

## Order of Worship

February 22, 2026

### 1st Sunday of Lent

Pastor Jim Powell

*"The Holy Spirit reveals who Jesus is, John is, and who we are."*

**Prelude**

**Kevin Su Fukagawa**

**Welcome**

**Linda D.**

**Call to Worship**

**Randi B.**

Leader: Let us come together and notice the presence of the Lord.

**People: Let our hearts delight that the Holy Spirit abides with us in this room and in our homes.**

Leader: Let joy abound for Christ is sitting with us right now and we are not alone.

**People: Yes, God heard our cries, and in Christ we have our salvation.**

Leader: Let us come to hear John's testimony.

**People: Let us learn how to share our own story with others.**

**Prayer Of Confession**

**Lord, as we continue our journey in faith, so often believe that our story of faith is not to be shared. We fear rejection if someone does not validate us. We forget how close you and how much you care for us. So let us care for others by sharing the love you have given us.**

**Let us tell your story of life and love so all can hear it.**

**Forgive us, Lord, and help us open anew, our hearts to You every day.**

**In Christ we pray. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn "In Christ Alone"**

**Verse 1**

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

**Verse 2**

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live



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## Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again

And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

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## Ministry Message

*Journey Out/Easter Baskets*

**Serve**

## Children's Message

**By: Randy**

**Puppeteers Tanya Blanck & Heather Knoedler**

## Scripture **John 1:29-34 [Amplified]**

The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

"This is He on behalf of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who has a higher rank than I and has priority over me, for He existed before me.'

I did not recognize Him [as the Messiah]; but I came baptizing in water so that He would be [publicly] revealed to Israel."

John gave [further] evidence [testifying officially for the record, with validity and relevance], saying, "I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him.

"I did not recognize Him [as the Messiah], but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, 'He upon whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this One is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'

"I myself have [actually] seen [that happen], and my testimony is that this is the Son of God!"

## Anthem "Lamb Of God",

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**Choir**

## Sermon

**"Give Your Testimony"**

**Pastor Jim Powell**

## Pastoral Prayer

*Moving into a Spirit of Prayer*

## Covenant Prayers for Cal-Pac Churches

**Linda D.**

*Big Pine Community UMC - Pastor Kate Hunter*

**&**

*Pioneer Memorial UMC - Pastor Kate Hunter*



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## Community Prayers

### NEW REQUESTS

Prayers for Hailey (Ellen's niece) who suffered a severe seizure, but is now home recovering.

Prayers for Marv who is now back home and recovering for surgery.

Prayers for Bob Colgon who is in the hospital recovering from a fall.

Prayers for Alli K. who is dealing with health issues.

### CONTINUE TO PRAY

Prayers for Carla VonZell. She has been put on hospice care after a fall in January and a steady decline. Surround her and her family with peace and comfort during this transition time.

Prayers for Randi who is recovering from a fall. Prayers for a quick and full recovery.

Prayers for Aiko (Kevin's 2 ½ year old niece) who is experiencing digestive issues.

Prayers for Wendall (Bob & Kathy's BIL) who has multiple-myeloma.

Prayer for Judy A. as she recovers from leg surgery. Prayers for comfort and healing and pain relief.

Prayers for Collette (Patti's niece) who is struggling with inoperable stomach cancer. Surround her and her family with peace and comfort as she travels this difficult journey.

Prayers for Roland who is now recovering at home. Continued prayers for strength and healing for Roland and for peace and comfort for Toni as she cares for him.

### CANCER TREATMENT

Linda (Robin G.), Sirena (Judi A.), Barbara (Tanya I), Danny C, Kathleen (Tanya). Jennifer (Dr. Bob R.), Georgia (Forbes), Heather (Marion E), Debbie, Logan (Kathy H), Ruby (Emmie S), Toni, Sylvia (Pam P), Frank (Taty V),

## The Lord's Prayer

*Moving Beyond a Spirit of Prayer*

## Invitation to Give our Blessings back to God

Offertory Colette Thursby

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

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## Closing Hymn "Sweet Sweet Spirit"

### Verse 1

There's a sweet sweet Spirit in this place  
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord  
There are sweet expressions on each face  
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord

And for these blessings  
We lift our hearts in praise  
Without a doubt we'll know  
That we have been revived  
When we shall leave this place

### Chorus

Sweet Holy Spirit  
Sweet heavenly Dove  
Stay right here with us  
Filling us with Your love

### Verse 2

There are blessings you cannot receive  
Till you know Him in His fullness and believe  
You're the one to profit when you say  
I am going to walk with Jesus all the way



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## \*Benediction

**Pastor Jim Powell**

## Ministry and Life of the Church Announcements

### Pastor's Study

#### **Book of Matthew**

**2-24 Women's Study - 10:00 am - in the Wesley Room**

**2-25 Men's Study - 11:00 am - in the Fireside Room**

**2-25 Quilters and Crafters Ministry 10am -12pm - Wesley Room**

### Carol's Study

#### **The Story of Jacob**

#### **8 week Study**

**2-26 Thursday at Carol's home - 1:00pm**

**2-27 Friday at the church - Wesley Room - 10:00am**

### **Altar Flowers: St. Matthew's**

**Fellowship Today: Tanya & Nathan Inouye**

**Birthdays: 2-28 Patti Adams, 3-1 Willow Wilson,**

## Postlude

**Kevin Su Fukagawa**

### **Thank you**

for leading us in worship

Pastor Jim Powell for the Sermon Message

Kevin Su Fukagawa, Colette Thursby and The St. Matthew's Choir for our music

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