

Welcome to Church of the Painted Hills

United Church of Christ

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 29, 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 What Wondrous Love Is This (Southern Harmony, arr. Joel Raney)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi

Call to Worship

Nancy Urias

One: As we gather in this sacred space, let us embrace the spirit of unity and belonging.

All: For whoever is not against us is for us.

One: Let us cast aside our divisions and hold fast to the bonds that unite us.

All: May our actions reflect the love that calls us to welcome, support, and heal.

One: Come, let us worship together, celebrating the grace that knits us into one community.

All: United in Christ, we offer our hearts in worship and our lives in service.

Hymn Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

#4

Joyful, joyful, we adore you,
God of glory, God of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the storms of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your rays,
Stars and angels sing around you,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
teach us what our praise should be.

You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blessed,

**Well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Loving Spirit, Father, Mother,
all who love belong to you;
Teach us how to love each other,
by that love our joy renew.**

**Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
Boundless love is reigning o'er us,
reconciling race and clan.
Ever singing, move we forward,
faithful in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us onward
in the triumph song of life.**

Young at Heart

Sue Ellen Coltrin

Opening Prayer

Nancy Urias

Gracious God, as we gather here today, guide us to embrace those who walk in Your name, broadening our hearts to see the good beyond our own circles. Teach us humility and the courage to remove obstacles in our lives that hinder Your work. Unite us in Your love and service, as we strive to follow Your path. In Jesus name, Amen!

**Prayers of the People
Pastoral Prayer
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 In the Garden (C. Austin Miles, arr. Mark Hayes)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi

First Reading Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 NRSVUE

Nancy Urias

Second Reading Mark 9:30-37 NRSVUE

Sean Sosa

Message Together We Belong: Building a Community of Inclusivity and Support

Rev. Carlos Sosa

**Invitation to Generosity
Offering Prayer**

Rev. Carlos Sosa

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 Some Glad Morning (I'll Fly Away)

#595

**Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;
to a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.
I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away;
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.**

**When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away.
I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away;
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.**

**Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;
To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away.
I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away;
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.**

Benediction

Rev. Carlos Sosa

Postlude Praise Him! Praise Him! (Cheser G. Allen, arr. Mark Hayes)

Dr. Kyungsun Choi