



St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

Welcome Home

Order of Worship March 19, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

Prelude

Kevin Su Fukagawa

Welcome

Meribeth Freeman

*Call to Worship

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Dawn is breaking. Christ's light is shining.

The Light of the world shines in our lives.

Put aside the care of the night.

Even in the darkest valley, God illuminates our path.

Even in the times of despair, hope shines forth.

Sleepy one, awake! Christ's light is shining.

The light of the world burns within us.



*Opening Prayer

Lord of Light,

Open our eyes to behold your glory.

Open our hearts to the warmth of your love.

Open our minds to the possibilities of your truth.

Open our souls to the glory of living with you and all others.

Amen

*Opening 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 I'm 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

Ministry Message: Girl Scouts

Tanya Inouye

Children's Message UMCOR Sunday

Barbara Karplus & Jack Doman

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Scripture John 9:1-7, 25-41

Abby Inouye

1 As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. 4 We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." 6 When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, 7 saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

25 He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." 26 They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" 27 He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" 28 Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. 29 We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." 30 The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. 31 We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. 32 Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. 33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." 34 They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. 35 Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" 36 He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." 37 Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." 38 He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. 39 Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." 40 Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" 41 Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

Anthem Choir "This Is Jesus"

Directed by Kevin Su Fukagawa

Sermon "The Blind Leading The Blind"

Pastor Jim Powell

Moving into a Spirit of Prayer

Covenant Prayers for Cal-Pac Churches

Camarillo Korean UMC & Bishop First UMC

Pastoral Prayers

NEW REQUESTS

John diagnosed with cancer in his spine (Dr. Bob Rich's brother)

CONTINUE TO PRAY

IN MOURNING

Lori and family on the passing of her father (Gerrard)

IN HOSPICE

Dennis (friend of Tom & Christina McEachern)

HEALING & RECOVERY

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)
Rosanna diagnosed with metastatic ovarian cancer and kidney transplant failure (Taty Valledares)
Kathy testing and treatment for recurrence of cancer (Warner)
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)
Kyle recovery from meningitis which is causing brain swell and blindness (Smith, Kathy H)
Carolyn & Hanna (Sylvester)

CANCER TREATMENT

Kathy (Warner), JoAnn (Young), Kerry (Quall's daughter), Terry (Ford family), Tracey (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 (Kathy H), Joshua (Leslie's son), Ruby (cousin of Emmie), Ariel (friend of Pam M), Toni, Sylvia (friend of Pam P), Roseanna, Frank, Angel and Joey (Friends of Taty V) 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

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

***Closing Hymn "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"** Hymnal #526

Verse 1

**'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to take Him at His word
Just to rest upon His promise
Just to know thus saith the Lord**

Chorus

**Jesus Jesus how I trust Him
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus Jesus precious Jesus
O for grace to trust Him more**

Verse 2

**O how sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to trust His cleansing blood
Just in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing cleansing flood
Chorus**

Verse 3

**Yes 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus
Just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest and joy and peace
Chorus**

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Powell

Ministry and Life of the Church Announcements

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

4-6 Maundy Thursday / Seder Supper

4-7 Good Friday 7pm at Thousand Oaks UMC

4-9 EASTER 6:30am in the labyrinth, 10am with Cantata in the Sanctuary

4-30 Talent Show 4pm

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 and Fellowship today are provided by Girl Scouts

Happy Birthday to 19th Cassidy Dyer, 20th Heather Knoedler, 21st Randi Berry, 24th Rick Pond, 25th Ryan Blanck

Postlude

Kevin Su Fukagawa

Thank you

Meribeth, Barbara, Jack, Girl Scouts Abby and Tanya 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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