

Welcome to Church of the Painted Hills

United Church of Christ
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 2, 2025

Welcome and Announcements Passing of the Peace

Paul Tobey

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 We Remember You (Walt Harrah, arr. Joel Raney)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi

Prayer of Opening

Liturgist

**Perfect Light of revelation,
as you shone in the life of Jesus,
whose epiphany we celebrate,
so shine in us and through us,
that we may become beacons of truth and compassion,
enlightening all creation with deeds of justice and mercy. Amen.**

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/prayer/?y=384&season=epiphany&d=epiphany4>

Hymn God of Change and Glory

#177

**God of change and glory, God of time and space,
when we fear the future, give to us your grace.
In the midst of changing ways give us still the grace to praise.**

**Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways.
In our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise
one Giver, one Word, one Spirit, one God known in many ways,
hallowing our days. For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!**

**God of many colors, God of many signs,
you have made us different, blessing many kinds.
As the old ways disappear, let your love cast out our fear.**

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**Freshness of the morning, newness of each night,
you are still creating endless love and light.
This we see, as shadows part, many gifts from one great heart.**

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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Young at Heart

Sue Ellen Coltrin

Prayers of the People

Rev. Karen MacDonald

Jesus' Prayer

(Paraphrased by) Rev. Karen MacDonald

**Creator of heavens and earth, we bless your presence. Your kin-dom come,
your yearning be done in all your creation. Give us no less nor no more
than the nourishment we need for today. Forgive us our sins against All
Our Relations, and help us forgive ourselves and those who sin against us.
Lead us away from the temptation to use and abuse any of our neighbors
or Our Relations. Keep evil away from us and keep us from doing evil. You
live in the power of love, and we give glory to your name. Amen.**

Music Without Love...We Have Nothing (Joseph Martin)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi

First Reading Jeremiah 1: 4-10 NRSVUE

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Second Reading I Corinthians 13: 1-13 NRSVUE

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Message Love Strong

Rev. Karen MacDonald

Hymn I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

Dr. Kyungsun Choi

**I'm gonna live so God can use me anytime and anywhere.
I'm gonna live so God can use me anytime and anywhere.**

**I'm gonna work so God can use me anytime and anywhere.
I'm gonna work so God can use me anytime and anywhere.**

**I'm gonna pray so God can use me anytime and anywhere.
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anytime and anywhere.**

**I'm gonna sing so God can use me anytime and anywhere.
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Communion

Rev. Karen MacDonald

Invitation

Words of Institution

Prayer

Congregation

Gracious God, you have nourished us at your table in communion with our Brother Jesus. Now send us forth to be your people in the world. Strengthen us to persevere in resisting evil and in sharing the Good News of life that Jesus showed. May we, filled with the faith, hope, and love of this shared meal, love strong to heal our world. Amen.

Adapted from #848 NCH

**Invitation to Generosity
Prayer of Dedication**

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Hymn We Shall Overcome

#570

**We shall overcome, we shall overcome,
we shall overcome some day;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
we shall overcome some day.**

**We'll go hand in hand,
we'll go hand in hand,
we'll go hand in hand some day;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
we'll go hand in hand some day.**

**We are not afraid,
we are not afraid,
we are not afraid today;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
we are not afraid today.**

**Our God will see us through,
our God will see us through,
our God will see us through some day,
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
our God will see us through some day.**

**The truth shall make us free,
the truth shall make us free,
the truth shall make us free some day;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
the truth shall make us free some day.**

**We shall live in peace,
we shall live in peace,**

**we shall live in peace some day;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
we shall live in peace some day.**

Charge and Blessing

Rev. Karen MacDonald

One: Jesus said, "Always pray and don't get faint."

We pray not for easy lives;
we pray to be stronger people.

**All: We pray not for tasks equal to our powers,
but for the power equal to our tasks.**

One: Then the doing of our work will be no miracle—
you and I and we together will be the miracle.

**All: Every day we will wonder at ourselves and the richness of life
which has come to us and the creation by the grace of God. Amen.**

Adapted from # 875 in NCH

Postlude Sunshine in My Soul (John R. Sweeney, arr. Mark Hayes)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi