

Welcome to Church of the Painted Hills

United Church of Christ
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 21, 2024

Welcome and Announcements Passing of the Peace

Lynn Mooney

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 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (Lowell Mason, arr. Joel Raney)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi

Call to Worship

Kathleen Reeve

One: Gathered here, let us step into the shoes of the weary and the burdened.

All: We come to share their load, to feel their struggles.

One: In our unity, we find the strength to serve, to uplift, to love without reserve.

All: We commit to judge less and to love more, embracing all with compassion.

One: Today, we open our hearts to the teachings of Jesus, choosing empathy over indifference.

All: Together, let us transform our faith into acts of selfless service. Amen.

Hymn The Church's One Foundation

#386

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are Christ's new creation by water and the word;
From heaven Christ came and sought us in love to set us free;
with precious blood Christ bought us for all eternity.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
one charter of salvation, one God, one faith, one birth,
One name together blessing, one holy food we share,
to one hope we are pressing, at one in work and prayer.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,
we wait the consummation of peace forevermore,
Till with the vision glorious, our longing eyes are blessed,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet we on earth have union with God, the Three-in-One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! God, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

Young at Heart

Sue Ellen Coltrin

Opening Prayer

Kathleen Reeve

Heavenly Creator, as we gather today, open our hearts to the spirit of selflessness and compassion. Guide us to serve without seeking reward, to love without limit, and to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, enriching the lives of those around us. In Your loving name, we pray. 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 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (William Bradbury, arr. Mark Hayes)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi

First Reading Jeremiah 23:1-6 NRSVUE

Kathleen Reeve

Second Reading Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 NRSVUE

Sean Sosa

Message Embracing Selfless Service

Carlos Sosa

**Invitation to the Offering
Offering Prayer**

Carlos Sosa

Gracious God, we thank You for the blessings You have bestowed upon us. As we present our offerings today, we dedicate them to the work of empathy and understanding. May these gifts help us extend Your love and compassion to those in need, embodying the selfless spirit of Jesus. We give with grateful hearts, committed to serving and uplifting others. Amen.

Hymn Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

#43

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, on earth be found,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all your faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, you are all compassion;
pure, unbounded love impart.
Visit us with your salvation,
enter every trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe your loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
Let us all in you inherit,
let us find the promised rest;
Take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all your life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
nevermore they temples leave.
You we would be always blessing,
love you as your angels love,
Pray, and praise for your unfailing,
wounded arms outstretched above.**

**Finish, then, your new creation;
pure and spotless may we prove;
Let us see your great salvation
perfectly restored in you.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
Crowned as saints, we ever shall be
lost in wonder, love and praise.**

Benediction

Carlos Sosa

Postlude Christians, We Have Met to Worship (William Moore, arr. Lloyd Larson)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi