

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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171 years in Mountain View

# GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

April 30, 2023

\*We invite all to stand either in body or in spirit.

**PRELUDE**

Tan Sang

**WELCOME**

Pastor Larry Thorson

**\*OPENING PRAISE SONG** "Oh, How He Loves You and Me"

Praise Band

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jerry Kixmoeller

**Leader:** God loved the world so much that God sent Jesus the son, so that all who believed in him would have eternal life.

**People:** **God loved the world so much that anyone who grasped God's love story would be grasped by love's story and find what is eternal.**

**Leader:** God loved the world so much heaven opened up itself completely, so that whoever welcomed the kingdom in through works of love and justice would find the lasting wholeness of life. We now come to give thanks in worship.

**\*HYMN**

"I Love You Lord"

#80

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Jerry Kixmoeller

**We come to you, Jesus, burdened with our own sin. Our own calls for revenge and violence, our own betrayals, with or without the thirty pieces of silver. Our own denials, whether or not we have heard the cock crowing. You know the sins we carry, secretly or openly, the way they crush us, the weight of them. We bring these to your cross. You carry our burdens, Lord. These, the simplest and gravest of sins, are magnified into organizations and systems, amplified in the actions of corporations and governments. Selfishness, revenge and violence unfold on the largest scale, bringing forth misery and destruction in our world every day. You carry all of our burdens. Forgive and restore us as we confess our sins to you now in silence.**

**SILENT TIME OF CONFESSION**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Jerry Kixmoeller

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who lives in Christ becomes a new creation. When the old life has gone; a new life begins. Friends, believe the gospel.

**Hymn**

“Let the Words of My Mouth”

#618

## **\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**Leader:** May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** And also with you!

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Exodus 31:12-18

Jerry Kixmoeller

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Chopin's Nocturne p. 32 No 1” Matthew Bhattacharya

**MISSION TRIP/HOUSE BUILDING IN MEXICO**

Benji Bhattacharya

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 12:9-14

**SERMON**

“No Law Against Doing Good” Pastor Larry Thorson

**SHARING OF PRAISES AND PRAYERS**

**ORDINATION/INSTALLATION OF DEACONS:** Ken and Cindy Newman

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING (Unison)**

**As we bring our offerings to you, we give back to you from the abundant blessings you have given us. May our gifts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord our God. Blessings and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, and power and strength, be unto you our God forever and ever. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

“I Want to be Like Jesus”

#400 (1,2,3)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

“Majesty”

## Assisting in Worship Today

John Perumpral, Greeter | Jerry Kixmoeller, Liturgist  
Janelle Herrera, Music Director, Praise Band Co-Leader  
Ian-Carl Floirendo, AV Director, Son Ringers Director, Praise Band Co-Leader  
Tan Sang, Pianist | Mary Hamilton, Choir Director & Pianist  
Band: Daniel Williams, Sophie Schoepp, Janelle Herrera, Ian-Carl Floirendo  
Matthew Bhattacharya, AV Assistant

### This Week at FPCMV

Sunday	9:00am	Bible Study on Revelation/Library (Zoom)
	10:00am	Worship
		Breakfast Brunch following the service/Chapel
Thursday	11:15am	Son Ringers Rehearsal/Sanctuary
	3:00pm	Sing-along (Zoom)
	7:30pm	Choir/Chapel

\*The Zoom links may be found in the weekly church emails sent at the end of each week. If you wish to receive the weekly emails, please contact Margie Haines at the church at 650.968.4473 or [firstpresbyterian@fpcmv.org](mailto:firstpresbyterian@fpcmv.org)

### Welcome from Pastor Larry Thorson

If you are visiting today, we hope you enjoy worshipping with us. If you would like to communicate with me, contact me at [larry@fpcmv.org](mailto:larry@fpcmv.org) 650.968.4473.

### Welcome home Benji Bhattacharya from Tecate, Mexico

Benji recently returned from a mission trip sponsored by his high school, King's Academy. Today, in the service, he will share about his experience.



Everyone is invited to a delicious brunch today following the service.  
Please join us the Chapel.

## **I LOVE YOU, LORD**

I love You, Lord  
and I lift my voice  
to worship You

I love You, Lord  
and I lift my voice  
to worship You  
O my soul, rejoice

Take joy, my King  
in what You hear  
may it be a sweet  
sweet sound in your ear

## **Let the Words of My Mouth**

Let the words of my mouth  
And the meditation of my heart  
Be acceptable in Thy sight  
O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer  
Amen

## **I Want to Be Like Jesus**

I have one deep, supreme desire;  
That I may be like Jesus.  
To this I fervently aspire,  
That I may be like Jesus.

I want my heart His throne to be,  
So that a watching world may see  
His likeness shining forth in me  
I want to be like Jesus.

Verse 2

He spent His life in doing good,  
I want to be like Jesus.  
In lowly paths of service trod,  
I want to be like Jesus.

He sympathized with hearts distressed,  
He spoke the words that cheered and blessed,  
He welcomed sinners to His breast.  
I want to be like Jesus.

Verse 4

Oh, perfect life of Christ, my Lord!  
I want to be like Jesus.  
My recompense and my reward,  
That I may be like Jesus.

His spirit fill my hungering soul,  
His power all my life control.  
My deepest prayer, my highest goal,  
That I may be like Jesus.

