

Welcome to Church of the Painted Hills

United Church of Christ

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

Paul Tobey

Passing of the Peace

One: Through webs and nets and wires, it googles and zooms to everyone whose heart needs peace, and to every place there is no peace. And we will share it now: the peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you.

Prelude The Gift of Love (English Melody, arr. Marianne Kim)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi

Call to Worship

Fran Stach

One: Praise the Holy One! Give thanks to God in the congregation.

All: God's works delight us, inspire us, challenge us, and uphold us.

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All: Righteousness endures forever. The covenant is everlasting.

One: Praise the Holy One! Give thanks to God in the congregation.

All: Honoring God leads to wisdom. Let us praise the Holy One forever!

Hymn Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

#1

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.**

**Un-resting, un-hasting, and silent as light,
Not wanting, not wasting, but ruling in might:
Your justice like mountains high soaring above,
Your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**Your life is life giving to both great and small;
In all life you're living, the true life of all;
Se blossom and flourish as leaves and as flowers,
Then wither and perish but naught dims your powers.**

**So perfect our glory, so brilliant your light,
Your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;
All praise we now render as your angels do:
In awe at the splendor of light hiding you.**

Young at Heart

Sue Ellen Coltrin

Opening Prayer

Fran Stach

Holy God, we come together in your presence to offer worship, thanksgiving, and praise. We remember your covenant and acknowledge your abiding presence. Envelop us in your glory, strengthen us to confront the weariness of the world, challenge us to spread the good news, and empower us to be the church you have created us to be. Amen.

**Prayers of the People
Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Carlos Sosa

Savior's Prayer

Rev. Carlos Sosa

Our Creator, who art in Heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Music Still (Reuben Morgan, arr. Hyun Jung)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi

First Reading John 6:51-58 NRSVUE

Fran Stach

Second Reading 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 NRSVUE

Sean Sosa

Message

Rev. Carlos Sosa

**Invitation to Generosity
Offering Prayer**

Rev. Carlos Sosa

Generous and Wise God, you give freely and we receive freely. Sow in us discernment, understanding, and wisdom to be good stewards of the bounty we receive and the resources we have earned. Let us treat them all as gifts to be shared so that none will be in want or need to live full and abundant lives.

Hymn Be Now My Vision

#451

**Be now my vision, O God of my heart;
nothing surpasses the love you impart
You my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, your presence my light.**

**Be now my wisdom, and be my true word;
ever within me, my soul is assured;
Mother and Father, you are both to me,
Now and forever your child I will be.**

Riches I need not, nor life's empty praise,
you my inheritance, now and always;
You and you only are first in my heart,
great God, my treasure, may we never part.

Sovereign 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.

Benediction

Rev. Carlos Sosa

Postlude Wayfaring Stranger (Traditional American Spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi