boat out at sea
You belong with your love on your arm
You belong somewhere you feel free

Run away, go find a lover
Run away, let your heart be your guide
You deserve the deepest of cover
You belong in that home by and by

You belong among the wildflowers
You belong somewhere close to me
Far away from your trouble and worry
You belong somewhere you feel free
You belong somewhere you feel free

Not Another Fix
A Bakti Love Song

I hear it in your voice; wanting desperately to hide
The uncertainty that haunts your tired heart.
Maybe, you're afraid; Afraid you've lost you in me
The you I've come to love, desperately.

What you need is not another fix of that. Whose Presence fills you?
Not a comfort that lets you avoid an ending.
An end that needs your doing - the end that's a beginning

Oh, how I wish that something else could heal this -
All that's broken for you in me.
But you don't need a healer, and I don't have a cure.
Fearless love: Fearless... Love...

What you need is not another fix of that. Whose Presence fills you?
Not a comfort that lets you avoid an ending.
An end that needs your doing - the end that's a beginning.

So I will go away; Just far enough to free you.
And when you are finally done, I pray you will return.
I'll leave you now - don't you worry while I'm gone.

What you need is not another fix of that. Whose Presence fills you?
Not a comfort that lets you avoid an ending.
An end that needs your doing - the end that's a beginning.

Communion Music

Running To Stand Still

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And so she woke up. Woke up from where she was, lying still.
Said I gotta do something about where we're going
Step on a steam train. Step out of the driving rain, maybe
Run from the darkness in the night

Singing ha, ah la la la de day. Ah da da da de day Ah la la de day

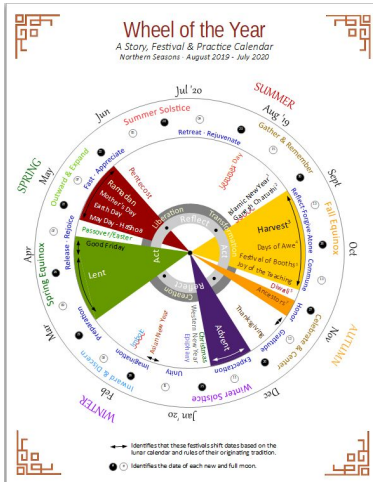
Sweet the sin. Bitter than taste in my mouth
I see seven towers but I only see one way out
You got to cry without weeping, talk without speaking
Scream without raising your voice
You know I took the poison from the poison stream
Then I floated out of here

Singing ha, ah la la la de day. Ah da da da de day Ah la la de day

She runs through the streets with eyes painted red
Under a black belly of cloud in the rain
In through a doorway she brings me
White gold and pearls stolen from the sea
She is raging. She is raging. And the storm blows up in her eyes
She will suffer the needle chill. She's running to stand, Still.

Singing ha, ah la la la de day. Ah da da da de day Ah la la de day

UCC Petaluma's Wheel of the Year



The Wheel of the Year is now updated to reflect an expanded season that begins with May Day and continues through Ramadan, Pentecost, Juneteenth, Father's Day. [Click Here](#) for a printable version of the latest version of UCC Petaluma's Wheel of the Year. Why would one want to learn about festivals and Holy Days that are part of another's faith? Pluralism, a practice upon which we draw at UCC Petaluma, suggests that understanding and respecting the unique traditions of others creates opportunity to grow in one's chosen faith. Christian understanding only grows as we allow other stories, festivals and practices to broaden our perspective.

The Wheel of the Year is a [pluralist](#) rendering of a liturgical calendar that helps to guide our focus on the Story, Festival, and Practices of our faith in intentional relationship to traditions around the world. The ability to "see" how our tradition lives in time relative to the traditions of other religions and festival seasons greatly enhances one's ability to practice a mutually honoring relationship with other traditions.

The Maypole to close August 16

The Maypole is now complete with names and still open to your presence!

The Maypole will be taken down after August 16th in preparation for the Gathering Tree which will arrive on Gathering Sunday September 13. Stay tuned to participate in this wonderful tradition.



The Hilltop Maypole at UCC Petaluma is a living, growing work of art using history, tradition, and the names of People, Places, and Practices that we experience as Essential. Every name of our congregation and many names beyond our four walls now waive like flags in the wind that comes to the hilltop each day. We welcome your safe presence and practice with the Maypole located at 825 Middlefield Dr. Petaluma, Ca 94952. Please don't touch the Maypole when you visit so that all who visit can enjoy it safely.

Opportunities for Mission & Ministry

Sunday Hosts needed in order for us to continue to offer Zoom!

Please welcome **Rowena Albuencia** as your Zoom Host this Sunday! Thank you Rowena for stepping forward to make this part of our Sunday possible! If you're a person who is comfortable using Zoom, we really need you to step forward! After this Sunday, we do not have a Zoom host. If you would like Zoom to continue, please volunteer immediately for dates beginning August 2. Simply email Dana at danachristianlee@gmail.com to offer your interest. It's not hard if you are already comfortable with Zoom. You will however need an extra computer, laptop or other: one to run the hosting and the other to enjoy worship for yourself. Our ability to have Zoom on Sundays is completely dependent on volunteers like you! We'll train you on the fine details which are few. It will be fun... promise!

Book Discussion Group! Aug 20 @ 10 am on Zoom!

A robust conversation awaits you exploring Jim Wallis' new book, "Christ in Crisis." Noted contemplative activist, Richard Rohr, says, "This is Jim Wallis at his best, a 'Jesus book' better than any I've seen in some time and could not be more timely or more challenging." You can buy the book locally here , or if cost/travel are a concern, here. Scholarships are also available to cover the cost of the book, please contact Pastor Jason in confidence. To receive a weekly Zoom invitation to the discussion, email Paul Eklof at peklof@pacbell.net

Help Us Hire the Future at UCC Petaluma!

UCC Petaluma has an opening for a new position, The Community & Digital Ministry Coordinator. This 15hr/wk position is a significant change from our previous Administrator position. The successful candidate will be digitally fluent in Social Media as well as Cloud-based technologies, helping us with communications, Sunday online worship, and a new level of volunteer coordination for UCCP. If you know of anyone who might have interest in flexible and exciting work directly with Pastor Jason, please click here to see the job offering and SHARE with FRIENDS!

Calling all Ages to Reduce Isolation via Art!

Petaluma People Services has created a wonderful opportunity to share your creativity with Seniors in our community. Help us create a 'Senior Coloring Book' that will be a gift to participants in PPSCs Meals on Wheels program! You don't need to be a skilled artist. In fact, if you are not, all the better! Here's how you can join in... On a sheet of letter-size white paper, simply make a very simple line drawing. The key is to make it super simple; not too detailed for elderly eyes and hand coordination. Trace over your line drawing in black marker and add just your first name at the bottom (if your child makes one they can add their age too!). Et voila... masterpiece. Now scan an email to Danachristianlee@gmail.com or drop it (unfolded) through the mailslot at 825 Middlefield Dr by August 7th. We'll share pictures of local Seniors and their coloring in weeks to come!