



St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

Welcome Home



Order of Worship

September 25, 2022

In our obedience to our call, we must allow ourselves to be Re-worked by the Master Potter.

Stewardship keeps on the Potter's Wheel.

Prelude

Kevin Su Fukagawa

Welcome

Pastor Jim Powell & Meribeth Freeman

*Call to Worship

Ryan Blanck

The Lord be with you

And Also with you

O, Lord, you are the potter, we are the clay.

Take our lives, O God, and remake us anew.

Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we may be filled with living water.

Fit us for your purposes, that we may be wholly thine.

*Opening Prayer

Creative and creating God,

give us hearts and minds that hear and respond to your call in our lives.

Strengthen us in this time of worship.

Nourish and re-work us, that we may grow closer to you

and more faithfully reflect your love and light to the world. Amen

*Opening Hymn "Jesus Loves Me"

Verse 1

Jesus loves me This I know

For the Bible tells me so

Little ones to Him belong

They are weak but He is strong

Chorus

Yes Jesus loves me

Yes Jesus loves me

Yes Jesus loves me

The Bible tells me so

Verse 2

Jesus loves me He who died

Heaven's gate to open wide

He will wash away my sin

And let me as his child come in

(C h o r u s)

Verse 3

Jesus loves me God's own son

Risen Savior Holy One

Jesus loves me won't let go

He's with me anywhere I go

(C h o r u s)

Verse 4

Jesus loves me here today

Walking with me on the way

Helping me His child to give

Light and love to all who live

(C h o r u s)

Ministry Message: Quilting Ministry

Linda Domes



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Children's Message by Randy Holzer, puppeteers from the Inouye family
With Pastor Jim Powell

Scripture Jeremiah 18:1-11

1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: 2 "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." 3 So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. 4 The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

5 Then the word of the Lord came to me: 6 Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. 7 At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, 8 but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. 9 And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, 10 but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. 11 Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Anthem "Bless the Beasts and the Children" Directed by Kevin Su Fukagawa

Sermon "Re-Worked by the Potter's Wheel" Pastor Kristi Smith

Moving into a Spirit of Prayer

Covenant Prayers for Cal-Pac Churches Meribeth Freeman
Van Nuys UMC and Trinity UMC of Los Osos

Pastoral Prayers

CONTINUED PRAYERS

HEALING & RECOVERY

Scott, a loss in income

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

Dan recovery from triple bypass surgery (friend of the Holzers)

Heather recovery and success from colon cancer surgery (Marian Elliott's daughter)

Marty recovery from gallbladder surgery (Friend of Kathy Holzer)

Amber recovering from a lightning strike (Escudero-Konostathis)

Pat successful PT after ankle surgery (Granning)

A Grandma with a stroke (Metzgus family, Madelynn & Nikki)

(continued)

Carolyn & Hanna (Sylvester)

Tom recovery from a bike accident (Wendy K's daughter-in-law's brother)

Valledares family member institutionalized with Anorexia (Taty's Granddaughter)

CANCER TREATMENT

Heather (Marion E's Daughter), Debbie, JoAnn Y, Joshua (Leslie's son), Ruby (cousin of Emmie), Ariel (friend of Pam M), Pat (Dan O's family), Dick, Romana, Bob and Gonzalo (friends of McEachern's), Toni, Sylvia (friend of Pam P), Stephnia, Brandon, Lynne (Friends of Casey), Joey (Friend of Taty) and Melissa (Pastor Bob & Beth Ferguson's D-I-L)



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IN HOSPICE CARE

A mom with terminal cancer (Metzgus family, Madelynn & Nikki)
John (Thompson, friend of Roger Tripp)
Carole's mother (Tripp)
Richard's mother (Overton)

The Lord's Prayer

Moving Beyond a Spirit of Prayer

Invitation to Give our Blessings back to God
Offertory

Meribeth Freeman

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

Hymnal #95

***Closing Hymn "Children of the Heavenly Father"**

Hymnal #141

Verse 1

Children of the heavenly Father
Safely in His bosom gather
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given

Verse 2

God His own doth tend and nourish
In His holy courts they flourish
From all evil things He spares them
In His mighty arms He bears them

Verse 3

Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever
Unto them His grace He showeth
And their sorrows all He knoweth

Verse 4

Though He giveth or He taketh
God His children ne'er forsaketh
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy

*Benediction

Ministry & Life of the Church Announcements

Meribeth Freeman

TODAY – Quilt & Craft Sale to support Wheels for the World ministry
Tuesdays - Conejo Connect 5:30pm at UMC Thousand Oaks for September,
Westlake Village UMC Wednesdays for October, SMUMC for November
Wednesdays - Men's Study at 11am in the Fireside Room
Wednesdays - Choir 6:30pm in the Sanctuary
Thursdays - Women's Study 11am with Tina Martin at her home
"Book of Hope: A survival Guide for trying times" by Jane Goodall and Douglas Abrams
10/1 – Women's Retreat \$40 includes 2 meals on Saturday, potluck kick-off on 9/30
10/9 - Vitalent Blood Drive

Happy September Birthdays

9-25 Ellen Ferguson, Kathleen Chamberlin, 9-26 Chuck Warner, Liam Mercer,
9-27 Jack Doman, 9-29 Preston Strathearn, 9-30 Lynne Hartley, Bob Martin, Sili Jacobson,
10-2 Rob Domes, Abby Inouye

Postlude

Kevin Su Fukagawa



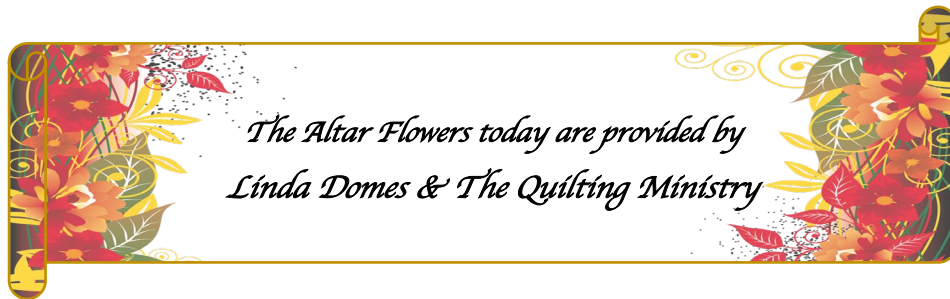
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Thank you

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Pastor Kristi Smith for the Sermon Message, and
Kevin Su Fukagawa and Char Wardell for our music

Fellowship today is provided by Ed & Marcia Miyasaka



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