

First Presbyterian Church



Welcome!

Thanks for joining us!

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171 years in Mountain View

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME
July 2, 2023 | Communion Sunday

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

PRELUDE

Tan Sang

WELCOME

Pastor Larry Thorson

***OPENING PRAISE SONG**

"Shout to the Lord"

Praise Band

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jerry Kixmoeller

Leader: Praise the Lord. I will extol the Lord with all my heart.

People: **Great are the works of the Lord. They are pondered by all who delight in them.**

Leader: Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.

People: **God has caused his wonders to be remembered.**

Leader: The Lord is gracious and compassionate.

People: **The Lord provides food for those who fear God.**

Leader: God always remembers his covenant forever. Let us worship our God together in Spirit and in truth.

***HYMN**

"God of Our Fathers"

#537 (vss. 1,2,4)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Jerry Kixmoeller

God of compassion and justice, hear our prayer. Christ calls all to repent, and we protest, we are virtuous people. Christ calls us to costly discipleship, and we cling to the status quo, focused on our own security and well-being. Christ calls us to love you and one another and we find excuses to put off faithfulness until tomorrow. Forgive us, O God of love. By your grace, cleanse and renew us, we pray. We will pause quietly before you now as you search our hearts and bring to light that which we need to confess to you.

SILENT TIME OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jerry Kixmoeller

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and be alive to all that is good. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

HYMN

“Bless His Holy Name”

#614

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you!**

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

Jerry Kixmoeller

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Étude Opus 10 No. 4”
Matthew Bhattacharya

Frédéric Chopin

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:44-52

Jerry Kixmoeller

SERMON

“Want to See the Kingdom of Heaven?”

Pastor Larry Thorson

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

See Screen

Servers: Bruce Edmundson and Lora Shirley

OFFERING

“There’s Something About That Name”

Ian-Carl Floirendo

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**

“America, the Beautiful”

#572

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE**

“He is Our God”

Praise Band

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
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/Chapel & Zoom
	10:00am	Worship
Tuesday		Happy 4th of July
Sunday	10:00am	Rachelle Summers/Pulpit Guest

*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

Rachelle Summers is a native Long Islander who moved to the Bay Area in 2020. Rachelle is currently in a Masters of Ministry, Leadership and Culture Program through Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary .

She has served in a variety of ways in ministry for more than 20 years. She is a chaplain providing spiritual, emotional and mental health care for companies in the Bay Area through Marketplace Chaplains.

Rachelle has been married to her husband Matt for 13 years. Together they have three children: Soraya, Lydia and Daniel.

MISSIONS | SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE UPDATE

We reached our goal to receive 12 backbacks. Thank you to the donors.

We still need more supplies to fill the backpacks.

Please take some take some tags today and bring the items next Sunday.

Questions? Contact Wendy Nelson, wendymusikmom@aol.com



God of Our Fathers

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

VERSE 2

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide and stay,
Thy word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

VERSE 4

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way;
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud and praise be ever Thine.
Amen.

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Bless His Holy Name

Verse 1

Bless the Lord,
O my soul,
and all that is within me
Bless His holy Name

Refrain

He has done great things (x3)
Bless His holy Name!

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America the Beautiful

VERSE 1

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

VERSE 2

O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self control,
Thy liberty in law.

VERSE 3

O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness,
And every gain divine.

VERSE 4

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees, beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.