

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Hear us, Lord, and answer us today, for we lean entirely on
Your grace.

**ALL: You are good and forgiving, O God, rich in unfailing love
to all who call upon You.**

ONE: When we cry out from the depths of our need, persistent in
our hope and searching for help,

**ALL: Christ hears our cries, honors our trust, and welcomes us
with mercy.**

ONE: There is no one like You, O Lord; no works can compare
to Yours.

**ALL: In reverence and joy, we gather to praise Your holy name.
Let us worship God! Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* vs 1, 4, & 5
UMH #383

MINISTRY MOMENTS

*PASSING THE PEACE

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

FIRST SCRIPTURE Psalm 86:1-10

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Gracious God, we give You thanks that Your mercy is wider than
any boundary we create. You hear the earnest prayers of all who
seek You, meeting our doubts and struggles with steady
compassion. Thank You for the gift of a persistent faith—one that
holds tightly to Your goodness, even when the way forward is hard.
You meet us at Your table, filling our hunger with the abundance of
Your grace. Receive our humble gratitude today for Your healing
power and relentless love. Strengthen our hearts, ground us in Your
peace, and guide our steps as we follow Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

*SECOND SCRIPTURE Matthew 15:21-28

SERMON

HYMN OF RESPONSE *Cry of My Heart* TFWS #2165

INVITATION TO GIVING

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #94

A TIME FOR PRAYER

Personal Prayer and Reflection

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*CLOSING HYMN *You Are My All in All* W&S #3040

*BENEDICTION

GO IN PEACE

A Poem

By Morgan Harper Nichols

I do not know
what has left you empty
or made you feel
like you could never be
enough -

that your love was not enough.

But I can promise you,
as long as your heart is beating,
you are means to be
on this earth, and you have more love to give,
and there is more love
to be given to you.

United Methodist Church of Thousand Oaks
Sunday, August 16, 2026 10:00am

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Prayers for Comfort and Strength:

Sue Robb, Bob Garrett, The Janus Family, Amy Eads, Elizabeth Hokama, Jim Whalen, Peter Stoterau, Bud Wilson, Tim Snyder, Susan Ambrose, Jonathan Brubaker, Jason Eil, the Mahannah Family, the Whalen Family, the Wilson Family.

Prayers for the World:

For the courageous firefighters, for all to be kind to one another, for justice, for all who are hungry across the country, for all of us to be reflection of God's light in the world.

Prayers for our loved ones serving in the Military:

Cody Boehler, Jessica Chable, Nathan Holloway, Daniel Macune, John Macune

Prayers for Our Connectional Churches:

First UMC of North Hollywood, Krista Givens
First UMC of Canoga Park, Elaine Shin-Paull

Assisting in today's Worship Service:

Worship Leader: Ethan Karkoon

Tech Team: Mike Ambrose, Candis Hong, Jerry Hong,
Erica Whalen, Jim Whalen

Accompanist: Romy Brubaker

Time with Children: Jamie Moran

Pastor: Rev. Rachel deBos-Haigler

Staff: Ministers, Everyone
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