

Pastor Melissa MacKinnon
60th Anniversary Celebration
September 13, 2026
Metanoia

Prelude

Kevin Su Fukagawa

Welcome

Ryan

Call to Worship

Marilyn Matthews

Leader -The Lord be with you

People -And also with you

Leader - Who here is ready for an **UPDATE?**

People - Not another update?

Opening Prayer

Lord, we confess that our heart often seeks the path of least resistance rather than the path of Your righteousness. We acknowledge that our external actions alone cannot satisfy the deep, inner transformation You call us to. We ask that You do not leave us as we are. Amen

***Opening Hymn “He Leadeth Me”,**

Hymnal #128

Verse 1

He leadeth me O blessed thought
O words with heavenly comfort fraught
Whate'er I do where'er I be
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me

Chorus

He leadeth me He leadeth me
By His own hand He leadeth me
His faithful follower I would be
For by His hand He leadeth me

Chorus

He leadeth me He leadeth me
By His own hand He leadeth me
His faithful follower I would be
For by His hand He leadeth me

Verse 3

Lord I would clasp Thy hand in mine
Nor ever murmur nor repine
Content whatever lot I see
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me

Verse 2

Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom
By water's calm o'er troubled sea
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me

Chorus

He leadeth me He leadeth me
By His own hand He leadeth me
His faithful follower I would be
For by His hand He leadeth me

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Ministry Message

Linda N & Janice K

Children's Message

**By: Randy H.
Puppeteers - Inouye Family**

Scripture - Matthew 5:17-20 & 48

The Fulfillment of the Law

17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. 19 Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Anthem "Grace Lifted Me"

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Sermon

Pastor Stan Ferguson

***Special Letters of Congratulations
Recognition of Founding Members***

Pastor Melissa MacKinnon

Moving into a Spirit of Prayer

Covenant Prayers for Cal-Pac Churches

***First UMC of Ventura - Pastor David Jamir
First UMC of Ventura - Pastor Cindy Huskey***

Community Prayers

IN MOURNING

Prayers for the family of our Dottie Lewolt, who went home to be with the Lord this week. Surround her family and friends with peace and comfort as they mourn and share memories of her.

NEW REQUESTS



Love God, Serve Others, Embrace Community

CONTINUE TO PRAY

Prayers for Betty(Kathleen C. sister) who is in the hospital recovering from a heart attack. Guide her medical staff and give her peace and comfort.

Prayers for Roland R. who had a PET Scan and is awaiting results. Prayers for discernment and wisdom for his Drs.

Prayers for Ryan B's. friend Shannon whose wife was just diagnosed with breast cancer. Prayers for a successful treatment and comfort as they enter this journey.

Prayers for Marv who is back in the hospital recovering from an infection.

Prayers for Lynn(Janice's M. sister who is having back surgery. Prayers for a successful surgery and comfort and healing.

Prayers for Carole (Meribeth F) who is experiencing medical issues. Prayers for her Drs. for wisdom to figure out and treat her. Give her peace and comfort during this time.

Prayers for Robert (friend Kathy H.) who has an infection in his leg after knee surgery. Prayers that his Drs are able quickly find the cause and treat it successfully.

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

CANCER TREATMENT

Wendall(Kathy M.), 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 "Take It To The Lord In Prayer"

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

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Closing Hymn "God Will Take Care of You",

Hymnal #130

Verse 1

Be not dismayed whate'er betide
God will take care of you
Beneath His wings of love abide
God will take care of you

Chorus

God will take care of you
Through every day o'er all the way
He will take care of you
God will take care of you

Verse 2

Through days of toil when heart doth fail
God will take care of you
When dangers fierce your path assail
God will take care of you

Chorus

God will take care of you
Through every day o'er all the way
He will take care of you
God will take care of you



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Verse 3

All you may need He will provide
God will take care of you
Nothing you ask will be denied
God will take care of you

Chorus

God will take care of you
Through every day o'er all the way
He will take care of you
God will take care of you

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*Benediction and Prayer for Lunch Pastor Melissa MacKinnon

Ministry and Life of the Church Announcements

Bible Study
The Book of Joy
Lead by Pastor Melissa

8-15- Women's Study - 10:00am in the Wesley Room

8-16- Men's Study - 11:00 am in the Fireside Room

Altar Flowers: The Holzers - In Honor of Emma's Birthday
Fellowship Today: St. Matthew's Family
Birthdays: 9-16 Sharon Brown, 9-18 Kent Detweiler, 9-19 Ida Board,

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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