

Pastor Melissa MacKinnon

"Yes and. . ."

August 23, 2026

Matthew 16: 13-20 & Romans 12: 1-8

Prelude

Kevin Su Fukagawa

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Friends in Christ, Jesus asks us a question that reaches the heart of our faith: "Who do you say that I am?"

People: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!

Leader: God's grace has called us, claimed us, and gathered us into the body of Christ.

People: By grace, we come. By grace, we belong. By grace, we are made new.

Leader: Paul reminds us to offer our whole selves to God as living sacrifices.

People: We offer our hearts, our minds, our gifts, and our lives in loving service to God and neighbor.

Leader: Come, then, as disciples of Jesus Christ. Let us worship the God whose grace saves us, transforms us, and sends us into the world.

All: We give ourselves to Christ and to His mission of love, justice, mercy, and reconciliation. Let us worship the Lord!

Opening Prayer

Gracious and loving God,

We give You thanks for the gift of Your grace—a grace that goes before us, calls us by name, and draws us toward You.

We thank You for Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Savior. As we hear His question today, "Who do you say that I am?" open our hearts to confess with Peter that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. May this confession not remain merely on our lips, but shape the way we live, love, and serve.

Holy God, You call us to offer ourselves to You as living sacrifices. Transform us by the renewing of our minds and make us holy in love. Free us from conformity to the patterns of life that lead us away from you. Help us discern Your good and pleasing will.

We thank You that You have made us one body in Christ. Though we are different, each of us has a place and a purpose. Through Your grace, You have given us gifts to build up the church and to serve our neighbors. Give us humility to recognize that every gift matters and courage to faithfully use the gifts You have entrusted to us.



Love God, Serve Others, Embrace Community

Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us now. Receive our worship, renew our hearts, and form us more fully into the likeness of Christ.

We pray all this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whose name we gather.

Amen.

***Opening Hymn “Lead Me Lord”**

Hymnal #

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy
righteousness;
make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only,
that makest me dwell in safety.

Teach me, Lord, teach me truly how to live,
that I may come to know thee,
and in thy presence serve thee with
gladness,
and sing songs of praise to thy glory.

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Ministry Message

Jack/Kathy-60th Anniversary

Children’s Message

By: Margaret W.

Puppeteers -

Heather Knoedler & Nancy Liedblad

Scripture - Matthew 16: 13-20 & Romans 12: 1-8

Matthew 16: 13-20

Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” 14 They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” 15 “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” 16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” 17 Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” 20 Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Romans 12: 1-8

A Living Sacrifice

1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Humble Service in the Body of Christ



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3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. 4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Anthem "The Holy City" Performed By: Craig Walker, Trumpet

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Sermon "Yes and. . . "

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Pastoral Prayer

Moving into a Spirit of Prayer

Covenant Prayers for Cal-Pac Churches

First UMC of Pasadena - Pastor Amy Aitken

First UMC of Pasadena - Pastor Mina Nau-Mahe

Community Prayers

IN MOURNING

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.

NEW REQUESTS

CONTINUE TO PRAY

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. Surround her with healing, comfort and a successful treatment..

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 that he regains his mobility and has a full recovery.

Prayers for Wendall as he faces a major decision in his ongoing cancer treatment.(Kathy M).

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

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,

IN HOSPICE CARE

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



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The Lord's Prayer

Moving Beyond a Spirit of Prayer

Invitation to Give our Blessings back to God

Offertory "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name",

Performed By: Craig Walker, Trumpet

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

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Closing Hymn "God of Love and God of Power"

Hymnal #578

Verse 1

God of love and God of power,
grant us in this burning hour
grace to ask these gifts of thee,
daring hearts and spirits free

Chorus

God of love and God of power,
thou hast called us for this hour.

Verse 2

All our lives belong to thee,
thou our final loyalty;
servants are we where'er we share
that devotion anywhere.

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Chorus

God of love and God of power,
thou hast called us for this hour.

Verse 3

God of love and God of power,
make us worthy of this hour;
offering lives if it's thy will,
keeping free our spirits still.

Chorus

God of love and God of power,
thou hast called us for this hour.

*Benediction

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Ministry and Life of the Church Announcements

Bible Studies

will resume in September

Altar Flowers: Liz Smith

Fellowship Today: Kay Rodgers & Maureen Oskey

Birthdays: 8-23 Mike Jarrels, 8-23 Pat Graning, 8-29 Kemper Wilson,

Postlude

Kevin Su Fukagawa

Thank you

for leading us in worship

Pastor Melissa for the Sermon Message

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

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