

THE WEEKLY RAG

*For the United Ministries
of the Presbyterian Church in Chinatown and Donaldina Cameron House*

May 18, 2025

Celebrate the Gifts of Women Worship Service

Please join us on Sunday as we celebrate gifts of women with guest preacher Rev. Laura Mariko Cheifetz, Transitional Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of San Francisco.



Women's Fellowship plans this service each year to reflect on and rejoice in the ways women enrich the life of the church. Following the service will be a light lunch and tea time in the Fellowship Hall.

Prayer List

Prayers of comfort and peace for the **family of Karen Abel**, especially for her husband Gary, long-time friends of Pastor Don. Karen died after a short illness.

Prayers of comfort and peace for the **family of Michael Iman** (close friend and skiing mentor to Dave Chan) who passed on recently. As wife Carol put it, "Michael has been called home for eternal rest with God."

Blessings and strength for new **Pope Leo XIV**, as he addresses peace and justice in our chaotic world. May he lead with grace and humility and inspire all.

Prayers of thanks and celebration for all the amazing women of our worshiping community who share their gifts and leadership in so many ways to support the ministries of the church.

School of Discipleship will be on recess for the Month of May. Class will reconvene Monday, June 2 with a study on the Book of Esther.

Lenten Series Feedback

Pastor Don and the Worship team need your input! This Lent we have used a series developed by *A Sanctified Art*. The team needs your feedback on this series specifically so that we can plan on future worship. Please fill out the online [survey](#) or if you come to church, paper surveys will be available.

Today's Hymns and Scripture Passages

Opening

Here In This Place
401 in Glory to God

Meditation

Though I May Speak
693 in Glory to God

Closing

Christ is Alive
246 in Glory to God

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Psalm 131 / Acts 9: 36-43

Service Opportunities

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS:

[Saturday Pantry](#)

THURSDAY PANTRY:

10:15-11:45am.

Email foodpantry@pccsf.org if you can volunteer. Location: Cameron House parking lot.

To Host Teatime:

[TEATIME SIGN UP](#)

IN THE LOOP

The latest issue of In the Loop (summary of the English Commission's April meeting) can be found in the news section of the English home page: www.pccsf.org/english.

English Worshiping Community **RETREAT**

Theme: Matthew 25 –
Recharging Our Faith,
Rebuilding Our Community

June 13–15, 2025

Siden Conference Center
of Redwood Glen
100 Wright Dr, Loma Mar, CA

Cost: Early-bird **\$250** per person
(before May 11) After May 11, **\$275**.
Double room occupancy

WHY THIS RETREAT?

- To nourish your spirit and renew your energy
- To connect deeply with your church community
- To name our fears, hopes, and dreams
- To explore what it means to be Christ's body in the world today.

Click below to register:

Registration Link



*Recharging Our Faith,
Rebuilding Our Community*

A WEEKEND OF FAITH, CONNECTION, AND RENEWAL

Step away from the daily grind and join your church family for a time of rest, reconnection, and recommitment. This retreat invites us to reflect on Jesus' call in Matthew 25 and explore how we can live as a vibrant, just, and compassionate community.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

Evening Session: "Come Unto Me"

6:30–9:00 PM

- Check-in and welcome
- Story-sharing and spiritual check-in
- Framing the weekend through Matthew 25
- Light refreshments (No dinner provided—please eat before arrival)

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

Morning Session: Congregational Vitality

9:00–11:30 AM

- Worship and teaching
- Small group reflections on vitality and burnout

Afternoon Session:

Dismantling Structural Racism

1:00–4:00 PM

- Prayer and learning
- Reflecting on our work as a Sanctuary and Accompaniment Church
- Guided dialogue and creative visioning

Evening Session:

Eradicating Systemic Poverty

6:30–8:30 PM

- Food pantries and justice beyond charity
- Optional silent prayer, journaling, or fasting

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

Morning Worship and Communion

"Go Therefore, I Am With You"

10:00–11:30 AM

- Closing worship
- Group covenant and commissioning
- Optional group photo

Retreat concludes with lunch at 12:00 PM



RETREAT FACILITATOR:
REV. JOANN LEE

Joann Haejong Lee is the Associate Pastor for Community Formation at Calvary Presbyterian Church, San Francisco. She was born in New York City to Korean immigrant parents and grew up in Houston, Texas.

She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from The University of Texas at Austin and a Masters of Divinity from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois. Joann was ordained as a teaching elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA) while she served as a Lily Pastoral Resident at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago. She then served as an Associate Pastor at The House of Hope Presbyterian Church in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Joann and her partner Mike live in San Francisco with their three rambunctious kids: Austin, Rose, and Josephine. She loves that the Bay Area offers many wonderful places to drink boba, walk among the redwoods, and hear the crash of the ocean waves.