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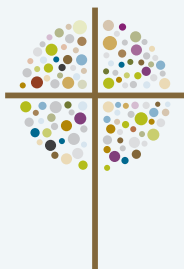
Alive!
In Christ... in the World



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HOPE

for our tomorrows

By Gerald Chinen - Pastor, Care

Back in the summer of '77, I moved into my campus apartment in Southern California ahead of my first seminary class. I had been told that the campus had a great view of the San Gabriel mountains. Back then, of course, smog was a huge issue, and I never saw the mountain behind me until a heavy rainstorm accompanied by strong gusts of wind cleared away the haze.

While rainstorms and winds are not always pleasant, we need them to clear away the darkness. It often brings clarity, and we certainly experienced heavy winds and rainstorms in 2020. To say 2020 was like no other year would be an understatement. The pandemic came upon us during a politically vulnerable time, and the convergence of things tore away at any sort of veneer of racial harmony. And yet, with all of that, I do have hope for our tomorrows, because though we saw the very worst in humanity, we also experienced the absolute best in humanity in 2020.

Every year, as you know by now, I choose a word to live into. A word that gives direction and purpose for the year. This spiritual practice has been extremely helpful to me, and it is a guiding light especially in periods of darkness.

These curious and uncertain times have truly tested our character, and I believe we have found ourselves thinking more deeply in the light of the challenges, about the kind of persons we really want to be. I know I've gone from gracious to unkind in the span of one news report, or when reading something online. I never knew how deeply I felt about some things and some people. I have so much work to do on my character, and so that is the word I have chosen for 2021: **character**.

We read in Romans 5:3-4, "And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope..."

We have a ways to go before a vaccine is available to all. We have a long journey toward racial harmony and equal, equitable justice for all. I don't know how well I will do in reflecting the character of Christ through adversity, but I will be committed to practicing patience and endurance through the struggles. I hope in doing so that I can express in my words and deeds the character of Christ, and as a result, to have hope and to offer that same hope to others. Will you join me this year in living into the character of Christ? Will you join me in being the hope of Christ?

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care

Touch of Love Gift Bags



So many people have felt isolated during this pandemic. To express our care and love, the Congregational Care and Senior Ministry teams, under the leadership of their elders, Mary Welte, Lynne Terril, and Catherine Coleman, created “Touch of Love” gift bags!

Among the items in each bag are a word puzzle or calendar planner, a packet of Kleenex, a pen, chocolate kisses, a scented bar of soap, a scroll with information to help keep healthy, active and answer some quizzes, and a “Gobble Good” easy recipe for left-over turkey. Patty Koepke ordered colorful bags and Thanksgiving cards for each of the 61 recipients. Volunteers packed these items into bright, colored bags with google-eyed turkeys on them. Volunteers all wore masks and gloves, ventilated the room with open doors, and worked to stay six feet apart while packing the bags.

Deacons Nancy Boren, Dick Curry, Lyle (and Charlotte) Deck, Marcia Hendricks, Patty (and Alan) Koepke, and Sue West volunteered to help pack the gift bags and deliver them. Bev Fellows created the list of seniors who received the bags and helped with the packing and delivery, as did Lynne Terril and Mary and Tom Welte. After the bags were packed, each volunteer wrote a personal note to the seniors to whom they were going to deliver the Touch of Love bags. They were delivered to seniors from Oakland to Concord. Recipients were happy to receive them.

If you know of any seniors in our congregation who would benefit from receiving one of them, please contact Lexi Morrissey at lexi@lopc.org.

Care and Senior Ministry Presents:

Care and Senior Ministry is looking forward to continuing their series of classes for the mind and body in 2021! We are happy to offer Yoga on Tuesdays during January, and our Faith ‘n Fun on Fridays will now be held on the second and fourth Fridays of month, beginning January 8. All classes begin at 9:00 a.m.

For details on class topics and to register, please go to lopc.org/registrations.

spiritual formation

10:10

grow empowered to live in faith

Stay tuned for the Winter 10:10 series
On Sundays from 1/10/21-2/14/21

Our winter 10:10 will compliment the sermon series: “Worship Changes Everything - How The Practice of Praising God Builds Resilience in Tough Times.”

Stay tuned for exciting presenters!
To register weekly go to lopc.org/1010classes

Daily Devotion Videos

A new devotion is posted online each day!

Visit lopc.org, Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter to watch. Email communications@lopc.org to subscribe to Daily Devotion emails.



mission

LOPC Joins Partnership to Collect Warm Clothing

As part of LOPC's ongoing *love does* program, the LOPC Interfaith Team has partnered with White Pony Express and the SHARE Community to collect warm clothes for homeless men and teen boys. Donated items will be distributed to at the SHARE Community site in East County where SHARE brings showers and toilets on wheels to the street. The project's aim is to help those in need rekindle dignity, restore hope, and unlock the opportunity that comes with being clean.

Six specific clothing items are needed --gently used shirts, pants, sweaters, jackets, blankets, and shoes in small, medium and large sizes. Donors are asked to first launder and fold the clothing, then indicate the S, M and/or L sizes on an accompanying note so they can be placed directly into a clean box for immediate distribution. LOPC and its White Pony Express and SHARE partners hope to "uplift the lives of our recipients by providing them only clothing that we might give as a gift to a close family member, so we ask that only clothing in very good shape be donated," noted a Trinity Center staffer. "More specifically, please don't include stained, torn or otherwise damaged items, making them unsuitable as a gift."

Please bring your gently used clothing to the LOPC parking lot Saturday, January 30, from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. LOPC Interfaith Team volunteers will be there, masked and socially distanced, to accept items directly from your car to be placed in boxes for immediate distribution.

It will greatly help LOPC and its partners if you attach a separate note indicating the item(s) and size(s) to help volunteers prepare an inventory master list of items collected. Contact Terry Clark at terence.clark08@gmail.com with any questions.

For more information:

- White Pony Express: whiteponyexpress.org
- Share Community: thesharecommunity.com
- Mobile Showers: thesharecommunity.com/mobile-showers

Presbyterian Church Perseveres in the Congo Amidst Covid-19



The Presbyterian Church in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is a major mission partner for LOPC. The mission co-workers, Jeff and Christy Boyd and Larry and Inge Sthreshley, have remained working in the DRC during the pandemic. The status of the projects that LOPC supports is:

- During Christmas, LOPC raised funds to help re-start special training for 40 girls in English and Information Technology;
- Fundraising for the 10th school to be built by Build Congo Schools BCS is ongoing;
- The church there is hopeful that the facilitator training for the children's trauma healing curriculum, Healing Hearts, will resume this summer as the DRC recovers from the pandemic.

As reported previously, the annual Congo Mission Network (CMN) conference is proceeding in virtual format, with monthly sessions that started in September 2020. There are online sessions January-March, with the next two months discussing education in the DRC. These events are free, but you do have to register at congopartners.org/register2020. Those who have attended have found the sessions very informative. With the virtual format, many more Congolese have been able to participate. The January sessions are the 16th and 23rd. Previous sessions can be found at CMN's YouTube channel.

If you have any questions, contact Roberta Spalding at rlspalding@earthlink.com.

love does

love protects, love hopes, love never fails

A Whole Month of love does!

This year love does will look very different than in the past, but for *love does* this is exciting news! In 2021, simply put, one day isn't enough!

LOPC's annual tradition of working together as a congregation side-by-side will understandably not be possible this year. Despite the limitations, there continues to be need, and we have curated various service activities that will take place throughout the whole month of February to give support and love to our community and our mission partners.

We will kick-off the month of service on Jan. 31 in worship and will offer various days of service throughout the month. There will be service projects that one can do with friends and family, as well as opportunities to serve both onsite at the Food Bank and on campus socially-distanced.

Below are just some of the activities that will be available for our month of love does.

- Polar Fleece Blanket Kit Pick-up: Participants will pick up a kit to take home, complete and return finished.
- Hygiene Kits: Participants will create a hygiene kit with required items and a note of encouragement inside.
- Breakfast Kits: Participants will create breakfast kits for homeless men and women to make sure they have at least one meal they can rely on.
- Volunteers will have the opportunity to work at the Food Bank of Contra Costa County.

In addition, LOPC will be co-hosting the Winter Nights Shelter (formally Warm Winter Nights) with Walnut Creek United Methodist Church Feb. 8-22. Though the families will be housed at WCUMC, LOPC will be responsible for providing breakfast, dinner, and snacks.

Winter Nights Shelter

This year LOPC will co-host the Winter Nights Family Shelter (formally Warm Winter Nights) with Walnut Creek United Methodist Church (WCUMC) for two weeks, February 8-22. LOPC's participation this year will look very different as the shelter has had to make changes to adhere to county COVID-19 mandates. Understandably, there will be no volunteer contact with clients. LOPC will participate by providing meals, and WCUMC will provide housing on its campus. Members of both congregations will work to make families feel welcomed and safe.

Ways to Help

Provide Dinner

Dinners must be prepared by licensed, commercial kitchens such as restaurants, grocery stores and delis. No home cooking and no cooking in the shelter kitchen is allowed.

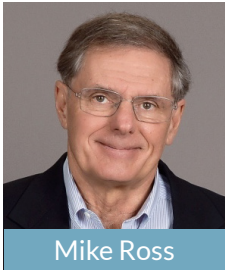
- You can pick up dinner and deliver it to the host site, or if you want, ask the restaurant to deliver or arrange for something like an Uber or Door Dash delivery.
- You can shop at Costco, Smart & Final, Safeway Deli, etc., as long as the food is prepared by its kitchens and prepackaged – such as sealed trays of spaghetti and meatballs, or mac and cheese, or packaged salad mix, or sealed tray of vegetables. Staff will serve portioned amounts to clients.

Shop for Supplies

You will be contacted the day before the date for which you signed up to see what supplies are needed. Upon receiving the list of items needed, you may purchase and deliver the groceries to WCUMC. Winter Nights staff will receive them. Please retain the original receipts for all expenditures so that you may turn them in for reimbursement.

Sign up at signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44A9A723A1F58-winter

foundation



We Can't Take It With Us

By Mike Ross, Foundation Trustee

During these stressful times caused by the pandemic, the resulting economic woes that are affecting millions of people, and the recurring incidents of racial violence,

we find there are a myriad of causes that call for our financial support. In many cases, we perceive that the needs are immediate; in others the needs are likely to be long-term.

The LOPC Foundation encourages current contributions to the church to address immediate needs. It also welcomes “legacy” or “planned” giving to provide for the church’s long-term needs. Many charitable organizations support a single cause, such as providing food, shelter, or education to people in need. An advantage of making contributions to LOPC or the Foundation (which provides the church annually with material financial support) is that the contributions support not only the church’s operations and facilities but also the church’s numerous domestic and international mission partners that address a broad range of needs. It is also worth noting that the church’s facilities are frequently used by numerous local organizations that benefit the community.

The Foundation specializes in “legacy” or “planned” giving, that is, gifts that are provided for in estate plans.

In addition to their current gifts to the church, many families have become “Friends” of the Foundation by declaring their intentions to include the Foundation in their estate plans. There are several advantages to this manner of giving. First, it provides long-term support for the church, which is likely to have increasing and unexpected expenses in the future. The funds received from these bequests are invested in a diversified portfolio of funds, allowing the foundation annually to disburse to the church a significant portion of its budget. Second, the funds for this support come from the donor’s estate, and, therefore, do not reduce the amount of funds donors have for living expenses. Third, this is a way for families to express and model for family members and others, their gratitude for what LOPC has meant to them and their faith along with their confidence in the long-term future of the church. Finally, “legacy giving” offers a solution to the problem that “we cannot take it with us.”

To learn more about the Foundation and “legacy” or “planned” giving, please contact any of the members of the board of trustees: Jim Beckemeyer, Phil Placier, Staci Johnston, Kristi Haigh, Dara Youngdale, Gerald Ducey, Jen Crocker or Lois Boyd.

Visit lopc.org/foundation for more information!

finance

December Finance Tax Notification

LOPC must receive your mailed gift (postmarked 12/31) or in-person by 5:00 p.m. on 12/31/2020. There will be no exceptions.

