

# THE WEEKLY RAG

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

February 2, 2025

## Sundays at PCC

**Today's Sermon:** Sometimes the message of God's love and inclusion is counter cultural. Join us this Sunday as we reflect on Luke 4:21-30, examining how Jesus' rejection in his hometown reveals the deeper struggle of confronting grace that challenges divisions and disrupts comfort.

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### Matthew 25 Engagement - Sunday, February 9th

The Matthew 25 Engagement team has invited **Rev. Pedro-Pablo Morataya** from Primera Igelisa Presbiteriana Hispana in Oakland to preach and meet with us during Tea Time. Rev. Morataya is currently a Co-Moderator for the Presbytery of San Francisco.

He was born in Guatemala and immigrated to the United States in 1991. In 2004 the SF Presbytery ordained him as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament of the PC(USA). This will be a great opportunity for us to meet and learn more about our brothers and sisters in the Hispanic/LatinX faith community. Although a bit dated, you can read this [LINK](#) from the PC(USA) Mission Yearbook to get an introduction.

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### Asian Women's Shelter - Sunday, February 16th

Join us on February 16 to learn more about Asian Women's Shelter (AWS), an organization that our English Worshiping Community has supported for many years (through Mission & Evangelism). The mission of AWS: To eliminate domestic violence and human trafficking, by promoting the social, economic, and political self-determination of women and all survivors of violence and oppression.

Community Advocate and Volunteer Program Coordinator for AWS, Hediania Utarti, will speak on what it is they do, who they are and share some experiences so we can understand better what DV and Human Trafficking look like in real life. She will be available for Q & A.

A light lunch will be provided by the Mission & Evangelism Committee.

## Today's Hymns and Scripture Passages

*Opening*

**O Day of Rest and Gladness**  
393 in Glory to God

*Communion*

**Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether**  
529 in Glory to God

*Closing*

**O God In Whom All Life Begins**  
308 in Glory to God

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**Jeremiah 1: 4-10**  
**Luke 4: 21-30**  
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## Prayer List

Prayers of comfort for family and loved ones of those who were lost in the Washington DC plane crash.

**Lauren Rodenbaugh, Neil and Katie**, friends of Carolyn Chan, as they face health decisions.

Strength for **Kimball & Vivien** as they continue their medical ministry in the Philippines.

Prayers of comfort and peace for **Nathan Louie** as he begins his last journey home. He has stopped nourishment.

For those in immigration detention and for those who live in fear now because of recent threats of mass deportations.


Send prayer concerns to  
[prayers@pccsf.org](mailto:prayers@pccsf.org).

## Report from Special Meeting of January 26

The special meeting of the English Worshiping Community was attended by 32 people in-person and 9 people online. They unanimously approved an additional week of study leave for Rev. Donald P. Hammond so he can attend the Art of Transitional Ministry. Also approved was a budget increase of \$500 for his associated reimbursable expenses.

Results of the August 2024 Ministry Satisfaction Survey were shared. Overall, all 28 responses to the survey were satisfied.

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2025 BAY AREA DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

# CARRYING THE LIGHT FOR JUSTICE

*“Neighbors, not Enemies”*

Together, we stand against mass detention and mass deportation.


WRONG IN 1942. WRONG TODAY.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
**Michael Ishii**  
Executive Director, Tsuru for Solidarity

PRESENTED BY  
**Bay Area DOR Consortium**

SUN, FEBRUARY 16, 2025  
1:00–3:00 PM  
Program at AMC Kabuki 8 Theatres  
followed by Reception & Dialogue  
San Francisco Japantown

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February 19, 2025, marks 83 years since the signing of Executive Order 9066, which authorized the mass incarceration of 120,000 individuals of Japanese ancestry—about one-third of whom were children. We must ensure that such injustice is never repeated. The time to act is now. We must stop the cruelty of raids, roundups, and the expansion of the detention system—and dismantle the detention system itself. Take action. Attend a Day of Remembrance event in your community to honor this legacy – the resilience and resistance of our ancestors. Invite your family, friends and neighbors. Stand united to shine a light on justice. Together, we can ensure that history does not repeat itself and that the rights of all are fiercely defended. For our sake and the sake of future generations.