

Welcome to Church of the Painted Hills

United Church of Christ
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 14, 2024

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 I Am a Voice (David Choe)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi

Call to Worship

Nancy Traviolia

One: Come, let us gather as one community, seeking truth and integrity in our worship.

All: Together, we stand for justice, showing compassion and fairness to all.

One: In our diversity, we honor God's call to righteousness, united in purpose and love.

All: May our hearts be set apart for God's glory, living holy lives that reflect His grace.

One: Today, let us worship with joy and commitment, as we strive to walk in God's ways.

All: Join together in praise and thanksgiving, for He is worthy of all honor and praise.

Hymn Faith of the Martyrs

#381

**Faith of the martyrs, living still
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy,
when we recall their faith's reward:
Faith of the martyrs, living faith!
We would be true in life and death.**

**Martyrs confined in prisons bleak
were still in heart and conscience free;
and no less blessed will be our fate
if we, like them, live faithfully:
Faith of the martyrs, living faith!
We would be true in life and death.**

**Faith of the martyrs! We will love
both friend and foe in peace or strife;
and sow the seeds of hope and faith
by strengthening word and fearless life:
Faith of the martyrs, living faith!
We would be true in life and death.**

**Faith of the martyrs! Faith and prayer
shall long outlive sin's tyranny;
and through the truth that comes from God
all human kind shall then be free:
Faith of the martyrs, living faith!
We would be true in life and death.**

Young at Heart

Connie Tobey

Opening Prayer

Nancy Traviolia

**Gracious and Loving Creator,
As we gather today, unite our hearts as one in truth and integrity. Guide us in
righteousness and grant us the strength to live holy lives that reflect Your love.
May our worship honor You and inspire us to walk faithfully in Your ways.
Amen.**

**Prayers of the People
Pastoral Prayer**

Carlos Sosa

Savior's Prayer

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 Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus (Helen Lemmel, arr. Marilyn Thompson)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi

First Reading Ephesians 1:3-14 NRSVUE

Nancy Traviolia

Second Reading Mark 6:14-29 NRSVUE

Sean Sosa

Message Living Lawful, Righteous, and Holy Lives

Carlos Sosa

**Invitation to the Offering
Offering Prayer**

Carlos Sosa

**Gracious God,
We come before You with hearts filled with gratitude and reverence. Thank You
for the blessings You have bestowed upon us, both seen and unseen. As we
present our offerings today, we dedicate them to Your service.
May these gifts be used to uphold justice, show compassion, and reflect Your
holiness in our community and beyond. Strengthen us to be faithful stewards of
Your blessings, always seeking to honor You in all we do.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

Hymn Lead on Eternal Sovereign

#573

**Lead on eternal Sovereign, we follow in your way;
Loud rings your cry for justice, your call for peace this day:
Through prayerful preparation, your grace will make us strong,
To carry on the struggle to triumph over wrong.**

**Lead on eternal Sovereign, we follow not with fear,
For in each human conflict your words of strength we hear:
That when we serve with gladness, you will not let us fall,
Our trust is in your promise that love will conquer all.**

**Lead on eternal Sovereign, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And all your saints together will sing a hymn of peace;
Then all in your dominion will live with hearts set free,
To love and serve each other for all eternity.**

Benediction

Carlos Sosa

Postlude When the Roll is Called Up Yonder (James Black, arr. Mark Hayes)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi