

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

190 Arlen Drive  
February 12, 2012

Rohnert Park, CA 94928  
10:00 a.m.

ORDINARY TIME – 6th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

RECOLLECTING OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Music (please use this time to be quiet and reflect)

Call to Worship

\*\* Hymn – 462

Opening Prayer

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OUR HUMANNES AND GOD’S GRACE

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, when I am troubled by thoughts and feelings I seek relief by getting rid of and/or changing whatever troubles me. I find it difficult to keep in mind that what I am actually troubled by is my point of view about what I am thinking and feeling. I rarely notice that I am judgmental about thoughts and feelings, and that I myself am judged because I have them. The judgments are so customary that they seem to be the same as the feelings and thoughts themselves. I rarely feel sad without also feeling “bad”, and I do not grasp that “bad” is a judgment on the sadness and on me for feeling it. It is the same when I feel anger in that I also feel guilt, or when I feel fear in that I also feel shame. I do not grasp that the guilt and shame are judgments against what are legitimate feelings. Help me see the difference between what I feel or think and my point of view about it, and help me to separate the two.

Personal Prayer of Confession in Silence

Assurance of Pardon

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LISTENING FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Story for the Children

Scripture – Mark 1:40-45

Prompting

Silence and Reflection

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn – 378

Announcements

Minute for Mission

Our Gifts and Offerings

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ all creatures here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter;  
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.

The Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us in the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.

GOING OUT – to serve, to journey, to live the word

Hymn -- 340

Charge and Benediction

\*\* People who have arrived late are seated.

Good morning. Welcome to this deliberate time for worship. We invite you to participate in the activities listed below and also to read the lectionary readings before next week's service.

TODAY	10:00	Worship, Church School
	11:00	Coffee and Fellowship
	11:20	Conversation
	12:00	Lunch Bunch
MONDAY	11:00	Contemplative Prayer, at church
TUESDAY	7:30	Contemplative Prayer, at church

Lectionary Readings for February 19, 2012

II Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; I Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

FYI

In the coffee room you will find a sign-up sheet concerning assisting with coffee and refreshments, ushering, and cleaning.

Next Sunday the church school teachers will meet in the church school room at 11:20.

Next Sunday we will share lunch. Bring some food and plan to stay.

REMEMBER: PENNIES = PIGS!! Save 'em and bring 'em.

Copies of the Annual Report are on the table in the coffee room.

The Usher in the Narthex: Jenny Goldgur.

The Usher in the Sanctuary: Richard Egan.

Our web site is <[www.faithpresbyterianrp.org](http://www.faithpresbyterianrp.org)>

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Elders: Stephen Deards, Marolyn Bode and Penny Link.

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## Sixth Sunday after Epiphany – Ordinary Time #6

The time between the beginning of Advent and the beginning of Lent has to do with the way God changes the way we see and what we look at. Advent is a time when we become aware of aspects of ourselves we do not normally notice and do not like. Christmas is a time when the way we look at these things changes from being mostly judgmental to being more understanding and compassionate. The birth of Christ is the appearance in us of an internal environment of acceptance, appreciation, sympathy, consideration and thoughtfulness. After Christmas, looking at what is inside us and seeing it in this graceful way begins to occur in our normal life. Aspects of our life we typically cannot or do not see begin to appear in our awareness because we begin seeing them more sympathetically. This change in sight allows us to think differently about what troubles us and to become familiar with it, which makes it less troubling. What we initially see as a leper and shun as an outcast begins to be seen in a more favorable light. We then approach it as a legitimate part of who we are, and it takes its place at our internal table and contributes to our self-talk about how to live. This change in what we notice and in the way we see, this softening of the way we look at our own life and the lives of others, is the basic theme of the First Cycle of the Church Year. The First Cycle comes to an end next Sunday in the celebration of the Transfiguration of the Lord. From there we enter the Second Cycle of the Church Year and the Season of Lent.

[By Jim Robie, 2-8-12, for Lectionary Cycle B,  
Sixth Sunday following Epiphany, Mark 1:40-45]