

# Welcome to Church of the Painted Hills

United Church of Christ

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 19, 2025

## 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** Christ, Bernie Our Light (Bernadette Farrell, arr. Marianne Kim)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi

## Call to Worship

Jim Jaeger

One: Come, my dear friends, to the presence of the One who turns emptiness into abundance.

**All: We come to be filled, drawn, and renewed by the love of Christ.**

One: Bring your struggles, your hopes, and your faith to the feet of Jesus.

**All: We come to taste His goodness and witness His transforming grace.**

One: Let us worship the Lord who makes all things new!

**All: With open hearts, we lift our praise and trust in His endless love.**

**Hymn** For the Beauty of the Earth

#28

**For the beauty of the earth,  
for the splendor of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,  
God of all, to you we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light,  
God of all, to you we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
God of all, to you we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the good that love inspires,  
for a world where none exclude,  
For a faith that never tires,  
and for every heart renewed,  
God of all, to you we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**Young at Heart**

Sue Ellen Coltrin

**Opening Prayer**

Jim Jaeger

**Loving God, we gather in Your presence, bringing our hearts, our hopes, and our needs to You. Fill us with Your Spirit, draw us closer to Your truth, and let us taste the sweetness of Your grace. May our worship today honor You and renew our souls. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we pray. 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** A Mighty Fortress is Our God (Martin Luther, arr. Mark Hayes)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi

**First Reading** Isaiah 62:1-5 NRSVUE

Jim Jaeger

**Second Reading** John 2:1-11 NRSVUE

Sean Sosa

**Message** From Emptiness to Overflow:  
Trusting God's Transforming Power

Rev. Carlos Sosa

**Invitation to Generosity  
Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Carlos Sosa

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**God of truth and grace, we offer these gifts as a reflection of our gratitude and commitment to Your kingdom. Use them to spread Your love, justice, and hope in a world that longs for Your truth. Bless these offerings and guide us to be faithful stewards of all You've entrusted to us. In Jesus name, Amen!**

**Hymn** Jesus – The Very Thought to Me

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Jesus - the very thought to me  
with sweetness fills my breast;  
But sweeter far your face to see,  
and in your presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame,  
nor can the memory find  
A sweeter sound than your blessed name,  
Savior of human-kind.

O hope of every contrite heart,  
O joy of all the meek,  
How kind you are to those apart,  
how good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah this,  
no tongue nor pen can show  
Your love, O Jesus, what it is  
none but your loved ones know.

Jesus, our joy, our greatest bliss,  
and you our prize will be;  
Our glory here and now is this,  
and through eternity.

**Benediction**

Rev. Carlos Sosa

**Postlude** This Little Light of Mine (Harry D Loes, arr. Mark Hayes)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi