

# Welcome to Church of the Painted Hills

United Church of Christ

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 22, 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** When Morning Gilds the Skies (Joseph Barnby, arr. Lloyd Larson)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi

## Call to Worship

Jessica Jaeger

One: As we gather in humility, let us seek the heart of service Christ revealed.

**All: For those who wish to be first must be last, and the servant of all.**

One: Jesus taught us the path to greatness through the grace of humility.

**All: We welcome the least, for in doing so, we embrace the presence of Jesus.**

One: Come, let us worship with hearts poised to serve and love.

**All: In our worship, we honor the teachings of our Savior.**

**Hymn** Jesus Loves Me

#327

Jesus loves me! This I know,  
for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong;  
they are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know,  
as he loved so long ago,  
Taking children on his knee,  
saying, "Let them come to me."  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! Still today,  
walking with me on my way,  
Wanting as a friend to give  
light and love to all who live.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

**Young at Heart**

Sue Ellen Coltrin

**Opening Prayer**

Jessica Jaeger

**Heavenly Creator, as we gather today, teach us to embrace Your definition of greatness through humility and service. Guide our hearts to follow Jesus' example, making us servants of all. May our actions reflect Your love and grace. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

Rev. Carlos Sosa

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Savior's Prayer**

**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** He Leadeth Me (Mary MacDonald)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi

**First Reading** James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a NRSVUE

Jessica Jaeger

**Second Reading** Mark 9:30-37 NRSVUE

Sean Sosa

**Message** The True Measure of Greatness

Rev. Carlos Sosa

**Invitation to Generosity**

Rev. Carlos Sosa

**Offering Prayer**

**Gracious and loving God, we thank You for these gifts and the hearts that give them. Bless this offering, that it may be used to extend Your love and serve those in need. In gratitude and dedication, we commit these contributions to Your work. In Jesus name Amen.**

**Hymn** Nearer, My God, to You

#606

**Nearer, my God, to you, nearer to you.  
I'll bear the cross as Christ calls me to do  
and pray each day anew:  
Nearer my God, to you, nearer my God, to you,  
nearer to you.**

**When I am wandering as Jacob did,  
and in the deepest night the path is hid,  
my dreams will bring me, too,**

**Nearer my God, to you, nearer my God, to you,  
nearer to you.**

**Let Jacob's ladder fill the sky above,  
and angels carry down the faith and love  
to keep this goal in view:  
Nearer my God, to you, nearer my God, to you,  
nearer to you.**

**Then, waking from the night to morning air  
by Bethel's stone, I'll know you hear my prayer,  
and how my yearning grew:  
Nearer my God, to you, nearer my God, to you,  
nearer to you.**

**Benediction**

Rev. Carlos Sosa

**Postlude** This Little Light of Mine (African-American Spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes)  
Dr. Kyungsun Choi