

# *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

October 8, 2023

**PRELUDE**

Tan Sang

**WELCOME**

Pastor Larry Thorson

**\*OPENING PRAISE SONG**

“Your Great Name”

Praise Band

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Bruce Edmundson

**Leader:** O give thanks to the Lord, who is good;  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**All:** Let us give thanks for the steadfast love of the  
Lord, for God's wonderful works to humankind.

**Leader:** Let the children of God tell their story, those whom God has  
saved from trouble and forgiven.

**All:** Be glad in the Lord and rejoice. O righteous,  
shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

**\*HYMN**

“Nearer, Still Nearer”

#392 (1,2)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Bruce Edmundson

O Lord, compassionate beyond measure, merciful beyond belief, we have strayed from your commandments; we have been lost in our sin and distanced ourselves from you. We perceive your calling us to come back to ourselves and return to you, yet before we can find our way you are running to us. Before we can voice our confession, your arms are around us, welcoming us home. Your forgiveness astounds us. Help us to believe and trust in your amazing grace.

**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**

"I Am Set Free"

Praise Band

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

Bruce Edmundson

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

**People:** **And also with you!**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

II Kings 20:1-7

Bruce Edmundson

**HYMN**

"Under His Wings"

#356 (1,2)

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 15:29-39

Jerry Kixmoeller

**SERMON**

"Four Disorders Jesus Healed"

Pastor Larry Thorson

**APOSTLES' CREED****RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS**

"Tree of Peace"

Janelle Herrera

**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**

"O, How He loves You and Me"

#513

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

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

### **Serving in Worship Today**

Marie Casey, Greeter, Bruce Edmundson 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 to share with one another about today's scripture and message
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 office at 650.968.4473 or [firstpresbyterian@fpcmv.org](mailto:firstpresbyterian@fpcmv.org)

### **YouTube**

Today, YouTube is live. We will continue to work on a few more improvements.

### **You are Invited**

**Reception for Executive Presbyter  
Rev. Joey Lee**

**November 4, 2023, 2pm-4pm  
Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church  
728 W. Fremont Ave, Sunnyvale, CA 94087  
Refreshments and light fare**

*The Presbytery will honor our Executive Presbyter's decades of faithful leadership and celebrate his retirement in style.*

Please RSVP at <https://forms.gle/NckhRCMfKUS6YuZb9>

## **Nearer, Still Nearer**

Nearer still nearer close to thy heart  
Draw me my Savior so precious thou art  
Fold me O fold me close to thy breast  
Shelter me safe in that haven of rest  
Shelter me safe in that haven of rest

### Verse 2

Nearer still nearer nothing I bring  
Naught as an offering to Jesus my King  
Only my sinful now contrite heart  
Grant me the cleansing thy blood doth impart  
Grant me the cleansing thy blood doth impart

## **Under His Wings**

Under His wings I am safely abiding,  
Though the night deepens and the tempests are wild,  
Still I can trust Him; I know He will keep me,  
He has redeemed me, and I am His child.

### CHORUS

Under His wings, under His wings,  
Who from His love can sever?  
Under His wings my soul shall abide,  
Safely abide forever.

### VERSE 2

Under His wings, what a refuge in sorrow!  
How the heart yearningly turns to His rest!  
Often when earth has no balm for my healing,  
There I find comfort, and there I am blessed.

### CHORUS

Under His wings, under His wings,  
Who from His love can sever?  
Under His wings my soul shall abide,  
Safely abide forever.

**Oh How He Loves You and Me**

Oh how He loves you and me  
Oh how He loves you and me  
He gave His life  
What more could He give?

Oh how He loves you  
Oh how He loves me  
Oh how He loves you and me

Verse 2

Jesus to Calv'ry did go  
His love for sinners to show  
What He did there  
Brought hope from despair

Oh how He loves you  
Oh how He loves me  
Oh how He loves you and me

