

First Presbyterian Church



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171 years in Mountain View

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

July 9, 2023

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

PRELUDE

Tan Sang

WELCOME

Pastor Larry Thorson

***OPENING PRAISE SONG**

“Good to Me”

Praise Band

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Arianna Perloff

Leader: Blessed are you, O God, creator of all that is.

People: Blessed are you, O God, creator of all that will be.

Leader: Blessed are you, O God, who made us in your image.

People: Let us remember what our God has done! Praise be to God!

***HYMN**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

#1 (1,4)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Arianna Perloff

When we look for our place at the table of honor, do we see you standing at the back of the room with the servers? When we walk around the homeless on the way to the ballgame, do we see you sitting in the doorway with the hungry children? When we tell others to pull themselves up, have we forgotten how many people reached out their hands to us along the way? Forgive us, God who offers mercy to us, and desires that we share grace with others. Forgive us for having an insensitivity to the needs of others and your desires. Search our hearts and make us more aware of how much we need you as we pause in silence before you.

SILENT TIME OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Arianna Perloff

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

“Bless His Holy Name”

#13

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you!

SCRIPTURE READING	Genesis 21:1-7	Arianna Perloff
SPECIAL MUSIC	“Palomas Blancas” (White Dove) Paulina Acosta	Natlia Lafourcase
SCRIPTURE READING	Luke 1:5-17	Jerry Kixmoeller
SERMON	“The Surprise of a Lifetime”	Rachelle Summers
OFFERING	“Notturmo”	Janelle Herrera, flute

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	“Be Thou My Vision”	#382 (1,2,4)
*BENEDICTION		
*RESPONSE	“He is Our God”	Praise Band

Assisting in Worship Today

Ben Kinney, Jr., Greeter | Arianna Perloff and Jerry Kixmoeller, Liturgists
 Janelle Hererra, 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 Hererra, Ian-Carl Floirendo
 Matthew Bhattacharya, AV Assistant

This Week at FPCMV

Sunday	9:00am	Bible Study on Revelation/Chapel & Zoom
	10:00am	Worship
Monday	7:00pm	Session/Zoom

*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

Today we are glad to welcome Rachelle Summer as our pulpit guest.

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 | FAMILY GIVING DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who donated the backpacks and school supplies.

Your generosity is appreciated.

Questions? See Wendy Nelson today.

After today, please contact Maureen Moore at 408.803.5344

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Joyful, Joyful we adore Thee
God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee
Opening to the sun above

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

Verse 4

Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began
Father love is reigning over us
Brother love binds man to man

Ever singing, march we onward
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life
Amen.

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!

Verse 1

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

Be Thou My Vision

VERSE 1

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

VERSE 2

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

VERSE 4

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

