

The Gifts of the Spirit
a fresh perspective



Parish Retreat Weekend - June 2022



FROM THE PRIEST IN CHARGE

*Then from the cloud
came a voice that said,
“This is my Son,
my Chosen;
listen to him!” -Luke 9:35*

Time has a way of expanding and contracting, depending on our perspectives, what is happening in our lives and those around us, and what is taking place in the world as a whole. As I write this I have been with you 3.5 months. Given that our collective hope and plan is for me to lead Transfiguration in the years to come, that’s a blink! And yet, we have shared a great deal: visits; meetings;

welcoming Joyful Noise in person, as well as on Zoom; a parish retreat; youth and children’s gatherings; weekly in person and zoom gatherings; meals; and a great deal else. While I have many memories here, and many of you have memories of the first time I was here, we have all learned and grown a great deal!

Recently I mentioned in a sermon that I have witnessed so many of you doing a great deal of work, and, for the most part, joyfully. As the staff met for our retreat, we opened with a meditation from Joan Chittister’s book, *The Monastic Heart*, about beginning each day with a prayer of gratitude. Gratitude without expectation. Simply beginning each day by saying “thank you”. As I reflect on our theme, the Gifts of the Spirit: A Fresh Perspective, I think about the opportunities to give thanks for who was, who is, and who is to come in Transfiguration’s community. We have the opportunity to wonder where the Spirit will guide us in the weeks, months, and years to come.

This program year will begin each month with an opportunity for fellowship on First Sundays. Worship will continue on Sunday morning and throughout the week. First Sundays is time to connect with each other and greet new friends along the journey. I hope that you will find it a time to invite others, as well as reconnect with people in person, playfully. This is also a season for us to see what is bearing fruit. As you know very well, this pandemic shifted our routines, shifted some priorities, and altered our spiritual, mental, physical, and emotional beings, individually and congregationally. We do not yet have a full perspective on all its impacts, but as people committed to supporting each other in our lives in Christ, we do have a community with which to begin processing.

When we lose a sense of control, faith, in the context of community, helps us find meaning. My hope and encouragement is for us to wonder together how we might listen more deeply to God’s call and live more fully listening to Jesus in our midst. I am glad to do so with you.

With love,
Jennifer+



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRY



A Prayer for Students

*God of infinite growth,
We pray for ourselves and students everywhere;
Bring us closer to your love and truth
Through our studies, arts, music, and sports;
Use us to make the world a better place;
And guide us to deepen our love for you
and for our neighbors;
Through your many names we pray. Amen.*

From Common Prayer for Children and Families

It's that time of year again—a time of new beginnings, new learning, new teachers, renewed friendships and making new friends. It's time to go back to school and to return to our children's and youth programs at Transfiguration!

I am excited to see all of our students and their caregiving adults for a great program year! We have adjusted the times for C.O.W. and Faith Lab—keep reading for more details. We will continue with some of our favorite traditions like Dia de los Muertos and Gingerbread house decorating. We will also be starting some new programs like Dungeons and Dragons—stay tuned for more details!

We will welcome and bless the new school year on August 14. Everyone is welcome to bring their backpack and/or devices to be blessed for a new year of learning and growing. We will be offering blessings during Joyful Noise and at the 10:30 am service.

Our Community of Wonder will regather on August 14. *New this year*—we will begin our sessions at 10:25am in the parish hall! All children ages 5 and up are invited to join C.O.W. in the parish hall each Sunday for stories, games and crafts. Our activities will take place during the 10:30 service. We will join the congregation at about 11 am for Communion. Adult helpers are welcome and needed; please contact Michele for more information and to volunteer.

Faith Lab will be meeting on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, 5-6:30 pm for dinner,



fellowship and a fun activity. All youth in grades 6 and up are welcome on the 2nd Sunday and students in grades 9 and up are invited to join us on the fourth Sunday as well! *New this year*—high school students will gather on the fourth Sunday each month for a deeper exploration of faith and fellowship. Adult mentors for Faith Lab are needed. Please contact Michele or Jennifer for more information about Faith Lab and to volunteer to be an adult mentor.

We will kick off the new season in Faith Lab with bowling on August 21, 5-7pm. All youth in grades 6 and up are invited to come bowl and have pizza together at BelMateo Bowl in San Mateo. You are welcome to bring a friend! Please RSVP as soon as possible to Michele so that I can reserve lanes for us.

Joyful Noise continues to meet in person and on zoom Sundays at 9am. Joyful Noise is especially designed for families with children aged 0-5, but anyone who likes to sing, listen to stories and wonder together is welcome! Storytellers are needed to add beautiful voices to our Joyful Noise. Please consider telling a story or two this season. Contact Michele for more information. Joyful Noise is followed by coffee hour and an opportunity to play on the playground each week.

