

Pastor Melissa MacKinnon
International Day of Peace

September 20, 2026

“God’s Grace”

Prelude

Kevin Su Fukagawa

Welcome

Meribeth

Call to Worship

Linda N.

Leader: Today, we gather as people of God, joining hearts and voices with people around the world who long for peace.

People: We come seeking the grace and peace of Christ—a peace that surpasses understanding and reaches across every border.

Leader:

Where there is hatred, let us sow love.

Where there is division, let us build bridges.

Where there is injustice, let us seek righteousness.

Where there is violence, let us work for peace.

People: Lord, use us as instruments of your peace. Let your Spirit transform our hearts and renew our communities.

All: Come, let us worship the God who calls us to love, justice, mercy, and peace.

Opening Prayer

Gracious and loving God,

We come before you today with humble and grateful hearts. We thank you for the gift of your amazing grace—a grace we cannot earn, a grace we do not deserve, but a grace you freely give through Jesus Christ.

Thank you for loving us when we were far from you. Thank you for forgiving us when we have fallen short. Thank you for meeting us in our brokenness and reminding us that your mercy is greater than our failures.

Lord, fill us with your grace today.

Let your grace soften our hearts, heal our wounds, and remove the barriers that divide us. Teach us to extend to others the same grace, forgiveness, patience, and compassion that you have shown to us.

Amen.

***Opening Hymn “How Firm A Foundation”, Hymnal #529**

Verse 1

How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word

What more can He say than to you He hath
said

To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled



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Verse 2

Fear not I am with thee O be not dismayed
For I am thy God I will still give thee aid
I'll strengthen thee help thee
And cause thee to stand
Upheld by My righteous omnipotent hand

Verse 3

In every condition in sickness in health
In poverty's vale or abounding in wealth
At home and abroad on the land on the sea

As thy days may demand shall thy strength
ever be

Verse 4

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for
repose
I will not I will not desert to its foes
That soul though all hell should endeavor to
shake
I'll never no never no never forsake

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Ministry Message

Linda D.

Children's Message

By: Barbara K.

Passing of the Peace

Scripture - Matthew 20: 1-16

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

1 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. 2 He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. 3 "About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. 4 He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' 5 So they went. "He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. 6 About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?' 7 "'Because no one has hired us,' they answered. "He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.' 8 "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.' 9 "The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. 10 So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. 11 When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. 12 'These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.' 13 "But he answered one of them, 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? 14 Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. 15 Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?' 16 "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Anthem "Largo",

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Sung By: Meribeth Freeman

Sermon Group Project

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Pastoral Prayer

Moving into a Spirit of Prayer

Covenant Prayers for Cal-Pac Churches

Korean UMC of Oxnard Pastor CheaHon Nam

Santa Maria First UMC - Ms. Sharon Tan

Community Prayers

NEW REQUESTS

Prayer for Laura (Linda D.'s sister) who is having shoulder replacement surgery. Prayers for comfort and speedy recovery.

CONTINUE TO PRAY

Prayers for Betty(Kathleen C. sister) who is in the hospital recovering from a heart attack. Guide her medical staff and give her peace and comfort.

Prayers for Roland R. who had a PET Scan and is awaiting results. Prayers for discernment and wisdom for his Dr.s.

Prayers for Ryan B's. friend Shannon whose wife was just diagnosed with breast cancer. Prayers for a successful treatment and comfort as they enter this journey.

Prayers for Marv who is back in the hospital recovering from an infection.

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.

CANCER TREATMENT

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),

Nori (Linda N.), Tom(Meribeth)

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 "Rejoice The Lord Is King"

Bell Choir

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

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Closing Hymn "Amazing Grace"

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me

I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see



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Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be

As long as life endures

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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*Benediction

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Ministry and Life of the Church Announcements

Bible Study

The Book of Joy

Lead by Pastor Melissa

9-22 - Women's Study - 10:00am in the Wesley Room

9-23 - Men's Study - 11:00 am in the Fireside Room

Altar Flowers: Emmie St. Ledger

Fellowship Today: Emmie St. Ledger

Birthdays: 9-25 Ellen Ferguson, 9-25 Kathleen Chamberlin, 9-26 Chuck Warner,

Postlude

Kevin Su Fukagawa

Thank you

for leading us in worship

Pastor Melissa for the Sermon Message

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

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