



St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

Welcome Home

Order of Worship

November 20, 2022

*Pleasing God and giving thanks is the course correction needed for our family, friends, church, community, and nation.
Relationships are built on gratitude.*

Prelude Kevin Su Fukagawa

Welcome Meribeth Freeman

***Call to Worship** Tina Martin

Leader: The Lord be with you

Response: And Also with you

Leader: Our blessed God has gathered us here,

Response: Looking on us with loving eyes.

Leader: With thanksgiving, we dwell in the tender mercy of God

Response: Let us give thanks for the Lord is our rock and salvation.

***Opening Prayer**

Good Shepherd,

You gather us here, Looking on us with loving eyes.

You comfort and guide, You heal and redeem.

As we sing songs thanksgiving, You pour your grace out on us.

As we pray confessions at your altar, You hug us unconditionally.

Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord Jesus. Thank you, always! Amen

***Opening Hymn "On Eagles Wings"**

Hymnal #143

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,

Bear you on the breath of dawn,

Make you to shine like the sun,

And hold you in the palm of God's hand. (Repeat)

Ministry Message: Community Christmas Shoppe

Janice Kakazu

Children's Message

Pastor Jim Powell

Scripture: Colossians 1: 10-12

Tina Martin

10 so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, 11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, 12 and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

11 We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. 12 Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. 13 And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.



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Anthem Choir “One More Opportunity”

Directed by Kevin Su Fukagawa

Testimony

Meribeth Freeman

Sermon: “Give Thanks”

Pastor Jim Powell

Moving into a Spirit of Prayer

Covenant Prayers for the Cal-Pac Churches

Meribeth Freeman

First UMC of Paso Robles First UMC of North Hollywood

Pastoral Prayers

NEW REQUESTS

Georgia beginning chemotherapy (Forbes)

Tony with liver cancer, told he has 6-9 months to live (Suzanne Ford)

CONTINUE TO PRAY

HEALING & RECOVERY

Alli who had a hospital stay due to expecting identical twins with Will (Jennifer Winter's son)

Doris recovery from a broken pelvis (Janice Kakazu's mother)

Karen success & healing from breast cancer surgery (Janice Kakazu's sister)

Martin recovery from back surgery, wife Romana caring for him (McEachern family)

Tracy with multiple serious health problems and unable to work (friend of Christina M & Patti A)

Diane recovering from esophagus surgery (Friend of Debi Dyer)

Idris struggling with the transition to Independence (Friend of Debi Dyer)

Ceil with failing health (Adler)

Patti for improved and stable vision treatment (Adams)

Pat's Grandson relief from social fears (Graning)

Thomas success and recovery from a Liver transplant (Meier, friend of the Ford family)

Amber recovering from a lightning strike (Escudero-Konostathis)

Carolyn & Hanna (Sylvester)

IN MOURNING

Husband, daughters & family of Laura after her sudden passing (niece of the Holzers)

The family of Erna in her passing (friend of the Holzers)

Don and family of wife Nancy on her passing (Howald, friend of Kathy Holzer)

CANCER TREATMENT

Karen (Janice K), Logan (Kathy H), Rita (Buckley, Lynne H) Bill (Debi D's Uncle), 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



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Invitation to Give our Blessings back to God
Offertory

***Doxology "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"** Hymnal #95
*Blessing of our Gifts and Tithes

***Closing Hymn "At the Foot of the Cross"**

Verse 1

At the foot of the cross
Where grace and suff'ring meet
You have shown me Your love
Through the judgment You received
And You've won my heart
And You've won my heart

Chorus

(Now I can) trade these ashes for
beauty
And wear forgiveness like a crown
Coming to kiss the feet of Mercy
I lay ev'ry burden down
(At the foot of the cross)

Verse 2

At the foot of the cross
Where I am made complete
You have given me life
Through the death You bore for me
And You've won my heart
And You've won my heart

Interlude

And You've won my heart
And You've won my heart

Ending

I lay ev'ry burden down
I lay ev'ry burden down
At the foot of the cross ah ah
At the foot of the cross ah ah
At the foot of the cross ah ah
At the foot of the cross

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Powell

Ministry & Life of the Church Announcements

Postlude

Kevin Su Fukagawa

Thank you

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

*The Altar Flowers are provided by Rick & Pam Pond
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Happy Birthday to
 11-22 Ceil Adler, Cassidy King
 11-23 Rev. Dr. Colleen Windham-Hughes
 11-24 Bob Biery

<u>HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>
11-20 Niños de Baja bag collection ends 11-20 Christmas Shoppe collection begins <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> Office Closed Thursday & Friday 11/24 & 11/25</p>	Community Christmas Shoppe collection until 12-6 for 12/10 Event 11-27 Cub Scouts poinsettias pre-order pick-up
<u>ONGOING</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>
Mondays - Pastor's Team 9am Wednesdays - Men's Study at 11am in the Fireside Room Wednesday-Choir 6:30pm/Sanctuary <i>On hiatus: Book of James Study, Quilting Ministry, Women's Study, Conejo Connect</i>	12-4 Powell Family Open House 3:30pm 12-10 Women's breakfast 8:30am in the Sanctuary 12-10 All Church Work Day 9am-noon



12-24 Christmas Eve 7pm Worship Service
 12-25 Christmas Day 10am Worship Service

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