

Order of Worship

5th Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2026
Pastor Jim Powell

"Paul reminds us that the only one we can count on is Jesus Christ"

Prelude Kevin Su Fukagawa

Welcome Ryan

Call to Worship Christy

Leader: Let all who would call upon the Lord gather now for worship!

People: The Lord is our salvation and our rock against the storms of life.

Leader: The Lord has walked beside us all the days of our lives.

People: And we are called to proclaim God's wonderful blessings for all to hear.

Leader: Then let us lift our voices together in praise and song before our God.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Opening Prayer

Lord, so many times when we have had the chance to share the wonderful news of what You have done in our lives... but we have been silent. Too often, Lord, we have even chosen to call our salvation too personal to share. Forgive us, O God, and fill us again with the excitement of Your love so we might bubble forth for all to hear of Your loving mercy and grace. In Christ we pray. Amen.

*Opening Hymn "Spirit Of The Living God", Hymnal # 393

Spirit of the living God Melt me mould me
Fall afresh on me Fill me use me

Spirit of the living God Spirit of the living God
Fall afresh on me Fall afresh on me

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Ministry Message



Love God, Serve Others, Embrace Community

Children's Message

By: Margaret W.

Puppeteers: Tanya Blanck & Nancy Liedblad

Scripture Philippians 3: 4-11

4 though I myself have reasons for such confidence.

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

7 But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. 8 What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. 10 I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Anthem

“Lamb Of God“,

Choir

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Sermon *Confidence in Christ*

Pastor Jim Powell

Pastoral Prayer

Moving into a Spirit of Prayer

Covenant Prayers for Cal-Pac Churches

Christy

Immanuel UMC of Los Angeles - Pastor Jay Kim

&

La Canada UMC - Pastor Karin Ellis

Community Prayers

NEW REQUESTS

Prayers for Heather (Marion's daughter) who is in hospice care and nearing the end of her battle with cancer. Prayers for Marion as she travels to be with her. Surround her with peace and comfort.

CONTINUE TO PRAY

Prayers for Jan (Nathan's Mom) who has been diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing treatment. Prayers for Oliver (Wendy's grandson) who is recovering from surgery. Prayers for his parents and grandparents as they comfort and care for him.

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

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



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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),

IN HOSPICE

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Moving Beyond a Spirit of Prayer

Invitation to Give our Blessings back to God

Offertory: "Balm In Gilead" Sung By:Melissa Birch

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

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Closing 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

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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***Benediction**

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Ministry and Life of the Church Announcements

3-22 Spring Boutique - 11am- 3pm - in the Family Ministry Building

Pastor's Study

Book of Matthew

3-24 Women's Study - 10:00 am - in the Wesley Room

3-25 Men's Study - 11:00 am - in the Fireside Room

3-25 Quilters and Crafters Ministry 10am -12pm - Wesley Room

Carol's Study

The Story of Jacob

8 week Study

3-26 Thursday at Carol's home - 1:00pm

3-27 Friday at the church - Wesley Room - 10:00am

Altar Flowers: St. Matthew's

Fellowship Today: Jenni Scott. & Sharleen Rassuli

Birthdays: 3-24 Rick Pond, 3-25 Ryan Blanck,

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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