

Order of Worship  
February 11, 2024  
Transfiguration Sunday

Prelude

Kevin Su Fukagawa

Welcome

Jack Doman

**\*Call to Worship**

Carol Vargeson

The Lord has called you here this day.

**Lord, reveal to us your purposes for us.**

Open your hearts to receive God's good news.

**Lord, make us ready to serve you.**

Come, let us worship God!

**Let us sing our praises to the Almighty One. AMEN.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

The darkness of winter has been our companion, Lord. Now the days are lengthening. Bring your light to us, that we might see your glory and may work for you, offering hope and peace to this world. We ask this, in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

**\*Opening Hymn "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" Hymnal #173**

Verse 1

Christ whose glory fills the skies

Christ the true the only Light

Sun of righteousness arise

Triumph o'er the shades of night

Dayspring from on high be near

Daystar in my heart appear

Verse 2

Dark and cheerless is the morn

Unaccompanied by thee

Joyless is the day's return

Till thy mercy's beams I see

Till they inward light impart

Glad my eyes and warm my heart

Verse 3

Visit then this soul of mine

Pierce the gloom of sin and grief

Fill me radiance divine

Scatter all my unbelief

More and more thyself display

Shining to the perfect day

**Ministry Message: Refugee Families**

**Janice Kakazu**

**Children's Message "Mountain Top Transformation" by Randy Holzer  
The Knoedler family, puppeteers**

**Scripture Mark 9: 2-9 NRSV**

**Carol Vargeson**

<sup>2</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup> and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one on earth could brighten them. <sup>4</sup> And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup> He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup> Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to him!" <sup>8</sup> Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

**Anthem Choir "Christ Is The King" Directed by Kevin Su Fukagawa**

CCLI Song # 647709 George Kennedy Allen Bell, Oxford University Press

**Sermon "Sacred Encounters"**

**Pastor Mary Dennis**

*Moving into a Spirit of Prayer*

**Covenant Prayers for Cal-Pac Churches**

**Jack Doman**

Ojai UMC & ReNew UM Mission, Pasadena

**Pastoral Prayers**

NEW REQUESTS

Pat (Graning)

CONTINUE TO PRAY

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

HEALING & RECOVERY

Betty recovering after a hospital stay (Howard)

Chad struggling from alcohol use (Roger Tripp)

Landon recovery from thyroid cancer / removal surgery (Judi Abraham's grandson)

M-I-L of Roland & Toni Roy's son recovery & success from brain surgery

Beth recovery and success of knee surgery without infection (Ferguson)

Martha preparing for wisdom teeth removal (Gonzalez, our Custodian of 30yrs)



# Love God, Serve Others, Embrace Community

Kris recovery from brain surgery (Magouirk, mother of a friend of Pam McDonald)

Kathy recovery from both hand and abdominal surgeries (Holzer)

Janice recovery and success from knee surgery (McMahon)

Carole with heart issues (Meribeth Freeman's son's Mother-in-Law)

David healing from triple bypass surgery (Iovino)

Shawn in a coma (Judy Abraham's neighbor)

## 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

### \*Doxology "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymnal #95

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### \*Blessing of our Gifts and Tithes

### \*Closing Hymn "Lord, Be Glorified"

TFWS #2150

#### Verse 1

In our lives Lord  
Be glorified be glorified  
In our lives Lord  
Be glorified today

#### Verse 2

In our homes Lord  
Be glorified be glorified  
In our homes Lord  
Be glorified today

#### Verse 3

In your church Lord  
Be glorified be glorified  
In your church Lord  
Be glorified today

#### Verse 4

In your world Lord  
Be glorified be glorified  
In your world Lord  
Be glorified today

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### \*Benediction

Pastor Mary Dennis

## Ministry and Life of the Church Announcements

### Postlude

Kevin Su Fukagawa

#### *Thank you*

for those leading and serving us in worship,  
Pastor Mary Dennis for the Sermon Message,  
Kevin Su Fukagawa and The St. Matthew's Choir for our music



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## Ministry and Life of the Church Announcements

Backpacks for Asylum seekers collection through 2-25-24

2-14 Ash Wednesday Worship 7:00pm

2-25 Boy Scout Sunday

3-3 Girl Scout Sunday

3-16 Work Day 9am-noon

3-31 Easter

Ongoing:

Tuesdays

Pastor-led Study in the Wesley Room.

Wednesdays

Quilters & Crafters 10am-12pm in the Wesley Room

Men's Study 11am in the Fireside Room

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 Sharleen Rassuli in honor of Chinese New Year*

*Fellowship Today is hosted by Robyn Grenn*

*Birthdays to celebrate this week:*

*Steve Roe 2-11, Jeff Smith 2-12, Suzanne Ford 2-12,  
Carla VonZell 2-13, and Don Sumwalt 2-13*

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