

Welcome Pastor Melissa

Pastor Melissa MacKinnon

July 5, 2026

"Pilgrimage"

Prelude

Kevin Su Fukagawa

Welcome

Jack

Call to Worship

Margaret Wassner

Leader: Come, travelers on the journey of faith. Christ walks beside us, even when we do not recognize his presence.

People: We come with our questions, our hopes, and our longing to encounter the living Christ.

Leader: When we share in holy moments with each other, our hearts are stirred by God's truth and grace.

People: Open our hearts, O God, that we may hear your Word with joy and understanding.

Opening Prayer

As you walked alongside the disciples on the road to Emmaus, walk among us today. When our vision is clouded by worry, disappointment, or doubt, open our hearts and eyes to recognize your presence in our midst. When we share at your table, draw us closer to you and each other. Let our worship today be a holy moment. Amen

***Opening Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee", Hymnal #89**

Verse 1

Joyful joyful we adore Thee
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee
Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

Verse 2

All Thy works with joy surround Thee
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee
Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest vale and mountain
Flowery meadow flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing
fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee



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Verse 3

Thou art giving and forgiving
Ever blessing ever blest
Wellspring of the joy of living
Ocean depth of happy rest
Thou our Father Christ our Brother
All who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to the joy divine

Verse 4

Mortals join the mighty chorus
Which the morning stars began
Father love is reigning o'er us
Brother love binds man to man
Ever singing march we onward
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music lifts us sunward
In the triumph song of life

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Ministry Message

Children's Message

Pastor Melissa

Scripture - Luke 24: 13-35

On the Road to Emmaus

13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognizing him. 17 He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. 18 One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" 19 "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. 20 The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. 22 In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning 23 but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. 24 Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus." 25 He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. 28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. 29 But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. 32 They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" 33 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together 34 and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." 35 Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.



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Anthem “Only A Holy God”,

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Sermon “Pilgrimage”

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Pastoral Prayer

Moving into a Spirit of Prayer

Holy Communion

Covenant Prayers for Cal-Pac Churches

Northridge UMC

Moorpark UMC

Community Prayers

NEW REQUESTS

Prayers for Betty (Kathleen's sister). Prayers for healing and comfort from the pain of shingles.
Prayers for Jack's granddaughter who is in need of a kidney. Prayers that a match is found quickly, and grant her peace and comfort during this time of waiting.

CONTINUE TO PRAY

Prayers for Chuck Q. who is recovering from surgery. Prayers for healing and comfort.
Prayers for Ryan B. who is recovering from surgery. Prayers for healing and comfort during his recovery.
Prayers for Louise K. who is recovering from hip surgery. Prayers for healing and comfort..
Prayers for Steve Hanke who has had a stroke last week. Prayers for healing and comfort.(Robyn G.)
Prayers for Cheryl Grenn(SIL of Robyn G.) She is undergoing MRI's for back and neck pain. Prayers for healing and comfort.
Prayers for Jacob & Breanna and baby Collopie. (Judy A. grandson and wife) Prayers that she continues to gain weight and remains stable. Prayers for peace and comfort for her and her parents during this time.
Prayers for Alan (Pat G. son-in-law) who has been diagnosed with cancer. Prayers for comfort for him and his family during this time.
Prayers for Cheryl Q. who is recovering from surgery after a fall. Prayers for healing and comfort..

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),

IN HOSPICE

Prayers for Nancy Rank. Surround her and Dave and their family with peace and comfort as she grows closer to going home to be with the Lord.
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 “Simple Living”,

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Doxology “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” Hymnal #95

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Closing Hymn “In Christ Alone”

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save

Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

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Ministry and Life of the Church Announcements

Women's Study

The Temples of God

Lead by: Carol Vargeson

7-9 - Women's Study - Thursday at Carol's Home - 1:00pm

7-10 - Women's Study - Friday at the church - 10:00am in the Wesley Room

Altar Flowers: Linda Norberg - In Honor of Dale's Birthday

Fellowship Today: Linda Norberg

Birthdays: 7-11 Dale van de Wetering,

Postlude

Kevin Su Fukagawa

Thank you

for leading us in worship

Pastor Melissa for the Sermon Message

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

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