

Welcome to Church of the Painted Hills

United Church of Christ

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 6, 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 Let Us Break Bread Together (African-American Spiritual, arr. Joel Raney)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi

Call to Worship

Nancy Traviolia

One: Come, let us gather with open hearts, ready to break the chains of hardness that bind us.

All: We come seeking renewal, yearning for the softening touch of God's grace.

One: Let us embrace humility, casting aside pride and resistance to His ways.

All: With spirits willing and hearts open, we stand ready to be transformed.

One: Together, we invite the Spirit to move freely among us, healing and renewing.

All: Here we are, Lord—teach us, mold us, and use us for Your glory.

Hymn Crown with Your Richest Crowns

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**Crown with your richest crowns the Lamb upon the throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of Christ who died for you,
And to your risen Savior bring your thanks for life made new.**

**Crown Christ whose love has flowed down hands and feet and side.
Look past the peak of Calvary's road to Christ the glorified.
The sun that lights the sky is pale before that sight.
At prayer we glimpse then turn the eye from mysteries so bright.**

**Crown Christ the truth, the life who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife, this fallen world to save.
Christ's glories now we sing, Christ's name we magnify,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

**Crown Christ who rules in peace, whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise:
Christ's reign shall have no end, for 'round those wounded feet
a fragrant garden shall extend forever green and sweet.**

**Crown Christ who holds the years, embracing space and time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For you have died for me;
Your praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.**

Young at Heart

Sue Ellen Coltrin

Opening Prayer

Nancy Traviolia

Heavenly Creator, bless our gathering as we come before You today with hearts open to Your transformative power. Soften our resistance, melt away our fears, and mold our spirits to truly reflect Your love. Open our ears and minds to be receptive to your words, and teach us to embrace Your guidance with humility, so we may walk in Your ways. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, 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 Be Not Afraid (Bob Dufford, SJ. arr. Mark Hayes)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi

First Reading Psalm 26 NRSVUE

Nancy Traviolia

Second Reading Mark 10:2-16 NRSVUE

Sean Sosa

Message Overcoming the Hardness of Heart

Rev. Carlos Sosa

Communion

Rev. Carlos Sosa

Introduction

Words of Institution

Prayer

Transforming spirit, we ask your blessing upon the workers in the field and the vineyard, the laborers who prepared and brought these gifts to us and upon your community gathered here. Transform these common elements we pray.

We praise you, O God, it is from you that these blessings flow.

We praise you, O God, for your people.

We honor you, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen

Adapted from Liturgies from Below, Cláudio Carvalhaes, pages 137-139

**Invitation to Generosity
Offering Prayer**

Rev. Carlos Sosa

Gracious and loving God, we thank You for the gifts we have received today. As these offerings are given from softened hearts, may they serve as a testament to our commitment to break free from the bonds of hardness. Let these contributions extend Your work, blessing our community and beyond. In gratitude and faith, we offer these gifts and ourselves to You. In Jesus name Amen!

Hymn Be Not Dismayed (God Will Take Care of You)

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**Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you;
Beneath God's wings of love abide, God will take care of you.
God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way;
God will take care of you, God will take care of you.**

**Through days of toil when heart grows frail, God will take care of you;
When dangers fierce your path assail, God will take care of you.
God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way;
God will take care of you, God will take care of you.**

**All you may need God will provide, God will take care of you;
Nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you.
God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way;
God will take care of you, God will take care of you.**

**No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you;
Lean, weary one, upon God's breast, God will take care of you.
God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way;
God will take care of you, God will take care of you.**

Benediction

Rev. Carlos Sosa

Postlude Revive Us Again (John J. Husband, arr. Mark Hayes)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi