



# St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

*Welcome Home*

## **Order of Worship September 17, 2023**

Prelude

Kevin Su Fukagawa

Welcome

Linda Domes

### **\*Call to Worship**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

The Lord be with those who are coming in

**The Lord be with those who are moving on**

The Lord be the center of our church

**The Lord be the center of our lives!**

Pam McDonald

### **\*Opening Prayer**

**O Lord of all time and space,**

**You called upon faithful servants since the beginning of the world**

**You called prophets of mixed backgrounds**

**You called persons with flaws and failures**

**You have called us to serve**

**We stand and worship on Your holy ground**

**We pray for the courage we need to step up!**

**Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen**

### **\*Opening Hymn "Open the Eyes of My Heart"**

**Chorus**

**Open the eyes of my heart Lord**

**Open the eyes of my heart**

**I want to see You**

**I want to see You**

**Verse**

**To see You high and lifted up**

**Shining in the light of Your glory**

**Pour out Your power and love**

**As we sing holy holy holy**

**Chorus**

**Open the eyes of my heart Lord**

**Open the eyes of my heart**

**I want to see You**

**I want to see You**

**Bridge**

**Holy holy holy**

**Holy holy holy**

**Holy holy holy**

**I want to see You**

Ministry Message

Pastor Jim Powell

Children's Message "Forgiveness"

Pastor Jim Powell

**BOLD=** invites participation    \* = Please Stand

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\*Scripture Romans 12:9-21

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9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; 10 love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. 11 Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. 17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. 18 If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." 20 No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Anthem "Broken Vessels"

Guest Soloist Heidi Vass

Sermon "Holy Ground"

Pastor Kristi Smith

- *Moving into a Spirit of Prayer* -

Covenant Prayers for Cal-Pac Churches

University UMC, Isla Vista & The North District Union Trustees

Pastoral Prayers

NEW REQUESTS

The family of Ceil Adler on her passing

Bill with an infection on his toes (Hartley)

Ryan recovery from recurring sepsis and related surgery (Gerrard)

CONTINUE TO PRAY

Pastor Kristi Smith and family with the Assignment to Moorpark UMC

IN MOURNING

Family of Jasan Matthews who passed away from ALS at 45, leaving a wife and 3, 7 and 9 yr olds

HEALING & RECOVERY

Jen waiting for a liver transplant after also receiving news of a brain abnormality; strength for her husband, Perry (Meribeth Freeman)

Reuben declining from ALS and wife Karen (Bouvet, Joyce Wheatly)

Sarah success for drug rehabilitation and to be a good mother to Aurabell (Niece of Kathy Holzer)

John recovery from knee replacement (Chamberlin)

June healing after a hospital stay (Frye, daughter of Joyce Christian)

Mike infection complicated by Parkinson's, and Patty his wife (Tom & Christina McEachern)

Ashley recovery from a dog bite (Sheppard)

Families displaced by fires, and members of Lahaina UMC which burned

Doug suffering from alcohol (Roger Tripp)

Mary with health issues (Matthews)

David recovery from a blocked kidney (Wilder, Debi Dyer's father)

Rebecca treatment for seizures and continued healing after trauma (Nething, friend of Jim Ford)

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

CANCER TREATMENT

Kathy (Warner), Kathleen (Tanya I), John, Jennifer (Dr. Bob R), Kerry (Chuck & Cheryl Q), Joann (Judy S), Terry (Suzanne F), Ariel, Jann (Christie, Pam M), Georgia (Forbes), Bill (Debi D), Heather (Marion E), Debbie, Logan (Kathy H), Joshua (Leslie H), Ruby (Emmie S), Toni, Sylvia (Pam P), Roseanna, Frank, Angel, Joey (Taty V) and Melissa (Pastor Bob & Beth F)

The Lord's Prayer

- *Moving beyond a Spirit of Prayer* -

\*Offering of our Gifts back to God

Offertory "Amazing Grace"

Guest soloist Heidi Vass

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

Hymnal #95

\*Blessing of our Gifts and Tithes

Meribeth Freeman

\*Closing Hymn "The Summons"

