

Welcome to Church of the Painted Hills

United Church of Christ

Transfiguration Sunday

March 2, 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 Christ, Be Our Light (Bernadette Farrell, arr. Marianne Kim)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi

Call to Worship

Rudy Urias

One: Come, my dear friends, to the mountain of the Lord, where His glory shines!

All: We come to see, to listen, and to be transformed by His presence.

One: Though we must walk through valleys, we do not walk alone.

All: Christ is with us, guiding us in faith and strengthening us in prayer.

One: Let us worship the One who is with us on the mountain and in the valley.

All: With hearts open, we come to praise and trust in His unfailing love!

Hymn We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

#182

**We have come at Christ's own bidding
to this high and holy place,
Where we wait with hope and longing
for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance
that our faith is not in vain,
Searching like those first disciples
for a sign both clear and plain.**

**Light breaks through our clouds and shadows,
splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word,
Moses and Elijah marvel
as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder
how the Law and Prophets meet:
Christ with garments drenched in brightness,
stands transfigured and complete.**

**Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,
fearful lest our faith decline,
We, like Peter, find it tempting
to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage
to proclaim what we profess,
That our daily lives may prove us
people of the God we bless.**

Young at Heart

Sue Ellen Coltrin

Opening Prayer

Rudy Urias

Holy Spirit, come and fill this place with Your presence. We gather in praise, seeking Your light to guide us from the mountain to the valley. Let our hearts be open, our faith be strengthened, and our worship bring glory to You. 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 kindom 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 kindom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Music Isn't He (John Wimber, arr. Mark Hayes)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi

First Reading 2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2 NRSVUE

Rudy Urias

Second Reading Luke 9:28-36, (37-44) NRSVUE

Sean Sosa

Message From Glory to Grit: Carrying God's Light into Life's Struggles

Rev. Carlos Sosa

Communion

Rev. Carlos Sosa

**Invitation to Generosity
Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Carlos Sosa

Gracious God, from the mountaintop to the valley, You are with us. We bring these gifts as a sign of our trust in Your provision and our commitment to carrying Your light into the world. Bless this offering, that it may bring hope,

healing, and transformation to those in need. In Jesus' name, we give and we pray. Amen.

Hymn Beneath the Cross of Jesus

#190

**Beneath the cross of Jesus
I gladly take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock
within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness,
a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat,
and the burden of the day.**

**Upon the cross of Jesus
within my mind I see
the very dying form of One
who suffered there for me;
And from my grieving heart with tears
two wonders I confess -
the wonders of Christ's glorious love
and my unworthiness.**

**I take, O cross, your shadow
for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine
than the sunshine of Christ's face;
Content to let the world go by,
to know no gain or loss,
my sinful self my only shame,
my glory all the cross.**

Benediction

Rev. Carlos Sosa

Postlude Since Jesus Came Into My Heart (Charles Gabriel, arr. Mark Hayes)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi