

First Presbyterian Church



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172 years in Mountain View

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

October 15, 2023

PRELUDE

Tan Sang

WELCOME

Pastor Larry Thorson

***OPENING PRAISE SONG**

"Hosanna"

Praise Band

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Cindy Newman

Leader: In the midst of our busy lives,

All: **God calls us to community.**

Leader: In the rush of work, family, and our friends,

All: **God calls us to Sabbath rest.**

Leader: With those who are known and with those who are strangers,

All: **God calls us to be the church.**

Leader: With Christian people all around the world,

All: **God calls us the body of Christ.**

***HYMN**

"Guide Me, O thou Great Jehovah"

#51

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Cindy Newman

God of mercy, you give us grace to call Jesus Christ our Lord and serve him with faith, hope and love. We acknowledge that we have not always been loving, hopeful or faithful. We often fail to follow Christ in the world and to support the mission of the church in unity and praise. Forgive our sin and failures, and renew us to be members of Christ's body, that we may be beacons of hope showing forth your love for the world.

SILENT TIME OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Cindy Newman

Hear the good news. Do not fear says the Lord

For I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

PRAISE SONG "I Am Set Free" Praise Band

***PASSING THE PEACE** Cindy Newman
Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you!

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 10:1-7 Cindy Newman

HYMN "Wonderful Words of Life" #270

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 16:1-4 Jerry Kixmoeller

SERMON "Signs of the Times" Pastor Larry Thorson

APOSTLES' CREED

RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS "Going Home" 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** "I Will Serve You" #446

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

Serving in Worship Today

Marie Casey, Greeter, Cindy Newman and 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/informal gathering with Pastor Larry

*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 office at 650.968.4473 or firstpresbyterian@fpcmv.org

International Potluck | Sunday, November 5

Everyone is invited following the service. Please sign up at the entrance to bring an international item. Drop off your item in the Chapel before the service begins.

Autumn Food Drive | Please bring items by November 5

The following items are needed, yet all donations are gratefully accepted!

- Healthy snacks (all kinds/small individual packages)
- Cereal (regular size)
- Cookies (all kinds)
- Crackers (all kinds)
- Small bottles of any juices or beverages for unhoused clients
- Cake mixes (all kinds)
- Small instant coffee jars or packages (all kinds)
- Tea (all kinds)
- Regular size flour (all kinds)
- International sauces (all kinds)
- Pop-top soups (not condensed)
- Mayonnaise (regular size)
- Shelf stable milk/dairy/almond/soy/coconut (8oz. & quart size)
- Empty dozen-size egg cartons

Reception for Executive Presbyter | Rev. Joey Lee November 4, 2pm-4pm | Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church

The Presbytery will honor our Executive Presbyter's decades of faithful leadership.

The following RSVP link goes directly to the presbytery.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfq6c0NbX_h4iNISUph4d5OyMfQ97ijpZXR3ZKS3ba5q2nbw/viewform

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah

Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand;

Bread of heaven,
Bread of heaven
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more,

Verse 2

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;

Strong Deliverer,
Strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

Verse 3

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Bear me thro' the swelling current,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;

Songs of praises,
Songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.
Amen.

Wonderful Words of Life

Sing them over again to me,
Wonderful words of life;
Let me more of their beauty see,
Wonderful words of life,
Words of life and beauty,
Teach me faith and duty;

Chorus 1

Beautiful words, wonderful words
Wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words,
Wonderful words of life.

Verse 2

Christ the blessed One, gives to all
Wonderful words of life;
Sinner, list to the loving call,
Wonderful words of life.
All so freely given,
Wooing us to Heaven;

Beautiful words , wonderful words,
Wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words,
Wonderful words of life.

I Will Serve Thee

I will serve Thee because I love Thee,
You have given life to me;
I was nothing before You found me,
You have given life to me.

Heartaches, broken pieces,
ruined lives are why You died on Calvary;
Your touch was what I longed for,
You have given life to me.

