

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Jack Shriver
Liturgist: Chris Weber
Organist: Fay Cooley
Ushers: Vernon Clark, Matthew Inadomi, Carrie Besso
Deacon on Duty: Ann Jones Greeter: Judy Rowan
Flowers: Bill Coburn

PRAYER REQUESTS

Carol Dolezal-Ng—traveling to Pittsburgh for PCUSA General Assembly; Diane Hill—recuperating from hip replacement surgery; Dennis (a homeless man in Kristin Stangl’s neighborhood)—in need of a hip replacement; Doreen Dickinson (Hilary Guter’s mother)—vision complications from a stroke; Ann Pearson (close friend of Di Pagel)—in cancer treatment.

(To include prayers in the bulletin, please contact Becky Dimanlig by office phone or email becky@firstchurchoakland.org. Prayers are printed up to three weeks.)

FOCUSED PRAYER: The staff is praying through the church directory, focusing on a new group of members each week. We encourage you to join this practice, adding these folks to your prayers. Included in this week’s list: Lawrence Reh; Dine Rennals; Marilyn and Chloe Reynolds; Rose Mary Richmond; Judy Rowan; Delmar Sanders and Catherine Matthews.

If you don't know the kind of person I am, and I don't know the kind of person you are, a pattern others made may prevail in the world, and following the wrong god home we may miss our star. For there is many a small betrayal in the mind, a shrug that lets the fragile sequence break, sending with shouts the horrible errors of childhood storming out to play through the broken dyke. And as elephants parade, holding each elephant's tail, but if one wanders, the circus won't find the park, I call it cruel, and perhaps the root of all cruelty, to know what happens and not recognize the fact. And so I appeal to a voice, to something shadowy, a remote, important region in all who talk: though we could fool each other, we should consider, lest the parade of our mutual life get lost in the dark. For it is important that awake people be awake, or a breaking line may discourage them back to sleep. The answers we give—yes or no, or maybe—should be clear: the darkness around us is deep.
—William Stafford (“A Ritual to Read to Each Other”)



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*Please stand as you are able

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June 24, 2012, 10 a.m.
MORE LIGHT SUNDAY

“Let no one’s heart fail...”
—1 Samuel 17:32

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Prelude God in Heaven, Hear Our Prayers Laura Fay Cooley
Call to Worship
One: We all are born into high expectations.
All: But we have a God whose love does not depend on our earning it.
One: We all are people of secrets, large and small.
All: But we know a God whose heart is larger than our fears.
One: We all feel the anxiety of being judged by others.
All: But we are embraced by a God who made us, and knows our inmost parts.
One: We all yearn for the freedom of total acceptance and affirmation.
All: And we find it in the grace of a God who will not let us go.
One: Let us worship God.

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