First Presbyterian Church



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172 years in Mountain View

# GATHER IN GOD'S NAME August 20, 2023

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

# PRELUDE

Tan Sang

## WELCOME

# \*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

- Leader: Come to God who gathers us in. People: We come to God who nurtures us like we would hope a father would. Leader: Come to God whose arms are open and waiting We come to God who welcomes and forgives us. People: Leader: Come to God who journeys with us. We come to God who sees us as we really are and loves us People: anyway. Leader: Come, praise our loving nurturing God!
- \*HYMN

"Come. We That Love the Lord"

#18 (1,2,3)

# **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Cindy Newman 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. But we also fail to give you thanks for all our many blessings; instead we take them for granted or give ourselves credit we do not deserve. Help us to better 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. Now we will pause and be quiet in your presence. Search our hearts, good and gracious God.

# SILENT TIME OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Cindy Newman 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.

Praise Band

Cindy Newman

"This is the Day" PRAISE SONG Praise Team **\*PASSING THE PEACE** Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you. People: And also with you! SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 55:6-9 Cindy Newman "Open My Eyes, That I May See" HYMN #381 **Rachelle Summers** SCRIPTURE READING Luke 5:27-31 SERMON "Be a Welcoming Church" Rachelle Summers **RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS** "Take Me to the Alley" Praise Team

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"

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**\*THE BENEDICTION** 

Assisting in Worship Today

Ron Breedlove, Greeter, Cindy Newman, Liturgist 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 Benji Bhattacharya, AV Assistant



# Week at FPCMV

Sunday

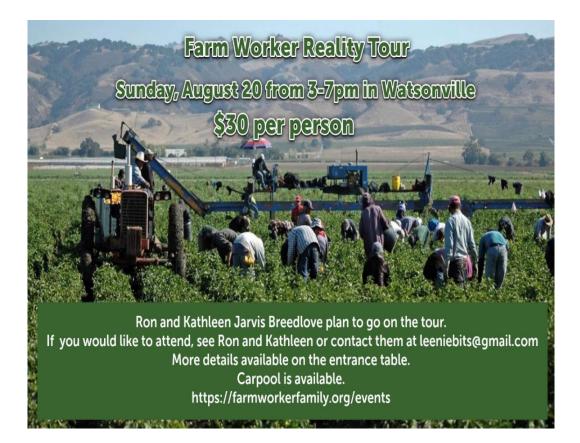
9:00am Bible Study on Isaiah/Chapel & Zoom
10:00am Worship
10:45am Gathering/Narthex to share about the scriptures.

\*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



Elizabeth Engberg

Betty passed away on August 14. She was at peace and her family was with her. She was a lifelong member at FPC. She valued her fellowship and membership in the church family. Her family wishes to thank everyone for their kindness throughout the years to dear Betty. No service is planned at this time. Please keep the Engberg family in your prayers.



#### Come We That Love the Lord

Come we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known. Join in a sound with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne.

Verse 2 Let those refuse to sing, who never knew our God. But children of the heavenly King, may speak their joys abroad.

Verse 3 The men of grace have found glory begun below. Celestial fruit on earthly ground, from faith and hope may grow. Amen.

#### This is the Day

This is the day the Lord has made that the Lord hath made

We will rejoice we will rejoice and be glad in it and be glad in it

This is the day that the Lord hath made we will rejoice and be glad in it

#### Open My Eyes, That I May See VERSE 1

Open my eyes, that I may see, Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me. Place in my hands the wonderful key, That shall unclasp, and set me free.

Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

### VERSE 2

Open my ears, that I may hear Voices of truth Thou sendest clear. And while the wave notes fall on my ear, Everything false will disappear.

> Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see. Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

### VERSE 3

Open my mouth, and let it bear Gladly the warm truth everywhere. Open my heart, and let me prepare, Love with Thy children thus to share.

Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see: Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

#### 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. Amen.