

Welcome to Church of the Painted Hills

United Church of Christ

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 20, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

Paul Tobey

Passing of the Peace

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 For the Autumn Sky (Ruth Elaine Schram)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi

Call to Worship

Lynn Mooney

One: When Christ came to us

All: It was as a baby—helpless and poor.

One: When Christ came to us

All: It was as a homeless traveling preacher and healer.

One: When Christ came to enter Jerusalem

All: It was on a young donkey, despised by many.

One: When Christ came to us,

All: it was to serve.

One: How, then, shall we worship?

All: In service we find our joy and our hope. Let us worship in the joyful spirit of love.

Hymn Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

#43

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, on earth be found,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all your faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, you are all compassion;
pure, unbounded love impart.
Visit us with your salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe your loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
Let us all in you inherit,
let us find the promised rest;

**Take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all your life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
nevermore your temples leave.
You we would be always blessing,
love you as your angels love,
Pray, and praise for your unfailing,
wounded arms outstretched above.**

**Finish, then, your new creation;
pure and spotless may we prove;
Let us see your great salvation
perfectly restored in you.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
Crowned as saints, we ever shall be
lost in wonder, love and praise.**

Young at Heart

Connie Tobey

Opening Prayer

Lynn Mooney

Loving and everlasting God, we come before you now as your people. We try to make our way in this tumultuous world with the eyes and ears of our hearts on you and your leading. We are tempted by the diversions of the world. We are sometimes blinded by the glitz and the glitter, but we know that you are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. It is that Life we seek, that Light we seek. Teach us your Way, dear God, the Way of service and salvation, of justice and joy. We pray in the Spirit and name of Jesus, who we know as the Christ. Amen.

**Prayers of the People
Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Dave Buss

Savior's Prayer

Rev. Dave Buss

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 My Jesus, I Love Thee (Adoniram J. Gordon, arr. Mark Hayes)
Dr. Kyungsun Choi

First Reading Isaiah 53:4-12 NRSVUE Lynn Mooney
Second Reading Mark 10:35-45 NRSVUE Rev. Dave Buss

Message What do we strive for? Rev. Dave Buss

Invitation to Generosity Rev. Dave Buss
Offering Prayer

Gracious and loving God, we give you thanks that you have placed before us the way of true life. We ask your blessing on us and on the gifts we bring. May they be used in the ways of service to all those within our reach. We dedicate ourselves to serve you and all the world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Hymn Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant? #539

**Won't you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road;
We are here to help each other go the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you in the shadow of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven we shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.**

**Won't you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

Benediction Rev. Dave Buss

Postlude Joyful Day (Mark Hayes) Dr. Kyungsun Choi