

Pastor Melissa MacKinnon

Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2026

"Still At It"

Prelude

Kevin Su Fukagawa

Welcome

Meribeth F.

Call to Worship

Randi Berry

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord with all our heart, soul, and mind!

People: Open our hearts to compassion, our hands to service, and our lives to kindness and grace.

Leader: Let us love not only in word, but in action, reflecting the love of Christ in all we do.

People: By the power of the Holy Spirit, help us love God wholeheartedly and love one another faithfully.

All: We gather to worship the God of love. May our worship honor You, may our lives reflect Your grace, and may our love for You overflow into love for all people. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Opening Prayer

Gracious and loving God,

As we gather in Your presence this beautiful fall season, we thank You for the gift of life, the beauty of Your creation, and the changing colors that remind us of Your faithfulness. Just as the leaves change and the seasons turn, You continue to renew us, guide us, and remind us that Your love never changes. Amen

***Opening Hymn "Blest Be The Tie That Binds"**

Hymnal # 557

Verse 1

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above

Verse 3

We share each other's woes
Our mutual burdens bear
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear

Verse 2

Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers
Our fears our hopes our aims are one
Our comforts and our cares

Verse 4

From sorrow toil and pain
And sin we shall be free
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity

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Love God, Serve Others, Embrace Community

Ministry Message

Juliane D.

Children's Message

Margaret W.

Puppeteers: Heather Knoedler & Pam McDonald

Passing of the Peace

Scripture - Matthew 22: 34-40

The Greatest Commandment

34 Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together.
35 One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: 36 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

37 Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment.

39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Anthem "You Raise Me Up",

The Bell Choir

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Sermon "Still At It"

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Pastoral Prayer

Moving into a Spirit of Prayer

Covenant Prayers for Cal-Pac Churches

Santa Clarita UMC - Pastor Rachel Tabutol

St. Matthew's UMC of Newbury Park - Pastor Melissa Roux MacKinnon

Community Prayers

IN MOURNING

Prayers for the family and friends of Marv Jacobsen who went home to be with the Lord this week. Surround them with peace and comfort during this difficult time!

NEW REQUESTS

CONTINUE TO PRAY

Prayers for Diane(KathyM. Cousin) who has been diagnosed with cancer and is in the hospital with sepsis. Be with her medical team as they treat her and surround her with peace and comfort.

Prayers for Toni R. who is recovering from carpal tunnel surgery. Be with her as she heals and give her peace and comfort.



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Prayers for Karen(friend of Meribeth) who is recovering from a medical mystery that almost took her life. Surround her with healing and comfort.

Prayers for Katie R. who is in the hospital. Prayers for peace and comfort for her and wisdom for her medical team as they care for her.

Prayers for Kathy G.(friend of Emmie) who is recovering from surgery and beginning chemotherapy. Prayers for peace and comfort as she begins her treatment.

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 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God", Meribeth Freeman

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

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Closing Hymn "Every Time I Feel The Spirit", Hymnal #404

Chorus

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart
I will pray
Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart
O I will pray

Verse 1

Upon the mountain my Lord spoke
Out of His Mouth came fire and smoke
All around me looks so shine
And I ask my Lord if all was mine

Chorus

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart
I will pray
Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit

moving in my heart
O I will pray

Verse 2

The Jordan River runs chilly and cold
It chills the body but not the soul but not the
soul
Ain't but one train upon this track
It runs to Heaven and right back

Chorus

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart
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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

10-27 - Women's Study - 10:00am in the Wesley Room - Childcare available for registered moms
10-28 - Men's Study - 11:00 am in the Fireside Room

Altar Flowers: Liz Smith - In Honor of her retirement
Fellowship Today: Robyn G. & Lousie K
Birthdays: 10-26 Kay Nibarger, 10-28 Juliane Detweiler, 10-30 Liz Smith,

Postlude

Kevin Su Fukagawa

Thank you
for leading us in worship
Pastor Melissa for the Sermon Message
Kevin Su Fukagawa, Meribeth Freeman, The Bell Choir
and The St. Matthew's Choir for our music

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