

# Welcome to Church of the Painted Hills

United Church of Christ

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2024

## Welcome and Announcements

### 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** Here I Am, Lord (Daniel Schutte, arr. Marianne Kim)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi

### Call to Worship

Mary Laucks

One: O Holy One, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**All: Those who want to journey with you, who may have missed a turn, and who may struggle with rocky patches and rough terrain.**

One: O Holy One, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**All: Those who seek and search for you and for community with doubts and hopes, joys and fears, smiles and tears.**

One: O Holy One, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**All: Those who try and those who sometimes give up. Those who are beautifully, wonderfully, and imperfectly human—all of us! Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn** To You, O God, All Creatures Sing

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To you, O God, all creatures sing,  
and all creation, everything  
Sings your praises, alleluia!  
Your burning sun with golden beam,  
your silver moon with softer gleam  
Sing your praises alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Your wind that blows the tempest by,  
your clouds that sail across the sky  
Sing your praises, alleluia!  
Your morning rises with a son,  
and lights of evening sing along,  
Sing your praises alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Your flowing waters, crystal clear,  
make melodies for you to hear,

**Sing your praises, alleluia!  
Your fire, ...bountiful and bright,  
remembering your warmth and light,  
Sings your praises, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**To you, O God, day after day,  
Your planet earth in every way,  
Sings your praises, alleluia,  
As savory fruit and fragrant flower  
Show forth your glory and your power,  
Singing praises, alleluia,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Now we who are of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take our part,  
Sing your praises, alleluia!  
To you we lift our pain and care,  
Receive the burdens that we bear,  
Singing praises, alleluia,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**In you a kind and gentle death  
Prepares to hush our final breath,  
Sing your praises, alleluia!  
Christ goes before us to renew  
The way that leads us home to you.  
Hear our praises, alleluia,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Young at Heart**

**Sue Ellen Coltrin**

**Opening Prayer**

**Mary Laucks**

**Loving God, we rejoice to be with you and with one another. You are the God who makes all things new and who redeems our past. In life, we find the fullness of life—from joy beyond measure to despair that consumes. Your presence sustains us through the depths and the plateaus. We acknowledge your sovereignty and express our bold trust that hope is our portion and assigned position in your everlasting and incomparable realm. 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 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** It Is Well with My Soul (Philip Bliss, arr. Mark Hayes)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi

**First Reading** James 1:17-27 NRSVUE

Mary Laucks

**Second Reading** Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 NRSVUE

Sean Sosa

**Message** For Tradition

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**

Rev. Carlos Sosa

**Offering Prayer**

**Generous God, bless these gifts that we share for the flourishing of the kingdom. Prosper the work of our hands, order the steps in our days, and align the balance of our resources. In our time, talent, and treasure, may you be glorified. Amen.**

**Hymn** God of Grace and God of Glory

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**God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your power;  
crown your ancient church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom,  
grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.**

**From the evils that surround us  
and assail the Savior's ways,  
from the fears that long have bound us,  
free our hearts for faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom,  
grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.**

**Cure your children's warring madness;  
bend our pride to your control.  
Shame our reckless, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom,  
grant us courage,  
make our broken spirits whole,  
make our broken spirits whole.**

**Set our feet on lofty places;  
gird our lives that they may be  
armored with all Christ-like graces,  
in the fight to set us free.  
Grant us wisdom,  
grant us courage,  
in the quest for liberty,  
in the quest for liberty.**

**Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for your salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom,  
grant us courage,  
serving you whom we adore,  
serving you whom we adore.**

**Benediction**

Rev. Carlos Sosa

**Postlude** Jesus is everything to me (S. N. Baek)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi