Pastor Melissa MacKinnon

Veteran's Day

November 8, 2026

"I'm Waiting. . ."

Prelude — **Kevin Su Fukagawa**

Welcome — **Allison K.**

Call to Worship — **Linda N**

Leader: Come, let us worship Jesus. Let our hearts be ready and our spirits be awake.

People: We come with hearts prepared, lamps burning, and faith alive, ready to meet our Lord.

Leader: Jesus calls us to be watchful, to live faithfully, and to keep the light of His presence shining within us.

People: Lord, fill our lamps with the oil of Your Spirit. Keep our faith strong and our hope alive.

Leader: Let us not grow weary or fall asleep in our faith, but remain steadfast as we await the coming of Christ.

All: Come, Lord Jesus! May our lives shine with faith, our hearts overflow with love, and our spirits remain ready for Your coming. Let us worship the Lord with joy and expectation!

Opening Prayer

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts and minds to Your Word today. Help us to recognize the importance of being prepared, not just for tomorrow, but for the work of restoration You have called us to do today. Keep our faith burning brightly, our hope alive, and our hearts ready to receive You. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*Opening Hymn "Open My Eyes, That I May See", Hymnal # 454

Verse 1
Open my eyes that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free
Chorus
Silently now I wait for Thee
Ready my God Thy will to see
Open my eyes illumine me
Spirit divine

Verse 2
Open my ears that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear
And while the wave notes fall on my ear
Everything false will disappear
Chorus
Silently now I wait for Thee
Ready my God Thy will to see
Open my eyes illumine me
Spirit divine

Verse 3
Open my mouth and let me bear
Gladly the warm truth everywhere
Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with Thy children thus to share

Chorus
Silently now I wait for Thee
Ready my God Thy will to see
Open my eyes illumine me
Spirit divine

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Ministry Message — Linda Domes-
Blessing the quilts,bags, seat covers for Joni and Friends

Children's Message — By: Randy H.
Puppeteers: Pam McDonald & Nancy Liedblad

Passing of the Peace

Scripture - Matthew 25:1–13
The Parable of the Ten Virgins

1 "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish and five were wise. 3 The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. 4 The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. 5 The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. 6 "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' 7 "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps.8The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'9 " 'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'10 "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. 11 "Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!'12 "But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.' 13 "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

Anthem "The Mighty One", — Performed By: Choir

Chorus
The Lord is my light and my salvation
Whom shall I fear
The Lord is the stronghold of my life
O whom shall I be afraid
Savior Redeemer God's own Son
My shelter in the time of storm
I place my trust in You
The Mighty One

Verse
Robed in splendor
Mighty to save
You won the vict'ry
O'er death and the grave
When I am weak
You give me strength to stand
By the power of Your mighty hand

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Sermon I'm Waiting. . . Pastor Melissa MacKinnon

Pastoral Prayer

Moving into a Spirit of Prayer

Covenant Prayers for Cal-Pac Churches

Altadena UMC - Pastor Andre Wilson

Holliston UMC - Pastor Christian Jung

Community Prayers

NEW REQUESTS

Prayers for Kathy M. son-in-law who sustained a serious injury. Surround his medical team with wisdom as they treat him and restore his health.

Prayers for Georgie (friend of Roger T.) who has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Surround him with peace and comfort as his Drs determine a treatment plan.

CONTINUE TO PRAY

Prayers for Chris Crosby (friend of Pam & John) who is in the hospital with serious ailments. Prayers for peace and comfort for him and his family.

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.

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

CANCER TREATMENT

Linda (Robin G.), Barbara (Tanya I), Danny C, Jennifer(Dr. Bob R.), Georgia(Forbes), Debbie, Ruby(Emmie S), Toni, Sylvia(Pam P), Frank (Taty V), Jan(Nathan), Wendall(Kathy M.)

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 "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning" John Sargent

Chorus
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning

The time is drawing nigh
Children don't get weary
Children don't get weary
Children don't get weary
Till your work is done

Christian journey soon be over
Christian journey soon be over
Christian journey soon be over
The time is drawing nigh

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

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Closing Hymn "Surely the Presence of the Lord Is In This Place",

Hymnal #328

Chorus
Surely the presence
Of the Lord is in this place
I can feel His mighty power
And His grace
I can hear the brush of angel's wings
I see glory on each face
Surely the presence
Of the Lord is in this place
Verse 1
In the midst of His children
The Lord said He would be
It doesn't take very many
It can be just two or three
And I feel that same sweet Spirit
That I've felt oft times before
Oh surely I can say
I have been with the Lord
Chorus
Surely the presence
Of the Lord is in this place
I can feel His mighty power
And His grace
I can hear the brush of angel's wings
I see glory on each face
Surely the presence
Of the Lord is in this place
Verse 2
There's a holy hush around us
As God's glory fills this place
I've touched the hem of His garment
And I can almost see His face
And my heart is overflowing
With the fullness of His joy
I know without a doubt
That I have been with the Lord
Chorus
Surely the presence
Of the Lord is in this place
I can feel His mighty power
And His grace
I can hear the brush of angel's wings
I see glory on each face
Surely the presence
Of the Lord is in this place

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Ministry and Life of the Church Announcements

Bible Study
The Book of Joy
Lead by Pastor Melissa

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

Altar Flowers: Chris & Jenni Scott- In Honor of All Veterans
Fellowship Today: Jenni & Chris Scott
Birthdays: No Birthdays

Postlude Kevin Su Fukagawa

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

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