

# Welcome to Church of the Painted Hills

United Church of Christ

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

November 17, 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** My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (William Bradbury, arr. Pamela Robertson)  
Dr. Kyungsun Choi

## Call to Worship

Gene Tobey

One: When the world feels unsteady and all seems to crumble, where will we turn?

**All: We turn to God, our unshakable foundation and source of hope.**

One: When life's trials shake us, who will guide our steps?

**All: We stand firm in faith, trusting God's purpose and love.**

One: Come, let us worship the One who remains steadfast in every storm.

**All: Together, we find strength and peace in God alone.**

**Hymn** As with Gladness Those of Old

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**As with gladness those of old did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, true Morning Star, may we evermore your splendor see.**

**As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed,  
There to bend the knee before One whom heaven and earth adore;  
So may we with willing feet ever seek your mercy seat.**

**As they offered gifts most rare at that manger plain and bare,  
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to you from whom they Spring.**

**Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way;  
and, when mortal things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds your glory hide.**

Young at Heart

Sue Ellen Coltrin

An Open and Affirming Congregation

**Opening Prayer**

Gene Tobey

**Loving God, as we gather here today, we invite Your Holy Spirit to fill this space. Open our hearts to Your steady presence, reminding us that even in life's storms, You are our foundation. Grant us strength, hope, and peace as we worship together. In Jesus name, 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** Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone (Louie Giglio, arr. Marianne Kim)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi

**First Reading** Daniel 12:1-3 NRSVUE

Gene Tobey

**Second Reading** Mark 13:1-8 NRSVUE

Sean Sosa

**Message** Finding Strength When All Comes Crashing Down

Rev. Carlos Sosa

**Invitation to Generosity  
Offering Prayer**

Rev. Carlos Sosa

**Generous God, we bring these gifts to You, knowing that all we have comes from Your steady hand. Use our offerings to spread Your love and hope, even in uncertain times. May our giving be a reflection of our trust in You. In Jesus' name, Amen!**

**Hymn** Come Now, Almighty God

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**Come now, Almighty God,  
help us your name to laud;  
our songs we raise:  
Ruler all glorious,  
o'er all victorious,  
come and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days!**

**Come now, Incarnate Word,  
by heaven and earth adored;**

**our prayer attend:  
Come, and your people bless,  
and give your word success;  
grant us your holiness,  
Savior and Friend!**

**Come, holy Comforter,  
your sacred witness bear  
in this glad hour.  
Your grace to us impart,  
now rule in every heart,  
never from us depart,  
Spirit of power!**

**To you, great One in Three,  
eternal praises be  
for evermore.  
Your sovereign majesty  
may we in glory see,  
and to eternity  
love and adore.**

**Benediction**

Rev. Carlos Sosa

**Postlude**    Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Traditional. arr. Mark Hayes)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi