

# Welcome to Church of the Painted Hills

United Church of Christ  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 15, 2024

## Welcome and Announcements

### Passing of the Peace

One: Through hearts and hands and voices, through webs and 'nets and wires, it touches everyone whose heart needs peace and every place where there is no peace. And we share it now: the peace of Christ be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

**Prelude** Don't Be Afraid (SJ Hyun)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi

**Call to Worship** (Psalm 19)

Gene Tobey

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God!

**All: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

One: There is no speech (at least human words); their voice is not heard;

**All: yet their voice goes out through all the Earth, and their words to the end of the world.**

One: The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul;

**All: the precepts of God are right, rejoicing the heart;**

One: the fear of God is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of God are true and righteous altogether.

**All: More to be desired are they than gold...sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. So we come to learn wisdom from God!**

**Hymn** By Whatever Name We Call You

#560

**By whatever name we call you Fashioner of spheres,  
you are grander, so much wiser than our minds perceive.  
Labels limit understanding, God, you have no peers.  
So, we question changing, growing wanting to believe.**

**In whatever way we worship, Mystery divine,  
You are only dimly known through ritual and creed.  
Through we try to capture you in symbol or in sign,  
only as we let you be can longing hearts be freed.**

**In whatever gifts we offer, All-inclusive One,  
you accept your own creation, fragments we return.  
Not as owners but as stewards is our giving done.  
In true wonder we receive the love we cannot earn.**

**Young at Heart**

Sue Ellen Coltrin

## **Prayers of the People**

Rev. Karen MacDonald

One: We praise your abiding guidance, O God,  
for you sent us Jesus, our Teacher and Messiah,  
to model for us the way of love for the whole universe.  
We offer these prayers of love  
on behalf of ourselves and our neighbors,  
on behalf of your creation and our fellow creatures.....  
*(congregants offer prayers)*

## **Our Savior's Prayer (in unison)**

**Creator of heavens and earth, we bless your name. Your kin-dom come, your will be done in all your creation. Give us the food we need for today. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us away from temptation. Keep evil away from us and keep us from doing evil. You reign in the power of love, and we give glory to your name. Amen.**

**Music** His Eye is on the Sparrow (Charles Gabriel, arr. Mark Hayes)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi

**Scripture Reading** Proverbs 1:20-33NRSVUE

Gene Tobey

**Sermon** Wisdom Calling

Rev. Karen MacDonald

**Hymn** O Grant Us Light

#469

**O grant us light, that we may know  
wisdom that you alone can give,  
That truth may guide us as we go,  
and virtue bless the lives we live.**

**O grant us light that we may find  
where error lurks in human lore,  
And turn to you our seeking minds,  
and love your holy Word the more.**

**O grant us light, that we may learn  
how dead is life from you apart,  
How sure is joy for all who turn  
to you an undivided heart.**

**O grant us light, when soon or late,  
all earthly scenes shall pass away,  
In you to find the open gate,  
to deathless home and endless day.**

## **Invitation to Generosity**

Rev. Karen MacDonald

When we are wise, we recognize that everything—from the breath in us to the farthest-flung star—is a gift from Creator God. As wise people, in awe and gratitude we give as generously as we can to further the service of God's people.

## **Dedication of Offerings**

**Dear God, whose loving wisdom permeates everything, we offer these our materials gifts along with ourselves. May these offerings be useful for your Kingdom, and may we be moved by the Spirit of faith and service that filled Jesus. Amen.**

Hymn God Be with You

#81

**God be with you till we meet again;  
By good counsel guide, uphold you,  
With a shepherd's care enfold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again;  
Wings of shelter safely hide you,  
Daily manna still provide you:  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again;  
When life's perils thick confound you,  
Put unfailing arms around you:  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again;  
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,  
Smite death's threatening wave before you:  
God be with you till we meet again.**

**Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.**

**Sending Blessing**

Rev. Karen MacDonald

**Postlude** Jesus Is All the World to Me (Will Thompson, arr. Mark Hayes)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi