

# Welcome to Church of the Painted Hills

United Church of Christ  
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
Father's Day  
June 16, 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** In My Father's Arm (JY Lee)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi

## Call to Worship

Jim Jaeger

One: Let us gather in the spirit of unity, where faith the size of a mustard seed can move mountains.

**All: We come together, bringing our hopes, our dreams, and our smallest seeds of faith.**

One: In this sacred space, we seek renewal, understanding, and the courage to grow.

**All: Together, we commit to nurture, to support, and to flourish in God's enduring love.**

One: May our worship open our hearts and minds to the possibilities within.

**All: And let our spirits soar as we embrace the journey of growth and transformation.**

**Hymn** A Mighty Fortress is Our God

#439

**A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing,  
Our present help amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
does seek to work us woe;  
with craft and power great,  
and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth without an equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing,  
But there is one who takes our side,  
the One of God's own choosing.  
You ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus sets us free!**

**With mighty power to save,  
victorious o'er the grave,  
Christ will prevail triumphant.**

**And though this world with devils filled  
should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear for God has willed  
the truth to triumph through us.  
The powers of evil grim,  
we tremble not for them;  
their rage we can endure,  
for lo, their doom is sure;  
one little word shall fell them.**

**That word beyond all earthly powers  
forever is abiding;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
for Christ is with us siding.  
Let goods and kindred go,  
this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill:  
God's truth shall triumph still;  
God's reign endures forever!**

**Young at Heart**

Sue Ellen Coltrin

**Opening Prayer**

Jim Jaeger

**Gracious God, as we gather in Your presence, open our hearts to the quiet strength of Your spirit. Guide us in our journey of faith, planting seeds of hope and renewal within us. May our time together bring us closer to you and to one another as we flourish in Your grace. In Jesus' 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** This is My Father's World (Franklin Sheppard, arr. Mark Hayes)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi

**First Reading** Ezekiel 17:22-24 NRSVUE  
**Second Reading** Mark 4:26-34 NRSVUE

Jim Jaeger  
Sean Sosa

**Message** Embracing Spiritual Growth

Carlos Sosa

**Invitation to the Offering**  
**Offering Prayer**

Carlos Sosa

**Heavenly Father, we come before You with hearts full of gratitude, dedicating these offerings to Your divine purpose. Bless these gifts, that they may bring hope, love, and relief to those in need. Thank You for Your unending grace and for providing for us so that we might provide for others. May this act of giving glorify Your name and spread Your light in the world. 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** Dance with My Father (Luther Vandross)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi

**Back when I was a child  
Before life removed all the innocence  
My father would lift me high  
And dance with my mother and me and then  
Spin me around till I fell asleep  
Then up the stairs he would carry me  
And I knew for sure I was loved  
If I could get another chance  
Another walk, another dance with him  
I'd play a song that would never ever end  
How I'd love, love, love to dance with my father again!**