If you are making a stock gift, please notify Lidia (x229 or lidia@lopc.org) with the type of stock it is, and how it should be applied. It must be in LOPC’s brokerage account by 12/31. Please do not file your 2020 tax return until you receive your year-end statements, with written acknowledgment of your gifts to LOPC, which will be made in January 2021.

youth

In-Person Events

Register at lopc.org/ministry/youth
Space is limited.

Register now for our in-person youth group events on Sundays running from January 10 - 31. YOW (for youth in 5th-8th grades) will take place from 12:45 - 2:00 p.m., and BTW (for youth in 9th-12th grades) will take place from 3:00 - 4:15 p.m. Due to the higher potential for rain this time of year, we'll be under our new and very big tent canopies! Youth will gather socially distanced and outdoors (bundle up!) to enjoy fun and interactive activities while connecting with God and each other.

Questions? Contact Keris Dahlkamp for high school at keris@lopc.org and Allison Kunz for middle school at allison@lopc.org.



session highlights

By Paul Koenig, Clerk of Session

Session met on November 17, 2020, which was again held via Zoom video conferencing.

Session passed the following motions: 1) authorized the Session Planning Council to approve a Grant Agreement between the San Francisco Presbytery and LOPC, on behalf of the Monument Crisis Center, for \$32,000 to fund a much needed MCC Covid related staff position. This follows the previously approved motion in October 2020 to request presbytery funds for this purpose; 2) approved the Seedlings budget for 2020/2021; and 3) allowed Operations to proceed with the 2021 campus maintenance reserve study projects, which projects have been approved to be funded by Foundation grants.

Peter Whitelock, pastor, also provided a report on the recent installation and ordination of new church officers whose terms begin January 1, 2021. He further updated as to LOPC's worship plans going forward. Peter further advised Session that the anti-bias/anti-racism working group was continuing its work and development to promote racial equity, education and advocacy.

Session also will be voting in December for two at large members of Session to serve on the Session Planning

Council beginning January 1, 2021. Peter further reported on the recent Presbytery meeting, including that LOPC member Jiyeon Bae was received for the ordination process and that the Presbytery would be releasing funds for churches that need help.

Jaime Polson, pastor, provided a report on current health and safety guidelines recently issued by the state and county as they relate to worship at LOPC and other campus activities.

Jim Nagle, Finance elder, provided an update as to finances, and provided updated information for the next year's budget, which will be updated in December and early next year.

Bill DeWolf, Personnel elder, provided a report from Personnel in closed session to approve staff bonuses. Session expressed great appreciation, particularly in this difficult time, and unanimously approved the bonuses.

Again, we are all grateful for all the pastors, staff, and teams at LOPC, who continue to provide their blessed talents, and their great and important work in this Coronavirus situation. We continue to thank them, and blessings to all.

seedlings

Seedlings Alumni: Where Are They Now?

By Taylor Morrill, Seedlings Communications Board

Do you ever wonder what that little Poppy or Snapdragon you see happily strolling to class every day will be up to over the next 20 years? What schools will they go on to attend? What will their hobbies be? In a series of articles, we will be profiling Seedlings alumni and find out what they are up to today!

This month, we reached out to Seedlings alumni Lexi Moulton. In 2001, at the age of 5 months, Lexi first attended Seedlings in the Sweet Peas class. At that time, Seedlings was housed in the old building where the Ministry Center now is. The playground was behind it, and Lexi remembers playing in the old sandbox and dressing up in the classroom with friends. Although a lot has changed since her time at Seedlings, a few things remain the same. “We had similar riding toys outside. Miss Amy, Miss Lisa, and our substitute teacher, Miss Jan, taught while I was at Seedlings. My mom (Coleen) was the director.”



Lexi Moulton - 18 mo.

After Lexi graduated from Seedlings in 2006, she attended her local Benicia schools: Mary Farmer Elementary, Benicia Middle, and Benicia High School. She graduated in 2019 and is now attending Diablo Valley College. In elementary school, Lexi began playing basketball and continued for many years. She played all through her senior year of high school, where her team won the league championship! In addition to basketball, Lexi enjoys spending her time boating and soaking up the outdoors!

In the fall of 2020, Seedlings was so excited to welcome Lexi back as an outside teacher! Parents and children alike have nothing but wonderful things to say about “Miss Lexi”. Jake, a 4-year-old in the Daffodils class said, “I like Miss Lexi because she plays with us and helps us find treasures in the sandbox!” Asked what she likes most about working at Seedlings, Lexi said, “I’ve really enjoyed getting to interact with each of the age groups and getting to know the kids. I also enjoy being a part of such an amazing staff and community.” We love it that Lexi is back working with our little ones, and we are grateful to have her—again—as part of the Seedlings family!



Lexi Moulton & Students - 2020

community



FIRST FRIDAY FORUM

First Friday Forum (FFF) kicks off the new year with some changes! For one, the January meeting date has been moved to the second Friday, January 8, at 1:30 p.m., to avoid the January 1 New Year's Day holiday. The second change is that because of COVID-19, we can no longer physically meet in Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church's (LOPC) sanctuary. To participate, guests must register to attend the webinar presentation. FFF chair, Mike Rusk, has announced that the speaker will be China expert, Larry Lamborn, with the topic "The Encirclement of Asia."

With a national security career spanning 45 years, Lamborn has 26 years of service as a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) officer. He worked in a variety of Third World countries, in the Caucasus and Central Asia, successor republics of the former Soviet Union. As a trained Army strategic intelligence officer, he served in the Army Reserve, retiring as a full colonel. In the Pentagon, Lamborn was with the Strategic Warning Staff, the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. He is a Vietnam veteran and holds a Master of Arts degree in Chinese Regional Studies from the University of Washington.

Of his presentation Lamborn says, "Few countries have risen as fast as has the People's Republic of China (PRC), with the world's second largest economy, increasingly powerful and modern military forces, and global ambitions. Today China has the power to challenge the United States economically and militarily, and its goal is to surpass America as the world's leading power by 2030. Toward that end, the PRC is steadily displacing the West throughout Asia and Africa and

extending its influence into the Pacific Ocean area, Latin America, and even Europe. The Encirclement of Asia is aimed not only at encircling Asia, but ultimately at drawing a technological and economic circle around the United States itself."

Prof. Tom Scovel, FFF team member, also well acquainted with China, says of his friend, Lamborn, "Rarely do we have the opportunity to hear someone who is both a Washington insider and an outsider, especially when it comes to matters of international military concerns. One of his more recent books, *Arms of Little Value*, is a critique of many American policies that have dealt with insurgency movements. His global perspective and his familiarity with the PRC promise to make his talk both timely and informative."

Lamborn is the author of four books in addition to numerous essays. He says he has been a "China watcher" for 50 years, and the country has been the centerpiece of his academic study and professional work. "China fascinates me, and I have drawn upon my China knowledge in drafting my books and essays. I wrote my essay, "The Encirclement of Asia," on which my talk will focus, because I believe it is important for Americans to understand Chinese expansionism and how it will shape the world in the coming years—not always to our benefit."

To register for this event, go to lopc.org/first-friday-forum. Click on the link in the blue font and fill out the webinar registration form with your name and email address. You will receive a response with the Zoom link required to attend the talk January 8 at 1:30 p.m.

community



Science and Religion continues in January with its series on Consciousness.

January 18, 7:15 p.m. on Zoom

Why do we exist? Why is there “something” rather than “nothing”? Why is there anything at all? In January, we will discuss these and other questions raised in a video in the series Closer to Truth, by Lawrence Kuhn, who explores concepts of consciousness and the universe.

Kuhn talks with five physicists and philosophers: Michio Kaku, Bede Rundle, John Leslie, Richard Swinburne, and Hubert Dreyfus—who share their perspectives. We will break the video into four “bite-size” segments, with a short discussion between each segment.

Please join us as we discuss what these thought leaders ponder: Is nothingness absurd? Do we need to explain the something-versus-nothing question at all? Could it all be a function of chance? Was Plato correct in claiming that the value of perfection is ultimate? Or is Mind or Consciousness ultimate? Kuhn concludes that “something” exists, and we are part of it. What will we conclude?