Look for fun, intergenerational activities on the first Sunday each month. Our First Sunday programs are great days to invite friends to join us! This Sunday we will have a Grill on the Hill and next month we will have a bounce house—come bounce with us on Sunday, September 4 at 12pm and bring a friend or two!

I am looking forward to a season of reconnecting and making new memories together!

Love,
Michele



SPRINGTIME WITH TRANSFIGURATION

Easter Day



Confirmations, Receptions, Reaffirmations at Grace Cathedral in June



Day of Pentecost with Pool Party!



FAREWELL AND BLESSINGS ON NEW ADVENTURES



BLESSINGS TO THE JENSENS

We bid farewell to Jan and Peter on Sunday, July 31 as they move North to Springlake Village and begin their next chapter. There was a big card signed by many, a baseball themed cake and many blessings from the community. We wish them all the best and look forward to seeing them virtually and on future visits back to the Bay Area!

Pictured: Jan and Kearns family who made the cake. Note pictured: Peter who was enjoying table conversation.



A NOTE OF APPRECIATION FROM THE VILLA FAMILY

July 2022

Transfiguration Community,

After 22 years in San Mateo and with this community of friends, we are in the process of relocating to the San Diego area due to a recent job change. The packing, moving, and everything related to selling our home unfolded much more quickly than we were anticipating and therefore we did not get to say a proper goodbye. However, we felt it very important to thank all of you for your friendship, love, and support over all of these years. Transfiguration has been so important to us as we have raised our family, navigated different phases of life, and shared milestones with all of you. We have made lifelong friends in this community, sharing grief, joy, growth, frustration, hard work, fun, meaningful ceremonies, and celebrations.

The memories in this place are too numerous to name, but have included early events such as the rummage sale and soup kitchen, the conceptualization and



realization of the Joyful Noise service (thanks to Jen's vision!!), Vacation Bible School, Interfaith Hospitality Network/Home and Hope, vestry meetings, choir, two major renovations, Christmas pageants, weddings,

anniversaries, baptisms, memorials, women's retreats, men's retreats, family retreats, and numerous Dias de los Muertos in which we remembered and celebrated our departed loved ones together. And just ordinary Sundays in which we shared in worship with all of you.

This community has helped us to grow as individuals, has loved and supported our children, and has been a family to us. A heartfelt THANK YOU to Transfiguration for the pivotal role you have played in our lives and for all of your love.

We look forward to visiting whenever we can and to following the progress of this extraordinary group of individuals as you move

into your next chapter and continue to thrive as a community.

Love,
Kathleen and Joseph Villa



BERRY PICKING, BREAD BAKING AND JAM MAKING



PARISH RETREAT AT THE BISHOP'S RANCH





WAYS TO CONNECT @TRANSFIG AND IN THE BROADER COMMUNITY

MORNING MEDITATION - WEEKDAYS AT 8:30AM

A group gathers for meditation at 8:30am every Mon thru Fri on zoom. <https://zoom.us/j/6503418206> (password: 3900) All are welcome! Those who have participated have found it to be a wonderful way to begin the day. Questions? email: bob@transfig-sm.org or michele@transfig-sm.org

MORNING PRAYER - WEDNESDAYS AT 9AM

Every Wednesday morning at 9:00, a group gathers for Morning Prayer via the Transfig zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/6503418206> (password: 3900)

All are welcome! Questions? email: garipatton@astound.net

GOSPEL PREVIEW - WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30AM

Every Wednesday morning at 10:30, a group gathers for Gospel Preview bible study and lively conversation via the Transfiguration zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/6503418206> (password: 3900)

All are welcome! Questions? email: bob@transfig-sm.org

OUTREACH

HILLSDALE PEACE PANTRY

Each week a crew of dedicated Transfig Bakers are there, providing breads and other treats in support of hungry Hillside High families. They welcome your contributions whenever this works for you. Friday mornings at 8:00am in the Hillside High parking lot.

For more information, contact Gari Patton, garipatton@astound.net.

Every gift, however small, makes a difference.



LIFE MOVES

Thank you to everyone who contributed snack items for the snack bags we put together for LifeMoves.

Our youth were able to donate 75 snack bags to LifeMoves to support their Safe Parking program in Redwood City.



