



# St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

*open hearts, open minds, open doors*

## Order of Worship January 23, 2022

*There is no single definition of God Almighty but as God relates to humanity- God is love!*

**Prelude**

Kevin Su Fukagawa

Welcome

Allison King

**\*Call to Worship**

Linda Norberg

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

The Lord be with you

**And Also with you**

We have been called here to love

**We have been called to love God**

We have been called to love each other

**Let us love God and one another.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

O Lord of All Creation,

You created all there is,

You created all things and loved them,

You created all of us and loved us,

You created us with a heart capable of love,

Let us use these hearts for love. Amen

**\*Opening Hymn: "This Is My Father's World"**

Verse 1

This is my Father's world

And to my list'ning ears

All nature sings and 'round me rings

Music of the spheres

This is my Father's world

I rest me in the thought

Of rocks and trees of skies and seas

His hand the wonders wrought

Verse 2

This is my Father's world

The birds their carols raise

The morning light the lily white

Declare their Maker's praise

This is my Father's world

He shines in all that's fair

In the rust'ling grass I hear Him pass

He speaks to me ev'rywhere

Verse 3

This is my Father's world

O let me ne'er forget

And though the wrong seems oft so strong

God is the Ruler yet

This is my Father's world

The battle is not done

Jesus who died shall be satisfied

And earth and heaven be one

Ministry Message: Family Ministry

Pastor Jim Powell

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Children's Message by Ryan Blanck

Puppets by the Blanck family

Scripture 1 John 4:7-12

Linda Norberg

7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

**Special Music: "Beloved"**

Pastor Jim Powell

**Beloved let us love one another  
For love is of God and ev'ryone that loveth  
Is born of God and knoweth God  
He that loveth not knoweth not God for God is love  
Beloved let us love one another  
First John four seven and eight**

Sermon "God is... God is Love"

Pastor Jim Powell

*Moving into a Spirit of Prayer*

Covenant Prayers for Cal-Pac Churches

Allison King

Santa Barbara First UMC and San Luis Obispo UMC

Pastoral Prayers

NEW PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAISE Stephanie, Jack, Pam & Rick recovery from COVID

The many with COVID in our church family and other UMC Churches (Warren, Terry, Suzette, Guidino family)

Valledares family with health(heart) and mental(Anorexia) illnesses (Jorge and Granddaughter)

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

The need for staff positions of Family Ministry, Music Director and Nursery Care

The family of Rev. Art Chaney on his passing (Ralph Matthews)

Doug for recovery from surgery (M, son-in-law of Robyn Grenn)

Meribeth healing from eye surgery (Freeman)

Dick diagnosed with a cancerous throat tumor, removed (Friend of McEachern's)

Everlyn taking her nursing exams (Emmie St. Ledger)

Donna relief from pain after lung cancer surgery and a successful treatment plan (Doman)

Teddy with a painful post-op infection and at risk of losing toes or a foot (friend of Casey Goldberg)

Kathy treatment & recovery from a torn ankle tendon (Martin)

Lynn and family on the passing of her husband Chuck (Janice McMahon's Brother-in-law)

Simon having seizures (Friend of Kathy Martin)

John bedridden in a nursing home (Thompson, friend of Roger T)

Carol's mother in Hospice (Tripp)

Richard's mother in Hospice (Overton)

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## IN CANCER TREATMENT

Donna D, Ron M, Gary K, JoAnn Y, Art (Phillips), Joshua (Leslie's son), Ruby (friend of Emmie), Pat (Dan O's family), Romana and Bob (friends of McEachern's), Toni, Sylvia (friend of Pam P), Brandon and Lynne (Friends of Casey), Joey (Friend of Taty) and Melissa (Pastor Bob & Beth Ferguson's D-I-L), Debbie

The Lord's Prayer

Allison King

*Moving Beyond a Spirit of Prayer*

Invitation to Give our Blessings back to God

Allison King

Offertory

Kevin Su Fukagawa

**\*Doxology** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal #95

\*Blessing of our Gifts and Tithes

Allison King

**\*Closing Hymn "Amazing Grace"**

Hymnal #378 v1-4

### **Verse 1**

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now am found  
Was blind but now I see**

### **Verse 3**

**Through many dangers toils and snares  
I have already come  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead me home**

### **Verse 2**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed**

### **Verse 4**

**When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we've first begun**

**\*Benediction**

Pastor Jim Powell

## Ministry and Life of the Church Announcements

- Conejo Connect: Family Ministry Celebrations TBA
- 2-5 Men's Breakfast 8am at Denny's
- Wednesdays 11am Men's Study "The Trinity" on ZOOM
- Thursdays 11am Women's Study "Strength to Love" on ZOOM
- Birthdays: 1-27 Carol Breazeal, 1-27 Pam Suggs, 1-27 Taylor-Ann Taheda, 1-30 Jan Gauwain
- Altar Flowers: Emmie St. Ledger

Postlude

Kevin Su Fukagawa

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