Please RSVP to Nancy Boren at nancy.boren@att.net. She will send you the necessary Zoom link a day or so before the meeting. Sign in so you can stretch your mind with other thoughtful people.

thursday Fellowship

caring • sharing • loving

A program of Senior Care Ministries



The 2019-2020 Thursday Fellowship program year was discontinued last March due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However what did continue was our desire and need to stay connected. The commitment of our volunteers to maintain contact with our guests and each other has never wavered. Our volunteers continue to reach out to each other and our treasured guests. Our calling tree is still going strong – holidays, birthdays and life events are still honored with penned notes and cards, and Zoom calls have been added to round out the options.

Volunteers delivered festively wrapped amaryllis bulbs and our 2020 Christmas card to our guests in early December. By all accounts the volunteers enjoyed making the deliveries as much as the guests loved receiving them. The new year brings the hope that the pandemic will be conquered, and that Thursday Fellowship can restart.

One of our guests recently wrote, “It was so wonderful to have (the) LOPC connection. Each person that I met at the luncheon seemed to have interesting lives that they could share. I do hope there is a vaccine soon that can allow for that lunch to start again. It has been so good for so many people.” That’s right! It is good for so many people, for the volunteers coordinating the crafts, exercise, beautiful tables, delicious luncheon and snacks, and for our Senior guests who come to socialize and enjoy the program. In the meantime, Happy New Year and stay safe!

JOURNEY of faith

By Jodie Black, as told to Bobbie Dodson-Nielsen, LOPC member

I grew up in Houston, Texas, where, for as long as I can remember, our family was faithful church-goers. Growing up Southern Baptist, we attended Sunday morning and evening services and went “visiting” on Wednesday evenings. From an early age, I heard the stories from the Old & New Testaments and memorized scriptures in Sunday school and Vacation Bible School. So, a Christian education was something I simply accepted. It wasn’t until I reached my teens that I began to experience doubts about my faith. It wasn’t a question of whether I believed in God and the faith I’d been taught; it was if God accepted me. You see, while the gospel I was learning espoused “grace and not works,” all around me there was an obsession with guilt and judgment. I was struggling with my sexuality, and I couldn’t see how God could forgive or accept me. I never gave up pursuing God through those years, and now, upon reflection, I know God was pursuing me even more. My journey was simply a manifestation of “Lord I believe, help my unbelief.” (Mark 9:24).

I had the most unique faith experience when I attended the University of North Texas. By the time I left for college, I was disenchanted with church. I didn’t feel challenged to learn more. I was still hearing the same stories I had learned and memorized as a child, told over and over, with no new insights. I was challenged with my schoolwork, but why had I not in my biblical understanding? At college, I found a wonderful church where I befriended a couple who introduced me to reformed theology. Soon I was reading John Calvin, John Owen, D.M. Lloyd-Jones, and Richard Sibbes among others. This opened my eyes to seeing and understanding God in ways I’d never considered. I didn’t get all my answers from these books nor did my problems go away, but I found peace in knowing that



others, like me, struggled to know God and Jesus more deeply. Their journey helped me go deeper in my faith and grow my confidence that the God I worshiped went far beyond those childhood stories. I began to understand what “seeing through a glass darkly” (1 Cor 13:12) meant for walking with God: to learn and yet know there was so much more to learn.

Chad and I met at First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley 30 years ago. During those years, we had some great opportunities to serve, but more times than not, opportunities were denied. Our decision to live authentically meant we couldn’t serve in any ordained role. We were questioned as to our motives for wanting to pursue leadership roles within the church community. Eventually, we felt that staying at First Pres would diminish our worship. We had great friends who loved and supported us throughout our years, but First Pres was not ready to move forward with accepting openly gay congregants into places of leadership. After a time of reflection, we began visiting various churches. LOPC was the first church we visited more than once. Our first Sunday, Judy Durff met us immediately after the service to welcome us. Soon we found we were warmly welcomed by the entire pastoral staff. Since then, I’ve had the privilege to serve as Music & Worship Elder and Clerk of Session. Chad and I are active in the choir program. I’ve had a great time working with Youth Alive [an LOPC program], and we’ve opened our home for Lenten Study for several years now. Currently, we are facilitating a small community group via Zoom.

At LOPC, we are welcomed, loved, and asked to serve, and that has made all the difference in our lives and our faith.



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Worship Changes
Everything

*How the practice of praising God
builds resilience in tough times.* | Series begins
January 10

**ONLINE Sunday
Worship Service**
9:00 a.m.

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