

# *First Presbyterian Church*



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171 years in Mountain View

# GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

June 25, 2023

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

**PRELUDE**

Tan Sang

**WELCOME**

Pastor Larry Thorson

**\*OPENING PRAISE SONG**

"Grace Alone"

Praise Band

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Maureen Moore

**Leader:** Sisters and brothers, we come together to worship God who offers us freedom through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People:** **For Christ has set us free from sin and death that we might live to God's glory and praise.**

**Leader:** We have not received a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear.

**People:** **We have received the living Christ that we might be children of God.**

**Leader:** Come, let us worship our Lord!

**\*HYMN**

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

#276 (1,4)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Maureen Moore

Good and gracious God, you are always ready to hear us when we come to you in prayer. We confess our failure to keep the lines of communication open. We pray when trouble mounts around us, when pain assaults us, when we have nowhere else to turn. We fail to give you thanks for all our many blessings, instead, we take them for granted or give ourselves credit we do not deserve. Open our eyes to your care for us. Help us always to be grateful. Increase our faith in your providential care and our desire to strengthen our relationship with you. Thank you for always hearing us. We pause now to be silent before you. Search our hearts and help us confess to you those things which help separate us from you.

**SILENT TIME OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Maureen Moore

Hear the good news! If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Friends, believe the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**HYMN** "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" #614 (sing two times)

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

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

**People:** **And also with you!**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Judges 2:1-5 Maureen Moore

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "Blessings" Praise Band

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 13:24-30;36-43 Jerry Kixmoeller

**SERMON** "There Will Always Be Weeds" Pastor Larry Thorson

**OFFERING** Tan Sang

**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.**

**SHARING OF PRAISES AND PRAYERS**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*HYMN** "Trust and Obey" #349 (1,2,5)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE** "Rise Up and Praise Him" Praise Band

**Assisting in Worship Today**

Marie Casey, Greeter | Maureen Moore, Liturgist

Janelle Herrera, Music Director, Praise Band Co-Leader

Ian-Carl Floirendo, AV Director, Son Ringers Director, Praise Band Co-Leader

Tan Sang, Pianist

Band: Daniel Williams, Sophie Schoepp, Janelle Herrera, Ian-Carl Floirendo

Matthew Bhattacharya, AV Assistant

## **This Week at FPCMV**

Sunday	9:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	Bible Study on Revelation/Chapel & Zoom Worship Deacons Meeting   Manse   Zoom
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\*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)

## **MISSIONS | BACKPACK DONATIONS**

The Family Giving Tree | School Supplies Needed  
June-July 9 (earlier welcomed and encouraged)  
Grade levels: K-2, 3-5, and 6-12

Thanks to all who have participated so far in pledging or bringing school supplies or backpacks! We are off to a good start, with 11 of 35 supply components pledged, and 9 of the 12 backpacks needed pledged. This week, we hope to continue the momentum so we can reach our goal of donating 12 school supply kits for low-income students by July 9.

Items range in cost from about \$5 for some supplies, and up to \$30 for a backpack (shop sales to save on all items). You can take multiple tags for a group of items, if you are able to give a little more, or team up with a friend to split costs, if you are shopping for more expensive items. To shop for supplies, take the appropriate tag(s), and as a tip take a photo of the tag(s) in case they get misplaced. Tags, information, and the boxkette are all located together in the church narthex.

Once you have your items in hand, please place them in the boxkette in the narthex, no later than Sunday July 9, so we have time to assemble the completed kits before the delivery date.

For questions, please contact Wendy Nelson at [wendymusikmom@aol.com](mailto:wendymusikmom@aol.com)  
or in person.

## **Christ is Made the Sure Foundation**

Christ is made the sure foundation  
Christ the head and cornerstone  
Chosen of the Lord and precious  
Binding all the church in one  
Holy Zion's help forever  
And her confidence alone

### Verse 4

Laud and honor to the Father  
Laud and honor to the Son  
Laud and honor to the Spirit  
Ever three and ever one  
One in might and one in glory  
While unending ages run  
Amen

### **Hear Our Prayer, O Lord**

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### **Trust and Obey**

#### VERSE 1

When we walk with the Lord  
In the light of his Word,  
What a glory He sheds on our way!  
While we do his good will,  
He abides with us still,  
And with all who will trust and obey.

#### CHORUS

Trust and obey,  
For there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus

But to trust and obey.

VERSE 2

Not a shadow can rise,  
Not a cloud in the skies,  
But his smile quickly drives it away,  
Not a doubt nor a fear,  
Not a sigh nor a tear  
Can abide while we trust and obey.

CHORUS

Trust and obey,  
For there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus  
But to trust and obey.

VERSE 5

Then in fellowship sweet  
We will sit at his feet,  
Or we'll walk by his side in the way;  
What He says we will do,  
Where He Sends we will go,  
Never fear, only trust and obey.

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