

THE RAGSHEET

Weekly News for the English Worshiping Community



We are a Matthew 25 worshipping community committed to these pillars:

- 1) building congregational vitality
- 2) dismantling structural racism
- 3) eradicating systemic poverty

May 17, 2026

This Sunday at PCC

SBay to Breakers! Remember this Sunday May 17 is Bay to Breakers! Please plan your travel into Chinatown accordingly.

Sermon: In an age shaped by fear, outrage, anxiety, and Christo-nationalism, the gospel offers another way. Reflecting on 1 Peter and Jesus' prayer in John 17, we will explore what it means to remain faithful, compassionate, and united in a world that rewards fear and division. Grace is still stronger than the lion. And the promise of Jesus to us is still that this leads us to eternal life.

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SPECIAL TEA TIME PROGRAM THIS SUNDAY

Annette Wong, Director of Programming at Chinese for Affirmative Action (CAA), has agreed to speak with the English Speaking Congregation this Sunday (5/17), during our Teatime. Her story starts in Chinatown where her parents, new immigrants in San Francisco, met for the first time, taking the bus from Chinatown to the Ocean Avenue Campus, to attend classes. From the garment industry to healthcare, to an Italian butcher shop on Grant Avenue, Annette's family has been embedded in Chinatown's history for generations. She'll be sharing CAA's five issue areas: immigrant rights, economic justice, language diversity, education equity, and community safety and justice—and how they match with our three legged motif and emphases of Matthew 25 (systemic poverty, structural racism and congregation (or community) vitality). She'll also be discussing CCA's plan to commemorate Wong Kim Ark with a plaque dedication at the site of his family's SRO apartment nearby on Clay St. in June.

Pastor Don Will Be Away

Pastor Don will be on vacation from Wednesday May 20 through Wednesday June 3. Scott Barlow will be preaching on Pentecost Sunday, and Greg Chan will be preaching on Trinity Sunday.

Today's Hymns and Scripture Passages

Opening

We All Are One in Mission
733 in Glory to God

Meditation

O Word of God Incarnate
459 in Glory to God

Closing

Fight the Good Fight
846 in Glory to God

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I Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
John 17: 1-11
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Women's Fellowship

On Monday, May 18th, we will have **Kelsey Law**, Vice Moderator of Presbyterian Women, to share what's happening with PW and updates on the Churchwide Gathering scheduled in 2027.

She will also share about her experience at the Commission on the Status of Women meetings. There will be time for questions and answers.

Business Meeting: 7:00pm
Time with Kelsey: 7:30 pm

Zoom link is available in the Saturday email. Contact Pat Chan if you have questions.

Prayer List *(Send prayer concerns to prayers@pccsf.org)*

Prayers for comfort and healing for **Joann and Alson Lee** who are facing health challenges, and for **Lenora** as their primary caregiver. May we find ways to support and strengthen the family, and accompany them through this difficult time.

Prayers of gratitude for the successful surgical procedure for **Shar Hall**, and for her continued healing and recovery. Please no visits or calls just yet.

Prayers of healing and strength for **Chapman's mother** and prayers of comfort for **Chapman** as he continues to care for her.

Deep thanks for the **Oroville team**, their willingness to serve, the fellowship created by their service together, and for their significant contributions to rebuilding three small houses for fire victims. Most of all, thanksgiving for their bringing hope to the most vulnerable, and representing Matthew 25 values addressing poverty.

Prayers for the continuing well-being for **Pastor Don** as he begins his vacation time. May he and Hans be replenished with fresh insights, new discoveries, and with the joy of travel, and return to us renewed and strengthened.

Rita Semel, co-founder of the Winter Shelter program and the San Francisco Interfaith Council, died this week at the age of 104 years. We pray for her family and friends and the many causes and organizations she dedicated her life to.

Prayers for resilience and safety for all those living with the terror of war in Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan, and Iran, and most especially, for widows, orphans, and children. Prayers for wisdom and courage for world leaders to urgently find the path to peace, and to end the suffering and violence.

Retreat Registration Closed

Registration for the June Retreat is now suspended—we are at capacity! If you really wanted to go but hadn't yet registered, you can request to be on a waitlist. David Chan is working with the venue to determine if we can get more spaces. If you want to be on that list email David Chan at: dchan@pctime.com

Teatime hosts are needed!

Contribute to [Congregational Vitality](#) and click on the link below to sign up and host a Sunday Teatime. See Mary Wong Leong if you have questions.

[TEATIME SIGN UP](#)



SAVE THE DATE

TIENT FUH WU DAY OF SERVICE

Hosted by Friends of Cameron House.

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026

Join us as we honor the legacy of Tien Fuh Wu, who dedicated her life to supporting those in need in Chinatown. All supplies will be provided—just bring your energy and heart for service.

All ages and abilities are welcome to meet new service-oriented friends, share a meal, give back, and honor the event's namesake, Tien Fuh Wu, who dedicated her life to serving those in need in Chinatown in the early twentieth century.

Check out our volunteer opportunities on our website!!



cameronhouse.org/day-of-service



Dear Friends,

Sign up now! Tien Fuh Wu Day of Service, hosted by Friends of Cameron House

Friends of Cameron House is excited to invite you to the Tien Fuh Wu Day of Service on **Saturday, May 30**, a day of fun and service dedicated to giving back to San Francisco Chinatown and honoring the legacy of Tien Fuh Wu, who devoted her life to serving those in need.

This meaningful day of volunteerism welcomes all ages and abilities. Come with friends, family, or on your own to meet new, service-minded people, give back to the community, and share a meal together. All supplies will be provided—just bring your energy and heart to serve.

Check out the available opportunity times! Sign up [HERE](#).

We've renamed our Day of Service to honor Tien Fuh Wu, a leader, icon, and perfect example of someone who served her community with quiet dedication and care. Come add to Tien Fuh Wu's legacy and support Chinatown.