

# Welcome to Church of the Painted Hills

United Church of Christ

Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 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** You Are Mine (David Haas, arr. Marianne Kim)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi

## Liturgy of the Lenten Candles A Call to Trust

Reader: As we journey through Lent, we are called to trust in God's unfailing love, even when the path is uncertain.

**All: We come with open hearts, ready to follow where Christ leads.**

*(Extinguish the second candle.)*

Reader: As this light fades, may our faith grow stronger.

**All: Lord, teach us to trust You. Amen.**

## Call to Worship

Mary Laucks

One: Come, my dear friends, and hear the voice that calls us home.

**All: We come, longing for truth and grace.**

One: Jesus warns us not to turn away, but to trust in His love.

**All: We open our hearts to His call.**

One: Let us worship the One who longs to gather us under His care.

**All: We come to worship our merciful and faithful God, Amen!**

**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**

Sean Sosa

**Invocation**

Mary Laucks

**O merciful and mighty God, we come before You with open hearts, ready to receive Your presence. Fill this space with Your Spirit, awaken our souls to Your truth, and draw us closer to You. Let Your voice stir within us, leading us in worship and surrender. In Jesus' name, 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** The Old Rugged Cross (George Bennard, arr. Mark Hayes) Dr. Kyungsun Choi

**First Reading** Psalm 27 NRSVUE

Mary Laucks

**Second Reading** Luke 13:31-35

Sean Sosa

**Message** God's Love Calls Us Home

Rev. Carlos Sosa

**Invitation to Generosity**  
**Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Carlos Sosa

**Gracious and loving God, You are our light and our salvation, our refuge in every storm. With grateful hearts, we offer these gifts, trusting in Your provision and guidance. Use them to gather and bless those in need, drawing all closer to Your love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**Hymn** Down at the Cross

#189

**Down at the cross where my Savior died,  
down where for cleansing from sin I cried,  
there to my heart was the blood applied  
Glory to Christ's name.**

**Glory to Christ's name,  
glory to Christ's name;  
There to my heart was the blood applied;  
Glory to Christ's name.**

**I am so wondrously saved from sin,  
Jesus so sweetly abides within;  
there at the cross where Christ took me in  
Glory to Christ's name.**

**Glory to Christ's name,  
glory to Christ's name;  
There to my heart was the blood applied;  
glory to Christ's name.**

**O precious fountain that saves from sin,  
I am so glad I have entered in;  
there Jesus saves me and keeps me clean  
Glory to Christ's name.**

**Glory to Christ's name,  
glory to Christ's name;  
There to my heart was the blood applied;  
glory to Christ's name.**

**Come to this fountain so rich and sweet,  
cast your poor soul at the Savior's feet;  
plunge in today and be made complete  
Glory to Christ's name.**

**Glory to Christ's name,  
glory to Christ's name;  
There to my heart was the blood applied;  
glory to Christ's name.**

**Benediction**

Rev. Carlos Sosa

**Postlude** I Want Jesus to Walk with Me  
(Traditional American Spritual, arr. Mark Hayes)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi