

 **St. Matthew's United Methodist Church**
open hearts, open minds, open doors

Order of Worship
5th Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2022

Hearing the story of Jesus is the first step. We must believe/trust the story. The truth will set us free.

Prelude Kevin Su Fukagawa

Welcome Meribeth Freeman

***Call to Worship** Chuck Qualls

The Lord be with you

And also with you

The Lord lift up all who search for God's Love.

Lord, lift us up to be the hope others seek.

***Opening Prayer**

Lord, as we prepare for worship today,

Tune our ears to hear your voice once again.

Open our minds to your understanding.

Open our hearts to others who seek your face.

Open up our attitude to free us for service.

Set our feet on the path so we can follow you.

In the Name of Jesus Christ we pray,

Amen

***Opening Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"** Hymnal #140

Verse 1

Great is Thy faithfulness

O God my Father There is no shadow

Of turning with Thee Thou changest not

Thy compassions they fail not

As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be

Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness

Morning by morning New mercies I

see

All I have needed

Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness

Lord unto me

Verse 2

Summer and winter

And springtime and harvest

Sun moon and stars in their courses above

Join with all nature In manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness

Mercy and love (Chorus)

Verse 3

Pardon for sin And a peace that endureth

Thy own dear presence

To cheer and to guide

Strength for today

And bright hope for tomorrow

Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

(Chorus)

Children's Message

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*Scripture John 10: 22-30 (NRSV)

Chuck Qualls

22 At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, **23** and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. **24** So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." **25** Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me, **26** but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. **27** My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. **28** I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. **29** My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. **30** The Father and I are one."

Choir Anthem "We Are Singing, For the Lord Is Our Light" (Siyahamba)

Sermon "Hard to Believe"

Pastor Jim Powell

"Speak To Me"

I am Your servant and I am list'ning Speak to me Lord speak to me
I need Your wisdom Your truth and comfort Speak to me Lord speak to me
Speak to me speak to me Through Your word through Your Spirit
Speak Your words of life speak to me speak to me I am list'ning I am waiting speak to me
I am Your servant and I am list'ning Speak to me Lord speak to me
My heart is silent my soul is longing Speak to me Lord speak to me
Speak to me speak to me Through Your word through Your Spirit
Speak Your words of life Speak to me speak to me I am list'ning I am waiting speak to me

Moving into a Spirit of Prayer

Covenant Prayers for Cal-Pac Conference UM Churches

Meribeth Freeman

Chatsworth UMC and First UMC, Ventura

Pastoral Prayers

NEW PRAISE AND PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAISE Judi's CAT Scan showed her Cancer-free! (Abraham)
Frank and Debbie recovering from strokes (Toin Roy's brother & Sister-in-law)
Victims and Firefighters in New Mexico and Laguna Niguel
Carole success from a back pain relief procedure (Debi Dyer's M-I-L)
Faith strength and health recovering from heart surgery (Bryan, friend of Kathy Holzer)
For the team restoring Claremont (CST) for incoming refugees

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Husband Paul and daughter Willow of Pat Pellegrini Wood on her passing (Carole & Roger Tripp)
Alexander recovery from ankle surgery (Powell)
Steve recovery from brain cancer surgery with a poor prognosis (Friend of the McEacherns)
Ron recovery from hernia surgery (McMahon)
Nancy hospitalized with complications of cancer treatment (Howald, neighbor of the Holzers)
Jeanette diagnosed with cognitive impairment (friend of Kathy Martin)
Joanne recovering from hip surgery (Stone)

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Robert, finding his cancer has returned and is inoperable (Neighbor of Meribeth F)
Pastor Stan & Ellen recovery from a garage fire (Ferguson)
Cheryl successful surgery & healing from a broken arm, and Chuck as he heals (Qualls)
Kathy success from foot surgery (Martin)
Tom recovery from a bike accident (Wendy K's daughter-in-law's brother)
Valledares family member institutionalized with Anorexia (Taty's Granddaughter)
John bedridden in a nursing home (Thompson, friend of Roger T)
Carol's mother in Hospice (Tripp)
Richard's mother in Hospice (Overton)

IN CANCER TREATMENT

Debbie, Gary K, JoAnn Y, Joshua (Leslie's son), Ruby (cousin of Emmie), Ariel (friend of Pam M), Pat (Dan O's family), Dick, Romana, Bob and Gonzalo (friends of McEachern's), Toni, Sylvia (friend of Pam P), Stephnia, Brandon, Lynne (Friends of Casey), Joey (Friend of Taty) and Melissa (Pastor Bob & Beth Ferguson's D-I-L)

The Lord's Prayer

Moving Beyond a Spirit of Prayer

Invitation to Give our Blessings back to God
Offertory

Meribeth Freeman
Kevin Su Fukagawa

***Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**
*Blessing of our Gifts and Tithes

Hymnal #95
Jack Doman

***Closing Hymn "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"**

Hymnal #349

Verse 1

**O soul are you weary and troubled
No light in the darkness you see
There's light for a look at the Savior
And life more abundant and free**

Chorus

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth
Will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace**

Verse 2

**Through death into life everlasting
He passed and we follow Him there
Over us sin no more hath dominion
For more than conquerors we are**

Verse 3

**His Word shall not fail you He promised
Believe Him and all will be well
Then go to a world that is dying
His perfect salvation to tell**

***Benediction**

Pastor Jim Powell

Ministry and Life of the Church Announcements

Postlude

Kevin Su Fukagawa



Ministry and Life of the Church Announcements

5/18 Conejo Connect at UMCWV at 5:30pm with a meal 5/18, 5/25, 6/1
Wednesdays Men's Study at 11am
5/21 Team going to work at CST (Claremont School of Theology) - refugee housing
6/5 Pentecost & Music Appreciation Sunday
Carole's Bible Study Begins on campus & at her home in Camarillo - see her to sign up
6/12 Grad-i-tude Sunday for Graduates & Teachers Recognition
Birthdays: 16 Lark Detweiler, Kristin Thompson, 17 Nancy Rank, 20 James Paterson, 21
Kathy Martin

*The Altar Flowers were provided by Janice McMahon in honor of
Daughter Jenna's Birthday*



Thank you

Meribeth for leading us in worship,
Pastor Jim Powell for the Sermon Message,
Kevin Su Fukagawa and The St. Matthew's Choir for our music

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