

Order of Worship

Epiphany 2

January 18, 2026

Pastor Jim Powell

"God is standing with us while we wait for Angels."

Prelude

Kevin Su Fukagawa

Welcome

Carol V.

Call to Worship

Linda N.

Leader: Let us come together all who would find favor in the eyes of the Lord.

People: Together, let us find the strength to face the tests of this world.

Leader: And let us lift each other up in prayer for God's strength in life.

People: For only as we serve the Lord do we grow in genuine dignity.

Leader: Then let us turn our hearts to God in joyful songs and praise!

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Opening Prayer

O God, there are so many temptations in this world. We pray for miracles at times, and you stand before us with arms outstretched.

Sometimes we want you to catch us when we fall off the trail. You journey with us down the trail with wisdom and guidance.

Teach us, Lord, how to count on your resurrection instead of your rescue. Give us the wisdom, God, to discern between magic and truth. In Christ we pray. Amen.

***Opening Hymn "My Hope Is Built",**

Hymnal #368

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

Verse 2

His oath His covenant His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay

Chorus

On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

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Children's Message

Scripture Matthew 4: 1-11

Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness

1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple.

6 "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

7 Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

10 Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Anthem "It Is Good To Give God Praise", Choir

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Sermon "Waiting on Angels?" Pastor Jim Powell

Pastoral Prayer

Moving into a Spirit of Prayer

Covenant Prayers for Cal-Pac Churches Carol V.

Santa Clarita UMC

&

St. Matthew's UMC of Newbury Park

Community Prayers

NEW REQUESTS

Prayers for George V. (cousin of Kathy H) who is in the hospital. Prayers for healing and guidance for his Drs. as they run more tests. Comfort his family during this medical crisis.

Prayers for Roland who has been moved from the hospital to a rehab center. Prayers for strength and healing for Roland and for peace and comfort for Toni as she cares for him.

CONTINUE TO PRAY

Prayers for Julia (friend of Kevin) who is recovering from surgery. Prayers for a successful surgery and recovery.



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Christina and the McEachern Family on the passing of Tom. Surround them with comfort and peace, during this difficult time.

Prayers for Bob & Beth Ferguson and family as they mourn the loss of their daughter-in-law Melissa. Comfort them during this difficult time of loss.

Prayers for Peter W. who is recovering from gallbladder surgery. Prayers for healing and comfort.

Prayers for Sandy W. who is recovering from surgery. Prayers for healing and comfort as she recovers, and returns quickly to good health.

Prayers for Sharon B. Prayers for recovery and strength as she adjusts to her new home.

CANCER TREATMENT

Linda (Robin G.), Martha, 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 "Ave Maria", Sung by Patti Vescio

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

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Closing Hymn "Standing On The Promises of God", Hymnal #374

Verse 1

Standing on the promises of Christ my King
Through eternal ages let His praises ring
Glory in the highest I will shout and sing
Standing on the promises of God

Chorus

Standing standing
Standing on the promises of God my Savior
Standing standing
I'm standing on the promises of God

Verse 2

Standing on the promises that cannot fail
When the howling storms of doubt and fear
assail
By the living Word of God I shall prevail
Standing on the promises of God

Chorus

Standing standing
Standing on the promises of God my Savior
Standing standing
I'm standing on the promises of God

Verse 3

Standing on the promises I now can see
Perfect present cleansing
in the blood for me
Standing in the liberty
where Christ makes free
Standing on the promises of God

Chorus

Standing standing
Standing on the promises of God my Savior
Standing standing
I'm standing on the promises of God



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Verse 4

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's Sword
Standing on the promises of God

Chorus

Standing standing
Standing on the promises of God my Savior
Standing standing
I'm standing on the promises of God

Verse 5

Standing on the promises I cannot fall
List'ning ev'ry moment to the Spirit's call
Resting in my Savior as my All in All
Standing on the promises of God

Chorus

Standing standing
Standing on the promises of God my Savior
Standing standing
I'm standing on the promises of God

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*Benediction

Pastor Jim Powell

Ministry and Life of the Church Announcements

Pastor's Study ***Book of Matthew***

1-20 Women's Study - 10:00am - in the Wesley Room

1-21 Men's Study - 11:00am - in the Fireside Room

1-21 Quilters and Crafters Ministry 10am -12pm - Wesley Room

Altar Flowers: Janice and Tim
Fellowship Today: Kathy Warner & Maureen Oskey
Birthdays: 1-18 Tina Martin, 1-20 Amelia Falk, 1-21 Rich Grenn,

Postlude

Kevin Su Fukagawa

Thank you
for leading us in worship
Pastor Jim Powell for the Sermon Message
Kevin Su Fukagawa, Patti Vescio, and The St. Matthew's Choir for our music

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