



# St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

*Welcome Home*

## Order of Worship March 12, 2023 Third Sunday of Lent

*The Samaritan Woman at the well becomes the first Samaritan evangelist.*

Prelude

Kevin Su Fukagawa

Welcome

Ryan Blanck

### \*Call to Worship

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Worship the Lord and sing God's praises

**We come into the Lord's presence  
with songs of thanksgiving.**

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord

**For we rejoice for the living water  
that flows to us and our community.**



Randi Berry

### \*Opening Prayer

**Lord of Women, Men, and All Families**

**We yearn to draw near as we arrive in this place.**

**We know you see our hearts and minds.**

**We know that all things are revealed to you,**

**And yet you love us back into life and life eternal.**

**In Jesus' Name we say together- Amen.**

### \*Opening Hymn "Here I Am, Lord"

Hymnal # 593

Verse 1

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them?

Whom shall I send?

Chorus

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night. *(see verse 3 next page)*

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

Verse 2

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.

They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,

Give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them.

Whom shall I send?

(Chorus)

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**Verse 3**  
**I, the Lord of wind and flame,**  
**I will tend the poor and lame.**  
**I will set a feast for them.**  
**My hand will save.**

**Finest bread I will provide**  
**Till their hearts be satisfied.**  
**I will give my life to them.**  
**Whom shall I send?**  
(Chorus)

Ministry Message

Pastor Kristi Smith

Children's Message by Ryan Blanck "See Something, Say Something"  
Heather Knoedler & Char Wardell, puppeteers

Scripture John 4: 25-42

Randi Berry

25 The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." 26 Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

27 Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?"

28 Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,

29 "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" 30 They left the city and were on their way to him.

31 Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." 32 But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." 33 So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" 34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. 35 Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. 36 The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. 37 For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' 38 I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

39 Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. 41 And many more believed because of his word. 42 They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

Anthem "This I Believe"

Guest Soloist Leslie Ann Hernandez

Sermon "Salvation Leads to Witness"

Pastor Jim Powell

*Moving into a Spirit of Prayer*

Covenant Prayers for Cal-Pac Churches  
First German UMC, Glendale & Estero Bay UMC

## Pastoral Prayers

### NEW REQUESTS

PRAISE David healed and cancer free from cancer replacement (Wilder, Debi D's father)  
PRAISE Karen completed radiation treatment (Janice Kakazu's sister)  
PRAISE Alyssa successful cyst removal and healing (niece of Stephanie Powell)  
Debbie who may have an abdominal aortic aneurysm (Kathy Holzer's sister)  
Jaime 6mo pregnant and put on bedrest with gestational diabetes (Kathy's niece)  
Kandra treatment for a rare lung disease and testing and for a lump on her head (friend of Carole Tripp)  
Connie recovery from knee surgery (Roger Tripp)  
Connie treatment for a heart problem (Carole Tripp's sister)

### CONTINUE TO PRAY

#### IN MOURNING

Wendy and family with the passing of her mother (Kaszicki)  
Sister-in-law Cheryl and family on the passing of Kristi's older brother (Whisman)  
The family of Paul Ruble on his passing; children Stephanie, Jennifer & Jason (Judi Abraham)  
The family of Cassidy, who died in a family disturbance

#### IN HOSPICE

Dennis (friend of Tom & Christina McEachern)

#### HEALING & RECOVERY

Connie with medical issues (Roger's sister-in-law)  
Kathy testing and treatment for recurrence of cancer (Warner)  
Kerry beginning cancer treatment after stage 3 brain tumor removal (Villanueva, Qualls' daughter)  
Lisa's husband recovering from Stem Cell treatment (an NP neighbor)  
Taty considering treatments for a torn rotator cuff and a painful knee (Valledares)  
Dana with Stage 4 liver disease for discerning treatment (Chamberlin)  
Mark recovering from heart surgery (Harris, friend of Tina M)  
Emrie healing from tendonitis and missing dance (Hartley family)  
Kathy healing from hand surgery (Holzer)  
Laverne healing of a broken hip & shoulder after a fall (Clifton, Judy A)  
Kyle recovery from meningitis which is causing brain swell and blindness (Smith, Kathy H)  
Ceil with failing health (Adler)  
Amber recovering from a lightning strike (Escudero-Konostathis)  
Carolyn & Hanna (Sylvester)

