



# St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

*Welcome Home*



## Order of Worship May 21, 2023

*Jesus' ascension produced joy as they mourned his leaving. We can find joy in the mourning of loved ones.*

Prelude

Kevin Su Fukagawa

Welcome

Ryan Blanck

### \*The New Apostle's Creed

Chuck Qualls

We believe in God, the creator of the universe:

**The one who began the dawn of all time,  
The one who sets the time and keeps the time,  
The one who meets us in our time now.**

We believe that all of God's creation is good:

**All things that creep and crawl and wander and roam,  
God made for good.**

**All things that croak and moo and chirp and whisper,  
God made for good.**

We believe in Jesus, God's flesh on earth:

**Our Lord taught us faith,  
Our savior who leads us on right paths  
When we go astray- Jesus is our Way,  
Who aligns our life for goodness' sake.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, God's presence in all moments:

**Source of all freedom,  
Power that stirs us from complacency,  
Spirit of conviction that calls us to serve with justice.  
We believe, We trust, and We pray, Amen!**

### \*Opening Hymn "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" (Olivet)

Hymnal #452

Verse 1

**My faith looks up to Thee  
Thou Lamb of Calvary  
Saviour divine  
Now hear me while I pray  
Take all my guilt away  
O let me from this day  
Be wholly Thine**

Verse 2

**May Thy rich grace impart  
Strength to my fainting heart  
My zeal inspire  
As Thou hast died for me  
O may my love to Thee  
Pure warm and changeless be  
A living fire**

### Ministry Message: Graduate & Christian Education Acknowledgements

Teachers: Lynne Hartley, Nathan Inouye, Jennifer Winter,  
Kindergarten to 1st grade: Jett P., Vinny F., Holden S., Willow W., Max Y.  
Elementary to Middle School: Nico B., Elias S.  
Middle to High School: Mika I., Chris K., Marillion F.  
High School: Morgan B.  
Higher Education: Emma B.

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Children's Message

Barbara Karplus

Scripture Luke 24:44--53

Chuck Qualls

44 He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. 46 He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

50 Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.

51 While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.

52 And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; 53 and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Anthem Choir "The Blessed Hope"

Directed by Kevin Su Fukagawa

Sermon "Joy in the *Mourning*"

Pastor Jim Powell

Mission/Vision Statement

*Moving into a Spirit of Prayer*

Covenant Prayers for Cal-Pac Churches

Ryan Blanck

St. Andrew UMC, Santa Maria & North Hills Hispanic Mission

Pastoral Prayers

NEW REQUESTS

PRAISE for baby Camila and the Powell family

PRAISE Jaime is off pregnancy bedrest, doing well, awaiting her baby (Kathy Holzer's niece)

Ferguson, Farrow & Shapiro Families upon the passing of Ariel (Bohleen)

Family of Dana upon her passing. (Kathleen Chamberlin's niece)

Hayley care after a grand Mal Seizure (Pastor Stan & Ellen Ferguson's niece)

Kenzie born with a cancerous brain tumor (Barbara Crowdis' cousin's great granddaughter)

Pat with continued problems after healing from a broken leg (Graning)

CONTINUE TO PRAY

HEALING & RECOVERY

Chad suffering from Alcohol (Roger Tripp)

Barbara healing from acute laryngitis(Karplus)

Paul with autoimmune disease effects, and his wife Linda (friend of Barbara Karplus)

Matilda, teen diagnosed with Fibromyalgia (friend of Linda Domes)

Ralph who has Dementia and has been hospitalized (McCall, friend of Roger Tripp)

Lacey seeking a diagnosis and healing for brain deterioration (Fletcher, Leslie Hartley's sister)

Sharon in critical care with many health concerns, and husband Ken (The McEachern's)

Debbie who may have an abdominal aortic aneurysm (Kathy Holzer's sister)

Kandra treatment for a rare lung disease and testing and for a head lump (friend of Carole Tripp)

Connie treatment for a heart problem (Carole Tripp's sister)