The Faith We Sing #2130

Verse 1

Will you come and follow Me  
If I but call your name  
Will you go where you don't know  
And never be the same  
Will you let My love be shown  
Will you let My name be known  
Will you let My life be grown  
In you and you in Me

Verse 2

Will you leave yourself behind  
If I but call your name  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
And never be the same  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
Should your life attract or scare  
Will you let Me answer prayer  
In you and you in Me

Verse 3

Will you let the blinded see  
If I but call your name  
Will you set the prisoners free  
And never be the same

Will you kiss the leper clean  
And do such as this unseen  
And admit to what I mean  
In you and you in Me

Verse 4

Will you love the you you hide  
If I but call your name  
Will you quell the fear inside  
And never be the same  
Will you use the faith you've found  
To reshape the world around  
Through My sight and touch and sound  
In you and you in Me

Verse 5

Lord Your summons echoes true  
When You but call my name  
Let me turn and follow You  
And never be the same  
In Your company I'll go  
Where Your love and footsteps show  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
In You and You in me

\*Benediction

Pastor Jim Powell

Ministry and Life of the Church Announcements

*The Altar Flowers are provided in honor of Bill & Lynne Hartley's Anniversary*

*Fellowship is provided by Rose Anne Cooley*

*Today we celebrate the Birthdays of 9-18 St. Matthew's UMC,  
9-18 Kent Detweiler, 9-19 Ida Nicolosi, 9-20 Sam Ferguson, 9-20 Cecilia Ritz*

Postlude

Kevin Su Fukagawa

*Thank you to those in service today*

Linda, Pam & Pastor Jim for leading us in worship,  
our Greeter Nancy, Ushers Jim & Emmie, Counters Christy & Sharleen,  
Pastor Kristi Smith for the Sermon Message,  
Kevin Su Fukagawa, Heidi Vass and The St. Matthew's Anthem Choir for our music

**Ministry and Life of the Church Announcements**

*Join the Choir! See Kevin*

- 9/20 Pastor Kristi Celebration
- 5:30-7:30pm at Westlake Village UMC  
(RSVP to Pam S. 805-358-3103)
- 9/24 Meals for the Needy
- 10/1 Blood Drive
- 10/5 Men's Fellowship Excursion (See Ralph)
- 10/7-8 Quilters Boutique
- 10/14 All Church Work Day
- 10/21 Women's Retreat

**NEW!**

- 10/10 Empathy Training & Potluck
- 10/29 Fall Festival Trunk-or-Treat
- Ongoing
- Tuesdays - "Inspired By God" Study
- Wednesdays - Quilting Ministry 10am-12pm
- Wednesdays - Men's Study 11am
- Wednesdays - Choir 6:30pm
- Meetings:
- TODAY: Worship 11:30am

See details about these activities on our website [www.stmatthewsNP.com](http://www.stmatthewsNP.com)

BOUTIQUE SALE

# Crafts for all Seasons


Oct 7, 9am - 3pm  
Oct 8, 11am - 1pm  
at  
**St. Matthew's United Methodist Church**  
1360 S. Wendy Drive, Newbury Park  
(at the end of Wendy Drive)

A charity fundraiser for **Joni & Friends**  
100% of the proceeds go to the purchase of pediatric wheelchairs, benefitting disabled and disadvantaged kids all over the world.  
Unique gifts, quilts, crocheted items, table runners, holiday ornaments, wreaths, and much more!  
All handmade!




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**October 1<sup>st</sup> Blood Drive**  
Visit [vitalent.org](http://vitalent.org) and search by zip 91320



**October 14<sup>th</sup> Church Work Day**  
9am-noon



**Great News! Sharing God's Love With Others.**

St. Matthew's UMC Women's Retreat 2023

Please join us for fellowship, food, and fun as we look at Sharing God's Love.

Friday, Oct 20  
6:00-8:00pm  
Potluck at Jennifer & Peter Winter's House

Saturday, Oct 21  
8:30am-3:30pm  
St Matthew's UMC Continental Breakfast & Lunch

Cost \$40  
Contact Linda Norberg at (805) 857-6364 or [Lsn65@aol.com](mailto:Lsn65@aol.com)  
Save the date. More information to follow.



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