

Pastor Melissa MacKinnon

"Rock to Block"

August 30, 2026

Prelude

Kevin Su Fukagawa

Welcome

Jack

Call to Worship

Christy W.

Psalm 105:1–6

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim God's greatness! Let the whole world know what God has done.

People: We will sing and praise Him! We will tell of all God's love for the world.

Leader: Remember the wonders and miracles, the Divine Spirit has given.

People: We remember the faithfulness and mighty works. We will remember the Lord and proclaim God's goodness!

Opening Prayer

Our Compassionate God,

Help us not to think only in terms of our own desires, comfort, or plans.

Give us hearts that are willing to surrender to Your will, even when we do not fully understand Your ways. Teach us to value what matters eternally rather than being consumed by the things of this world.

Jesus, You gave Your life for us, and You call us to follow You faithfully. Give us courage to lay down our fears, our pride, and anything that keeps us from wholehearted devotion to You.

Amen.

***Opening Hymn "Be Thou My Vision"**

Hymnal #451

Verse 1

Be Thou my Vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

Verse 2

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true
Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord

Thou my great Father I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Verse 3

Great God of heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys bright heaven's
Sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my Vision O Ruler of all

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Ministry Message

Tanya I. - Blood Drive

Children's Message

Pastor Melissa

Scripture - Matthew 16: 21-28

Jesus Predicts His Death

21 From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" 23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. 26 What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? 27 For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. 28 "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Anthem "A Clare Benediction",

Melissa Birch

May the Lord show his mercy upon you;
may the light of his presence be your guide:
May he guard you and uphold you;
may his spirit be ever by your side.
When you sleep may his angels watch over you;
when you wake may he fill you with his grace:
May you love him and serve him all your days,
then in heaven may you see his face.
May the Lord's loving kindness surround you;
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Keep you safe as you journey on your way:
May He lead you and inspire you
as he grants you the gift of each new day
May he bless all your loved ones and cherish them
Every friend, every stranger at your door
In the name of his Son, our Saviour Christ
May God bless you now and evermore,
Bless you now and evermore.

Sermon "Rock to Block"

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Pastoral Prayer

Moving into a Spirit of Prayer

Covenant Prayers for Cal-Pac Churches

***Lancaster UMC - Pastor Greg Pittman
Lancaster UMC - Pastor Christian Washington
Lancaster UMC Pastor Heather KinKennon***

Community Prayers



Love God, Serve Others, Embrace Community

NEW REQUESTS

Prayers for Lynn(Janice's M. sister who is having back surgery. Prayers for a successful surgery and comfort and healing.

Prayers for Carole (Meribeth F) who is experiencing medical issues. Prayers for her Drs. for wisdom to figure out and treat her. Give her peace and comfort during this time.

Prayers for Robert (friend Kathy H.) who has an infection in his leg after knee surgery. Prayers that his Drs are able quickly find the cause and treat it successfully.

CONTINUE TO PRAY

Prayers for Rob & Linda Domes and their family at the passing of Rob's mom Shirley. Surround Rob and all of the family with peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Prayers for Jan (Nathan's mom) who is undergoing cancer treatment. Surround her with peace, comfort and healing during this difficult time.

Prayers for Nori (Linda N. friend) whose cancer has returned and will be starting chemo again. Prayers for Tom (Meribeth's friend) whose cancer has returned. Prayers for discernment as he consults with Drs. on a treatment plan. Be with him and his family during this time.

Prayers for Marv who has been moved to a rehab facility for his recovery. Prayers for a full recovery

Prayers for Jack's granddaughter who is in need of a kidney. Prayers that a match is found quickly.

CANCER TREATMENT

Wendall(Kathy M.), Linda (Robin G.), Barbara (Tanya I), Danny C, Kathleen (Tanya). Jennifer(Dr. Bob R.), Georgia(Forbes), Debbie, Ruby(Emmie S), Toni, Sylvia(Pam P), Frank (Taty V), Jan(Nathan)

IN HOSPICE CARE

Prayers for Carla VonZell. Surround her and her family with peace and comfort during this transition time.

The Lord's Prayer

Moving Beyond a Spirit of Prayer

Invitation to Give our Blessings back to God

Offertory "All Things Bright And Beautiful", Melissa Birch

Chorus

All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful
The Lord God made them all

Verse 1

Each little flower that opens
Each little bird that sings
He made their glowing
colours
He made their tiny wings

Chorus

All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful
The Lord God made them all

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Verse 2

The purple-headed mountain
The river running by
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky

Chorus

All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful
The Lord God made them all

Verse 3

The cold wind in the winter
The pleasant summer sun
The ripe fruits in the garden
He made them every one

Chorus

All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful
The Lord God made them all

Verse 4

He gave us eyes to see them
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty
Who has made all things well

Chorus

All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful
The Lord God made them all

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

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Closing Hymn “Leaning On The Everlasting Arms” Hymnal #133

Verse 1

What a fellowship what a joy divine
Leaning on the everlasting arms
What a blessedness what a peace is mine
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Chorus

Leaning (leaning on Jesus)
Leaning (leaning on Jesus)
Safe and secure from all alarms
Leaning (leaning on Jesus)
Leaning (leaning on Jesus)
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Verse 2

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way
Leaning on the everlasting arms
O how bright the path grows from day to day
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Chorus

Leaning (leaning on Jesus)
Leaning (leaning on Jesus)
Safe and secure from all alarms
Leaning (leaning on Jesus)
Leaning (leaning on Jesus)
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Verse 3

What have I to dread what have I to fear
Leaning on the everlasting arms
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Chorus

Leaning (leaning on Jesus)
Leaning (leaning on Jesus)
Safe and secure from all alarms
Leaning (leaning on Jesus)
Leaning (leaning on Jesus)
Leaning on the everlasting arms

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***Benediction Pastor Melissa MacKinnon**

Ministry and Life of the Church Announcements

Bible Studies
will resume September 8th & 9th
The Book of Joy
Lead by Pastor Melissa

Altar Flowers: Chuck & Kathy Warner's 65th Anniversary
Fellowship Today: Rose Anne Cooley
Birthdays: 8-30 Doug Liedblad, 9-1 Carolyn Sylvester, 9-1 Gary Guawain,
9-2 Dana DeCuir, 9-5 Jeff young,

Postlude

Kevin Su Fukagawa

Thank you

for leading us in worship
Pastor Melissa for the Sermon Message
Kevin Su Fukagawa, Melissa Birch, and The St. Matthew's Choir for our music

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