#### CANCER TREATMENT

JoAnn Y, Kerry (Quall's daughter), Terry (Ford family), Tracy (Cashier at Albertsons), Georgia (Forbes), Karen (Janice K), Jennifer (Bob Rich), Logan (Kathy H), Bill (Debi D's Uncle), Heather (Marion E's Daughter), Debbie, Joshua (Leslie's son), Ruby (cousin of Emmie), Ariel (friend of Pam M), Toni, Sylvia (friend of Pam P), Frank, Angel and Joey (Friends 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 "Give Us Your Heart"

Leslie Ann Hernandez

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

**Hymnal #95**

\*Blessing of our Gifts and Tithes

**\*Closing Hymn “What A Friend We Have In Jesus”**

**Hymnal #526**

**Verse 1**

**What a friend we have in Jesus**

**All our sins and griefs to bear**

**What a privilege to carry**

**Ev'rything to God in pray'r**

**Oh what peace we often forfeit**

**Oh what needless pain we bear**

**All because we do not carry**

**Ev'rything to God in pray'r**

**Chorus**

**What a friend we have in Jesus**

**What a friend we have in Him**

**For He knows us and He holds us in His hands**

**And His grace is never failing**

**And His love without an end**

**What a friend we have in Jesus**

**What a friend we have in Him**

**Verse 2**

**Have we trials and temptations**

**Is there trouble anywhere**

**We should never be discouraged**

**Take it to the Lord in pray'r**

**Can we find a friend so faithful**

**Who will all our sorrows share**

**Jesus knows our every weakness**

**Take it to the Lord in pray'r**

**( Chorus )**

**Verse 3**

**Blessed Saviour You have promised**

**You will all our burdens bear**

**May we ever Lord be bringing**

**All to You in earnest pray'r**

**Soon in glory bright unclouded**

**There will be no need for pray'r**

**Rapture praise and endless worship**

**Will be our sweet portion there**

**( Chorus )**

**\*Benediction**

**Pastor Jim Powell**

**Ministry and Life of the Church Announcements**

3-15, 3-22, 3-29 Conejo Connect 5:30pm-7:15pm in the Wesley Room

3-13 Finance Team 6:30pm in the Wesley Room

3-14 Church Council 7pm in the Wesley Room

3-18 Church Work Day 9am-noon

3-18 Meals for the Needy assembly 3pm

3-18 Progressive Dinner RSVP with Linda Norberg [LSN65@aol.com](mailto:LSN65@aol.com)

3-19 Girl Scout Sunday

4-2 to 4-9 Holy Week, EASTER April 9th

4-30 Talent Show

Ongoing:

Tuesdays - **“Life of Faith” Study with Pastor Jim** 10am in the Wesley Room

Wednesdays – **Quilting Ministry** 10am-12pm in the Wesley Room

**Men’s Study** 11am in the Fireside Room

**Choir** 6:30pm in the Sanctuary

**Conejo Connect** 5:30pm-7:15pm for March in the Wesley Room

*Altar Flowers were provided by Debi Dyer in honor of Cassidy’s Birthday*

*Fellowship Today is provided by Nancy Liedblad*

*Happy Birthday to 13<sup>th</sup> Lori Jarrells, 15<sup>th</sup> Fred Wardell, 16<sup>th</sup> Margie MacArthur, 16<sup>th</sup> Pam*

*McDonald, 17<sup>th</sup> Ariel Bohleen*

**Postlude**

**Kevin Su Fukagawa**

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