

# *First Presbyterian Church*



1667 Miramonte Avenue, Mountain View, CA  
Church Office: 650.968.4473 / [firstpresbyterian@fpcmv.org](mailto:firstpresbyterian@fpcmv.org)  
Margie Haines, Administrative Assistant  
Rev. Dr. Larry Thorson, Transitional Pastor / [larry@fpcmv.org](mailto:larry@fpcmv.org) Website:  
[fpcmv.org](http://fpcmv.org)

172 years in Mountain View

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**  
**September 10, 2023**

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

**PRELUDE**

Tan Sang

**WELCOME**

**\*OPENING PRAISE SONG** "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever" Praise Band

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** Bruce Edmundson

**Leader:** I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;

**All:** **with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

**Leader:** I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

**All:** **your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens,**

**Leader:** You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David: 'I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.'"

**All:** **Praise the Lord! Great is our God!**

**\*HYMN**

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

#379

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Bruce Edmundson

Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Yet we have strayed from your way; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone. As we remember the lavish gifts of your grace, we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you, and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.

**SILENT TIME OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Bruce Edmundson

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:9

**PRAISE SONG**

"Saved My Soul"

Praise Team

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

Bruce Edmundson

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

**People: And also with you!**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 149

Bruce Edmundson

**HYMN**

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

#435

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Romans 12:1-5

Jerry Kixmoeller

**SERMON**

"Transformational Life"

Rachelle Summers

**RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS** "Amazing Grace"

Ian-Carl Floirendo

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING (Unison)**

Tom Perloff

**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**

Tom Perloff

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Tom Perloff

**\*HYMN**

"Trust and Obey"

#439

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

Rachelle Summers

**Assisting in Worship Today**

Marie Casey, Greeter, Bruce Edmundson & Jerry Kixmoeller, Liturgists,  
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  
Benji Bhattacharya, AV Assistant

### **Week at FPCMV**

Sunday	9:00am	Bible Study on Isaiah/Chapel & Zoom
	10:00am	Worship
	10:45am	Gathering/Patio to share about the scriptures.
Monday	7:00pm	Session Meeting/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](mailto:firstpresbyterian@fpcmv.org)

### **Rachelle Summers**

We are so glad to welcome Rachelle again and we look forward to another insightful message. Rachelle has a heart for the ministry. She's served over twenty years in varied service positions. Currently, through Marketplace Chaplains, she provides spiritual, emotional and mental health care for employees in companies located in Silicon Valley. She is enrolled in a Masters of Ministry Leadership and Culture Program through Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary. Rachelle and Matt have been married for over 13 years. Matt is the campus pastor for Menlo Church. Together they have three children: Soraya, Lydia and Daniel.

### **September Opportunity to Donate to CSA**

We are collecting items to support the Community Services Agency in conjunction with the Cuesta Park Neighborhood Association. Items are due in the boxkette cart in the church narthex by Sunday, September 24.

CSA needs the following items, but all donations are gratefully accepted!

- Healthy snacks (small individual packages/all types)
- Cereal, cookies, crackers (regular size)
- Bottles of juices or beverages (small)
- Cake mixes
- Instant coffee jars or packages, tea also (all types)
- Flour (regular size/all types)
- International sauces (all types)
- Soups/pop-top (not condensed)
- Mayonnaise (regular size)
- Shelf stable dairy milk, almond milk, soy milk, coconut milk (Quart and 8-oz size)
- Empty dozen-size egg cartons

***Thank you very much for your donations!***

## **Take My Life and Let It Be**

### **VERSE 1**

Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

### **VERSE 2**

Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet, and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

### **VERSE 3**

Take my voice, and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King;  
Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee.  
Filled with messages from Thee.

### **VERSE 5**

Take my will, and make it Thine:  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart it is Thine own:  
It shall be Thy royal throne.  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

### **VERSE 6**

Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee!  
Ever, only, all for Thee!

## **What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

### VERSE 1

What a Friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear;  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer.

O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer.

### VERSE 2

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged,  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful,  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

### VERSE 3

Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
precious Savior, still our refuge,  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

## **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.

## CHORUS

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