CANCER TREATMENT

Kathy (Warner), JoAnn (Young), John (Dr. Bob Rich's Brother), Kerry (Quall's daughter), Joann (Judy Saute's sister), 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)

IN MOURNING

Westlake Village High School families

The family of Mary on her passing, husband Fred and son Bob (Kathleen Chamberlin's S-I-L)

The Family of Dana upon her passing. (Kathleen Chamberlin's niece)

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Moving Beyond a Spirit of Prayer*

Invitation to Give our Blessings back to God

Offertory "How Great Thou Art"

Guest soloist Melissa Birch

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

Hymnal #95

\*Blessing of our Gifts and Tithes

**\*Closing Hymn "Be Thou My Vision"**

Hymnal #451

Verse 1

**Be Thou my Vision O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light**

Verse 2

**Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord  
Thou my great Father I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one**

Verse 3

**High King of heaven my victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys bright heaven's Sun  
Heart of my own heart whatever befall  
Still be my Vision O Ruler of all**

\*Benediction

Pastor Jim Powell

Ministry and Life of the Church Announcements

Postlude

Kevin Su Fukagawa

*Thank you*

Ryan, Chuck, Pastor Kristi & Barbara for leading us in worship

Pastor Jim Powell for the Sermon Message,

Kevin Su Fukagawa, guest soloist Melissa Birch & The St. Matthew's Choir for our music

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# Ministry and Life of the Church Announcements

5-28 Pentecost, Peace with Justice Sunday, Memorial Day

6-11 Baptisms, Music Appreciation Sunday

Ongoing:

Tuesdays - **“Inspired by God” Study with Pastor Jim** 10am in the Wesley Room

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

**Men’s Study** 11am in the Children’s Ministry Building

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

Thursdays - **“Armor of God”** with Carol 1pm in Camarillo

Fridays - **“Armor of God”** with Carol 10am in the Wesley Room

*Altar Flowers donated in Honor of In Memory of Bill Adams by Wife Patti*

*Fellowship Today provided by Janice McMahon*

*Birthday to celebrate: 21 Kathy Martin, 24 Mika Inouye, 25 James Board,*

*25 Sheryl Jacobs, 26 Peter Winter*

Adult Bible Studies

**Study series with Pastor Jim**  
Tuesdays at 10am  
in the Wesley Room

Inspired by God  
Summer 2023  
DVD

PRISCILLA SHIRER

**The Armor of God**  
7-SESSION BIBLE STUDY  
Begins May 18

Thursdays 1 pm  
in Camarillo &  
Fridays 10am  
in the Wesley Room

With Carol  
CAROLANDJIM824@YAHOO.COM  
Book + \$10

**Conejo Connect**  
Intergenerational Ministry  
St. Matthew's UMC, UMC Thousand Oaks, Umc Westlake Village

**June**

- Quenched Youth Group at UMCTO
  - Monday, 12th 5:30-7pm
- Vacation Bible School at SMUMC
  - Weeknights 25, 26, 27, 28, 29
  - Light Dinner at 5:30
  - Program 6pm-7:30pm
- Intergenerational Summer Fun
  - 20th Mystery Trip!

**July**

- Intergenerational Summer Fun
  - 11th - Universal Studios 9 am - ?
  - 18th - Beach 12:00 - 5 pm
- Campfire and S'mores at SMUMC
  - Friday 21st, 6pm
- Pizzazz Music Camp at UMCWV
  - 24, 25, 26, 27, 28

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Pastor Kristi Smith

\*Date, time or place subject to change

**Good things are coming**

- Emotivation TALENT SHOW! 4/30 @ 4 PM, SMUMC
- SUMMER Fun
- CALENDAR SUPPER FUNDRAISER 6/3 @ 6 PM UMC WV
- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HERO HOTLINE
- Fun Movie Nights & Outings
- CAMPFIRE & S'MORES 7/21 @ 6PM SMUMC 9/29 @ 6PM SMUMC
- BARN DANCE & FALL FESTIVAL 10/ 28 @ 6 PM
- Friendsgiving GIVE THANKS + EAT PIG 11/15 @ 5:30 PM

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