

# Welcome to Church of the Painted Hills

United Church of Christ

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 13, 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** Epilogue of Praise (Joseph M. Martin)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi

## Call to Worship

Connie Tobey

One: Come, all who are burdened with riches and cares of this world,

**All: We gather to seek the kingdom that promises eternal riches.**

One: Let us approach with hearts ready to release, to pass through the eye of the needle.

**All: Together, we ask for courage to let go, to trust, and to enter God's promise.**

One: For with God, all things are possible—

**All: Even passing through the eye of the needle into the arms of grace.**

**Hymn** O Jesus, I Have Promised

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**O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;  
remain forever near me, my Savior and my Friend:  
I shall not fear life's struggles if you are by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.**

**O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will!  
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control!  
O speak, and make me listen, O guardian of my soul!**

**O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you  
that where you are in glory your servant shall be, too;  
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;  
O give me grace to follow my Savior and my Friend!**

Young at Heart

Sue Ellen Coltrin

**Opening Prayer**

Connie Tobey

**Gracious and Loving Creator, as we gather today, grant us the wisdom to prioritize Your kingdom over earthly wealth. Teach us to trust in Your ways, as we strive to pass through the eye of the needle. 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** Come, Christians, Join to Sing (Christian H. Bateman, arr. Mark Hayes)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi

**First Reading** Hebrews 4:12-16 NRSVUE

Connie Tobey

**Second Reading** Mark 10:17-31 NRSVUE

Sean Sosa

**Message** Through the Needle's Eye: Choosing Spiritual Wealth Over Worldly Riches

Rev. Carlos Sosa

**Invitation to Generosity  
Offering Prayer**

Rev. Carlos Sosa

**Gracious God, we offer our gifts with grateful hearts, celebrating Your boundless generosity. Bless these offerings, that they may further Your work of love and compassion in the world. May our giving reflect our trust in You and our dedication to serving others. Amen.**

**Hymn** Take My Life, God, Let It Be

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**Take my life, God, let it be  
consecrated faithfully.  
Take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my spirit, let it move  
at the impulse of your love.  
Take my intellect and use  
all its powers as you choose.**

**Take my will; your will be done!  
Make your will and mine be one.  
Take my heart, and by your grace  
make of it your dwelling place.**

**Take my love and help it grow;  
let my loving overflow.  
Take me now, and help me be  
part of Christ's community.**

**Benediction**

Rev. Carlos Sosa

**Postlude** I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing  
(Traditional Spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi