



St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

Welcome Home



Order of Worship **1st Sunday after Christmas** **December 31, 2023**

Prelude

Kevin Su Fukagawa

Welcome

Meribeth Freeman

***Call to Worship**

The Lord be with you

And also with you

We thank you, Lord, for the blessings of Christmas.

We thank you, Lord, for the blessings all 365 days of 2023

We ask for your guidance and blessing as we enter 2024

Christy Whisman

BOLD= invites participation

* = Please Stand

***Opening Prayer**

Oh Heavenly God,

We thank you for our food and remember the hungry,

We thank you for our health and remember the sick,

We thank you for our friends and remember the friendless,

We thank you for our freedom and remember the enslaved,

May your gifts to us be used for others. Amen!

***Opening Hymn "He's Got the Whole World In His Hands"**

**1. He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole wide world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands!**

**2. He's got you an' me, sister in His hands,
He's got you an' me, brother, in His Hands,
He's got you an' me, sister in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands!**

**3. He's got the little tiny baby in His hands.
He's got the little tiny baby in His hands.
He's got the little tiny baby in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands!**

**4. He's got all of us here in His hands.
He's got all of us here His hands,
He's got all of us here, in His hands.
He's got the whole world in His hands!**

The last verse is repeated.) He's got the whole world in His hands!

Ministry Message: St. Matthew's Counseling Center

Jack Doman

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Children's Message "What's In Your Pool?"

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Scripture Reading: Galatians 4: 1-7 (NIV)

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¹ What I am saying is that as long as an heir is underage, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. ² The heir is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. ³ So also, when we were underage, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces[Ⓜ] of the world. ⁴ But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. [Ⓜ] ⁶ Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba,[Ⓜ] Father." ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

Anthem "The Work of Christmas"

guest, Melissa Birch

Sermon "Don't Look Back, That Isn't the Direction You Are Going!"

Jack Doman

Moving into a Spirit of Prayer

Covenant Prayers for Cal-Pac Churches

Meribeth Freeman

Westlake Village UMC and Trinity UMC, Los Osos

Pastoral Prayers

NEW REQUESTS

CONTINUE TO PRAY

The family of Dorothy on her passing (Kathy Martin's Aunt)

Michael, peace and comfort for him and family, as he nears the end of his life (Klawitter, Tom & Christina McEachern)

HEALING & RECOVERY

Scott recovery & success from colon cancer surgery (Tompson, Debi Dyer's B-I-L)

David healing from triple bypass surgery (Iovino)

Nancy's s-i-l paralyzed from COVID (from?)

Shawn in a coma with multiple injuries after an accident (Judy Abraham's neighbor)

Chelsea struggling with postpartum migraines and leg numbness

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

CANCER TREATMENT

Kathy (Warner), Landon (Judi A), Kathleen (Tanya I), Dr. Ponio (Emmie S), John, Jennifer (Dr. Bob R), Kerry (Chuck & Cheryl Q), Joann (Judy S), Terry (Suzanne F), Ariel, (Pam M), Georgia (Forbes), Heather (Marion E), Debbie, Logan (Kathy H), Ruby (Emmie S), Toni, Sylvia (Pam P), Frank, (Taty V) and Melissa (Pastor Bob & Beth F)

The Lord's Prayer

Moving Beyond a Spirit of Prayer

Invitation to Give our Blessings back to God

Offertory "All Glory Be To Christ"

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

Hymnal #95

*Blessing of our Gifts and Tithes

***Closing Hymn "Go Tell It On The Mountain"**

Hymnal #251 v1-3

Chorus

**Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and ev'rywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born**

Verse 1

**While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light (Chorus)**

Verse 2

**The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed the Savior's birth (Chorus)**

Verse 3

**Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn (Chorus)**

***Benediction**

Jack Doman

Ministry and Life of the Church Announcements

1-4-24 SERVE Team 6:30pm

1-6-24 Men's Breakfast fellowship 8am

TBD Christmas Decor Removal

NEW STUDY BEGINS - God Abides. Tuesdays 10am with Pastor Jim

1-8-24 Trustees 7:15pm

1-9-24 Church Council 7pm

1-13-24 Women's Breakfast fellowship TBD

1-15-24 Finance Team 6:30pm

1-20-24 UMCOR Early Response Team Training

Ongoing

Tuesdays - Pastor-led Study in the Wesley Room.

Wednesdays - Men's Study 11am in the Fireside Room

Wednesdays - Choir 6:30pm in the Sanctuary

Thursdays - Women's Study 1pm Carol's House

Fridays - Women's Study Fridays 10am Wesley Room

1st Saturday of the Month - Men's Breakfast 8am at Denny's

2nd Saturday of the Month - Women's Breakfast, times and locations vary.

Altar Flowers are provided by Steve & Rose Anne Cooley in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Fellowship is provided today by The St. Matthew's Counseling Center

Birthdays to celebrate:

12-31 Rachel Shapiro, 1-2 Wendy Kaszycki, 1-2 Dennis King, 1-3 Carole Tripp,

1-5 Marillion Freeman, 1-6 Emmie St. Ledger

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Postlude "All Glory Be To Christ"

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Verse 1

**Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ**

Chorus

**All glory be to Christ our King
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ**

Verse 2

**His will be done His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ (Chorus)**

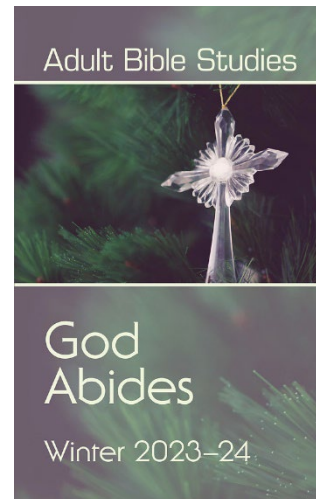
Verse 3

**When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er his people be
All glory be to Christ (Chorus)**

Thank You

*Jack for the Sermon Message,
those leading and serving us in worship,
Kevin Su Fukagawa, The St. Matthew's Choir
and special guest Melissa Birch for our music*

**A NEW Study begins in January
with Pastor Jim
Books are \$20**



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