



St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

*Welcome Home*

## Order of Worship

October 9, 2022

*God's generosity through unexpected persons reminds us of the unending grace through all generations*

Prelude

Kevin Su Fukagawa

Welcome

Meribeth Freeman

### \*Call to Worship

Marilyn Matthews

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

The Lord bless you with great wealth,

**Then we can be free to be generous to others**

The Lord restore us with great courage,

**Then we can be courageous and take a risk**

### \*Opening Prayer

Lord of Grain and Field,

**We recognize the bounty in our harvest. We pray for the harvest of our neighbor.**

**We give to those who do not have a field to farm.**

**We ask for compassion for those who need to glean from our lands.**

**In the name of our Generous Father, Gracious Son, and Empowering Spirit! Amen**

### \*Opening Hymn "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Hymnal #400

Verse 1

**Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing**

**Tune my heart to sing Thy grace**

**Streams of mercy never ceasing**

**Call for songs of loudest praise**

**Teach me some melodious sonnet**

**Sung by flaming tongues above**

**Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it**

**Mount of Thy redeeming love**

Verse 2

**Here I raise mine Ebenezer**

**Hither by Thy help I'm come**

**And I hope by Thy good pleasure**

**Safely to arrive at home**

**Jesus sought me when a stranger**

**Wand'ring from the fold of God**

**He to rescue me from danger**

**Interposed His precious blood**

Verse 3

**O to grace how great a debtor**

**Daily I'm constrained to be**

**Let Thy grace Lord like a fetter**

**Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee**

**Prone to wander Lord I feel it**

**Prone to leave the God I love**

**Here's my heart Lord take and seal it**

**Seal it for Thy courts above**

Ministry Message: Stewardship

Pastor Jim Powell



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Children's Message by Ryan Blanck

puppeteers: Knoedler Family

## Scripture Ruth 2:1-23 [The Message]

Marilyn Matthews

1 It so happened that Naomi had a relative by marriage, a man prominent and rich, connected with Elimelech's family. His name was Boaz. 2 One day Ruth, the Moabite foreigner, said to Naomi, "I'm going to work; I'm going out to glean among the sheaves, following after some harvester who will treat me kindly." Naomi said, "Go ahead, dear daughter." 3-4 And so she set out. She went and started gleaning in a field, following in the wake of the harvesters. Eventually she ended up in the part of the field owned by Boaz, her father-in-law Elimelech's relative.

A little later Boaz came out from Bethlehem, greeting his harvesters, "God be with you!" They replied, "And God bless you!" 5 Boaz asked his young servant who was foreman over the farm hands, "Who is this young woman? Where did she come from?" 6-7 The foreman said, "Why, that's the Moabite girl, the one who came with Naomi from the country of Moab. She asked permission. 'Let me glean,' she said, 'and gather among the sheaves following after your harvesters.' She's been at it steady ever since, from early morning until now, without so much as a break." 8-9 Then Boaz spoke to Ruth: "Listen, my daughter. From now on don't go to any other field to glean—stay right here in this one. And stay close to my young women. Watch where they are harvesting and follow them. And don't worry about a thing; I've given orders to my servants not to harass you. When you get thirsty, feel free to go and drink from the water buckets that the servants have filled." 10 She dropped to her knees, then bowed her face to the ground. "How does this happen that you should pick me out and treat me so kindly—me, a foreigner?" 11-12 Boaz answered her, "I've heard all about you—heard about the way you treated your mother-in-law after the death of her husband, and how you left your father and mother and the land of your birth and have come to live among a bunch of total strangers. God reward you well for what you've done—and with a generous bonus besides from God, to whom you've come seeking protection under his wings." 13 She said, "Oh sir, such grace, such kindness—I don't deserve it. You've touched my heart, treated me like one of your own. And I don't even belong here!"

14 At the lunch break, Boaz said to her, "Come over here; eat some bread. Dip it in the wine." So she joined the harvesters. Boaz passed the roasted grain to her. She ate her fill and even had some left over. 15-16 When she got up to go back to work, Boaz ordered his servants: "Let her glean where there's still plenty of grain on the ground—make it easy for her. Better yet, pull some of the good stuff out and leave it for her to glean. Give her special treatment." 17-18 Ruth gleaned in the field until evening. When she threshed out what she had gathered, she ended up with nearly a full sack of barley! She gathered up her gleanings, went back to town, and showed her mother-in-law the results of her day's work; she also gave her the leftovers from her lunch.

