

Order of Worship

March 1, 2026

2nd Sunday of Lent

Pastor Jim Powell

"God is moving through Jesus and all who believe in the Son of Man!"

Prelude

Kevin Su Fukagawa

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Marilyn M.

Leader: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

People: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

Leader: He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Right Side: The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

Left Side: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

Leader: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

All: The Lord will keep you going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore. (Psalm 121)

Prayer of Encouragement

Lord God,

Like Nicodemus, we can be so afraid of the things we do not understand. The words of Jesus are the Gospel message that leads us to life. Instill your bravery in us that we might claim our own baptism. Help us acknowledge that you walk beside us to share the load. In Christ's name we pray, 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



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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

Verse 4

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

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Ministry Message

Children's Message

Barbara K.

Scripture John 3: 1-17

Jesus Teaches Nicodemus

1Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

3Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

4"How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"

5Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.6Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.7You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.'8The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

9"How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

10 "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things?11Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony.12I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?13No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. 14Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."



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16For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Anthem “My Faith Looks Up To Thee“, Bell Choir

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Sermon “Guided By The Promise?” Pastor Jim Powell

Pastoral Prayer

Moving into a Spirit of Prayer

Holy Communion

Covenant Prayers for Cal-Pac Churches

*Tujunga UMC -Pastor Kevin Kang
&
Crescenta Valley UMC - Pastor Kevin Kang*

Community Prayers

NEW REQUESTS

Prayers for Oliver(Wendy’s grandson) who fell and broke his leg and is having surgery Friday. Prayers for a successful surgery and for his parents and grandparents as they comfort and care for him.

CONTINUE TO PRAY

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.

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 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.

CANCER TREATMENT

Linda (Robin G.), 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 “God So Loved The World“, Wendy Kaszycki

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Doxology “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” Hymnal #95

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Closing Hymn “Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord”

Chorus

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

Bridge

Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You

Verse

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory

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*Benediction

Pastor Jim Powell

Ministry and Life of the Church Announcements

Pastor's Study

Book of Matthew

3-3 Women's Study - 10:00 am - in the Wesley Room

3-4 Men's Study - 11:00 am - in the Fireside Room

3-4 Quilters and Crafters Ministry 10am -12pm - Wesley Room

Carol's Study

The Story of Jacob

8 week Study

3-5 Thursday at Carol's home - 1:00pm

3-6 Friday at the church - Wesley Room - 10:00am

Altar Flowers: Liz Smith - In Honor of Women's Walk to Emmaus

Fellowship Today: The Quall's

Birthdays: 3-1 Willow Wilson, 3-5 Lori Gerrard, 3-5 Robin Cessna

Postlude

Kevin Su Fukagawa

Thank you

for leading us in worship

Pastor Jim Powell for the Sermon Message

Kevin Su Fukagawa, Wendy Kaszycki, and The St. Matthew's Choir for our music

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