MEAL PACKING @ HILLSDALE HIGH



THIS WEEK AND BEYOND



THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 7

Transfiguration Sunday

- 9:00am **Joyful Noise** via zoom
<https://zoom.us/j/6503418206> password: 3900
- 10:30am **Festival Eucharist at Transfiguration**
with Livestream transfig-sm.org
with Grill on the Hill lunch to follow (Memorial
Quiet Garden patio)

Monday, August 8

- 8:30am Morning Meditation via zoom
<https://zoom.us/j/6503418206> password: 3900

Tuesday, August 9

- 8:30am Morning Meditation via zoom
<https://zoom.us/j/6503418206> password: 3900

Wednesday, August 10

- 8:30am Morning Meditation via zoom
<https://zoom.us/j/6503418206> password: 3900
- 9:00am Morning Prayer via zoom
<https://zoom.us/j/6503418206> password: 3900
- 10:30am Gospel Preview via zoom
<https://zoom.us/j/6503418206> password: 3900

Thursday, August 11

- 8:30am Morning Meditation via zoom
<https://zoom.us/j/6503418206> password: 3900

Friday, August 12

- 8:30am Morning Meditation via zoom
<https://zoom.us/j/6503418206> password: 3900

Saturday, August 13

- 9:00am Irreverent Yoga - Redwood Room

Sunday, August 14

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00am **Joyful Noise** via zoom
<https://zoom.us/j/6503418206> password: 3900
- 10:30am **In-Person, Indoor Eucharist**
at Transfiguration with livestream
transfig-sm.org
with C.O.W. children/youth program
during service until Communion
and coffee hour to follow
- 11:45am - 1pm Acolyte Training

SAVE THE DATES!

FIRST SUNDAYS

On the first Sunday of each month we will have an opportunity for fellowship and building community. We invite anyone interested in helping to plan First Sundays to email office@transfig-sm.org.

- AUGUST 7 - TRANSFIG SUNDAY WITH GRILL ON THE HILL
- SEPTEMBER 4 - FALL FUN DAY
- OCTOBER 2 - ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SUNDAY WITH ANIMAL BLESSINGS

RETREATS FOR 2023

**Reflective
Lenten Adult
Retreat @ The
Bishop's Ranch**
February 24 - 26
2023



Parish Retreat @ The Bishop's Ranch
June 9 - 11 2023





DIRECTOR OF MUSIC SEARCH

The Director of Music search is underway and we are grateful to the committee: Cheryl Blalock, Erin Renfroe and Mike Robinson for leading this effort. Please share this posting with anyone you know who may be interested or pass along leads to the committee or to Jennifer+.

Director of Music, part-time: average 12 hrs per week Transfiguration, San Mateo Job Posting

Transfiguration is seeking to employ a Director of Music to oversee and develop our music program and to help our congregation worship God. Transfiguration is blessed with a Reuter organ and a flexible worship space that has excellent acoustics. We have a small but talented volunteer choir: the backbone of our music program. We also have strong relationships with local music groups. While we enjoy the integration of organ, we are open to someone who is still in the learning phases with organ and support them learning and growing with us.

We want to work with a skilled, experienced and creative Director of Music to maximize our resources of space, instruments and volunteers. The Director of Music will build on our strong foundations and create a music program that helps our diverse, intergenerational community deepen its sense of worship.

We have two services on a Sunday morning that involve music: a 9:00 am Joyful Noise Eucharist, (a service designed for families with young children) accompanied by piano and/or guitar and a 10:30 am Rite II Eucharist with choir.

We enjoy experimenting with new music and liturgical forms to make sure our liturgy and music remain fresh. We would like to maintain and develop a tradition of choral music, with flexibility and creativity in terms of style. We would also like to grow our musical ministry with children.

Role description:

- Attend church year round, apart from vacation days.
 - Play the organ and piano to lead worship as necessary.
 - Recruit and oversee additional musicians (including organists/pianists) as necessary, within the budget of the music program.
 - Attend staff meetings twice a month. Attend longer staff planning activities 3 times per year.
 - Plan music at least a month in advance. Including hymns, introits, voluntaries and anthems.
 - Lead and develop the parish choir who sing weekly during the program year. Have proven experience with directing a choir and proven communication and teaching skills.
 - Develop a sense of community within the choir through 2 social events during the year.
 - Lead a choir planning team to hold two fundraising events for the music program during the year. One during Lent (in the past we have held a Chili Cook-Off), one during the fall (a concert or music event).
 - Develop leadership within the choir to assist in overseeing the music library.
 - Lead a twice-monthly Thursday choir rehearsal* during the program year (choir does not sing during 3 months of the summer).
- *Potential alternative is to incorporate rehearsals on Sunday mornings in the Redwood Room at 9 am and allow youth to join for choir expansion
- Make creative use of the musical resources of the parish (choir, young singers and volunteer musicians) to provide a diverse musical program across our services on Sundays.
 - Having proven skills in working with children would help in this role.
 - Familiarity with Episcopal liturgies and hymnody preferred.
 - Church music experience of at least three years.

Please apply with a cover letter and resume to The Rev. Jennifer Hornbeck, Priest in Charge, Transfiguration Episcopal Church, 3900 Alameda De Las Pulgas, San Mateo, CA 94403. jennifer@transfig-sm.org.

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Senior Warden: Jennifer Robinson

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Clerk to the Vestry: Eric Johnson

Treasurer: Joseph Villa

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