19 Naomi asked her, "So where did you glean today? Whose field? God bless whoever it was who took such good care of you!" Ruth told her mother-in-law, "The man with whom I worked today? His name is Boaz." 20 Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "Why, God bless that man! God hasn't quite walked out on us after all! He still loves us, in bad times as well as good!" Naomi went on, "That man, Ruth, is one of our circle of covenant redeemers, a close relative of ours!" 21 Ruth the Moabitess said, "Well, listen to this: He also told me, 'Stick with my workers until my harvesting is finished.'" 22 Naomi said to Ruth, "That's wonderful, dear daughter! Do that! You'll be safe in the company of his young women; no danger now of being raped in some stranger's field."

23 So Ruth did it—she stuck close to Boaz's young women, gleaning in the fields daily until both the barley and wheat harvesting were finished. And she continued living with her mother-in-law.

Anthem Choir "I Worship You, Almighty God"

Directed by Kevin Su Fukagawa

Testimony "The Call"

Kimball Coburn

Sermon "Intergenerational Stewards"

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*Moving into a Spirit of Prayer*

Covenant Prayers for Cal-Pac Churches

Meribeth Freeman

Santa Barbara First UMC & San Luis Obispo UMC

Pastoral Prayers

NEW REQUESTS

Cathy recovery from COVID (Sharon Brown's daughter)  
Diane recovering from esophagus surgery (Friend of Debi Dyer)  
Bill recovering from throat cancer surgery (Nelson, Debi Dyer's uncle)  
Idris struggling with the transition to Independence (Friend of Debi Dyer)

CONTINUE TO PRAY

IN MOURNING

Marlene and family on the passing of her father from lung cancer (friend of Robert Tripp)  
Linda and family on the passing of her sister, Dr Barbara Wood (Barbie) (Norberg)  
The family of Charlene on her passing (Friend of Kathy Martin)

HEALING & RECOVERY

Ceil with failing health (Adler)  
Patti for improved and stable vision treatment (Adams)  
Pat's Grandson relief from social fears (Graning)  
Scott after a loss of income  
Thomas success and recovery from a Liver transplant (Meier, friend of the Ford family)  
Dan recovery from triple bypass surgery (friend of the Holzers)  
Amber recovering from a lightning strike (Escudero-Konostathis)  
Carolyn & Hanna (Sylvester)

CANCER TREATMENT

Heather (Marion E's Daughter), Debbie, JoAnn Y, Joshua (Leslie's son), Ruby (cousin of Emmie),  
Ariel (friend of Pam M), Dick, Romana, Bob and Gonzalo (friends of McEachern's), Toni, Sylvia  
(friend of Pam P), Joey (Friend of Taty) and Melissa (Pastor Bob & Beth Ferguson's D-I-L)

IN HOSPICE CARE

John (Thompson, friend of Roger Tripp)  
Carole's mother (Tripp)

The Lord's Prayer

*Moving Beyond a Spirit of Prayer*

Invitation to Give our Blessings back to God

Meribeth Freeman

Offertory

**\*Doxology "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"**

Hymnal #95

\*Blessing of our Gifts and Tithes

**\*Closing Hymn "Amazing Grace"**

Hymnal # 378

Verse 1

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now am found  
Was blind but now I see**



**Verse 2**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed**

**Verse 3**

**Through many dangers toils and snares  
I have already come  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead me home**

**Verse 4**

**When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we've first begun**

\*Benediction

Pastor Jim Powell

Ministry & Life of the Church Announcements

Juliane Detweiler

TODAY: Blood Drive

Tuesdays - "Book of James" study with Pastor Jim 10am in the Wesley Room

Wednesdays – Quilting Ministry 10am - Noon

Wednesdays - Men's Study at 11am in the Fireside Room

Wednesdays - Choir 6:30pm in the Sanctuary

Wednesdays - Conejo Connect at UMCWV for October 5:30pm, SMUMC for November

Thursdays - Women's Study at 11am "Book of Hope: A survival Guide for trying times"

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship Team Meeting 11:30am

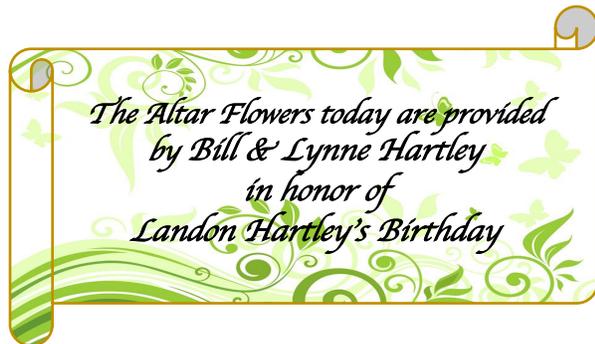
Postlude

Kevin Su Fukagawa

*Thank you*

Meribeth, Marilyn, Ryan and the Knoedler Family for leading us in worship, Pastor Jim Powell for the Sermon Message, Kevin Su Fukagawa and the Anthem Choir for our music

*Thank you to our Fellowship Host today, Nancy Liedblad*



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