

# *First Presbyterian Church*



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172 years in Mountain View

# GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

July 30, 2023

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

**PRELUDE**

Tan Sang

**WELCOME**

Dr. Rev. Elizabeth Boatwright

**\*OPENING PRAISE SONG**

“Hosanna (Praise is Rising)”

Praise Band

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Bruce Edmundson

**Leader:** O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name;

**People:** **Make known his deeds among the peoples.**

**Leader:** Sing to him, sing praises to him;

**People:** **Tell of all his wonderful works.**

**Leader:** Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**People:** **Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.**

**Leader:** Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles and the judgments he has uttered. Let us worship God.

**\*HYMN**

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

#43 (1,2)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Bruce Edmundson

Your ways, O God, are not our ways, your thoughts are not our thoughts. If we have prayed only for what is possible and hoped only for what we can see; if we have taken your grace for granted and expected instant answers to our prayers; if we have allowed waiting on your Spirit to slip into laziness; if we have thought only of you waiting on us and not pondered our service to you, in your mercy forgive us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**SILENT TIME OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Bruce Edmundson

The God who judges people with righteousness, defends the cause of the poor and gives deliverance to the needy cleanses us from sin for if we turn from our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**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** 1 Kings 3:5-12 Bruce Edmundson

**HYMN** "Take Time to be Holy" #442 (1,2)

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 13:31-33, 44-46 Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Boatwright

**SERMON** "Seeds, Pearls, Leaven, and Heaven" Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Boatwright

**OFFERING** "Seed, Scattered, and Sown" 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** "Come, Ye Thankful" #559 (1,2)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE** "He is Our God" Praise Band

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**Assisting in Worship Today**

John Perumpral, Greeter, Bruce Edmundson, 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

### Week at FPCMV

Sunday                    9:00am     Bible Study on Revelation/Chapel & Zoom  
                                 10:00am     Worship

\*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

## Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Boatwright

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth (Libby) Boatwright is a chaplain, pastor, author, and good friend of First Presbyterian Church, Mountain View. Previously serving in four different parishes in three states, she is currently a relief chaplain for Stanford Health Care and guest preacher for the Presbytery of San Jose as well as a frequent lecturer on end-of-life issues based on her book, "The Last Things We Talk About." A recent widow, she loves visiting with her sons and their families and enjoying the outdoors.



*Saturday, August 12, 2023*  
*Christine Merjanian*  
*Organ Concert at 10:30am*  
*Memorial Service at 11am*  
*Sunnyvale First Presbyterian Church*

## **Great is Thy Faithfulness**

### Verse 1

Great is Thy faithfulness  
O God my Father  
There is no shadow  
Of turning with Thee

Thou changest not  
Thy compassions they fail not  
As Thou hast been  
Thou forever wilt be

### Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy Faithfulness, Lord unto me!

### Verse 2

Summer and winter  
And springtime and harvest  
Sun moon and stars  
In their courses above

Join with all nature  
In manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness  
Mercy and love

### Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy Faithfulness, Lord unto me!

## **Bless His Holy Name**

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

He has done great things,  
He has done great things,  
He has done great things,  
Bless His holy Name

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

## **Take Time to be Holy**

### VERSE 1

Take time to be holy,  
Speak often with God  
Find rest in Him always,  
And feed on His Word

Make friends of God's children,  
Help those who are weak  
Forgetting in nothing  
His blessing to seek.

### VERSE 3

Take time to be holy,  
Let Him be thy guide  
And run not before Him  
Whatever betide

In joy or in sorrow,  
Still follow thy Lord  
And looking to Jesus,  
Still trust in His Word.  
Amen.

## **Come Ye Thankful People Come**

### Verse 1

Come ye thankful people come  
Raise the song of harvest-home  
All is safely gathered in  
Ere the winter storms begin

God our Maker doth provide  
For our wants to be supplied  
Come to God's own temple come  
Raise the song of harvest-home

### Verse 2

All the world is God's own field  
Fruit unto His praise to yield  
Wheat and tares together sown  
Unto joy or sorrow grown

First the blade and then the ear  
Then the full corn shall appear  
Lord of harvest grant that we  
Wholesome grain and pure may be  
Amen.