

Order of Worship

February 1, 2026

Pastor Jim Powell

"We are blessed after our repentance when we stay in a servant's mode."

Prelude

Kevin Su Fukagawa

Welcome

Meribeth

Call to Worship

Christy

Leader: Let us come together all who find their joy in the Lord.

People: **For the Lord is our Shepherd in good times and in hard times.**

Leader: And the Lord is with us in all that we experience in life.

People: **And whether we are at home or afar the Lord knows our every need.**

Leader: Then let us raise our voices and let us follow Jesus.

People: **Let us follow Jesus and be blessed.**

All: **Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

Prayer Of Confession

Lord, so often we lean on our own wisdom to live life. We have failed to seek Your Word and Your Wisdom. Too often, we have chosen the hard ways when You would have led us to green pastures and by still waters. Forgive us, Lord, and touch our hearts that we would follow Jesus. We need Your guidance and love. In Christ we pray. Amen.

***Opening Hymn "Be Thou My Vision",**

Hymnal #451

Verse 1

Be Thou my Vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

Verse 2

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true
Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord

Thou my great Father I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Verse 3

High King of heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys bright heaven's
Sun

Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my Vision O Ruler of all

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Love God, Serve Others, Embrace Community

Ministry Message

Pastor Stan

Children's Message

Barbara K.

Scripture Matthew 5:1-12

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth."

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."

⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy."

⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."

⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account."

¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Anthem "Come Christians Join To Sing!",

Bell Choir

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Sermon "Peacemaker in a War Zone"

Pastor Jim Powell

Pastoral Prayer

Moving into a Spirit of Prayer

Holy Communion

Covenant Prayers for Cal-Pac Churches

Meribeth

Altadena UMC

&

Holliston UMC

Community Prayers

NEW REQUESTS

Prayers for Wendall (Bob & Kathy's BIL) who has multiple-myeloma. Prayers for his medical team to manage his treatment and may treatment be successful, and with manageable side effects.

Prayer for Judy A. who has had extensive leg surgery. Prayers for comfort and complete healing and pain relief.

CONTINUE TO PRAY

Prayers for Collette (Patti's niece) who is struggling with inoperable stomach cancer. Prayers for wisdom for her Drs. and surround her and her family with peace and comfort as she travels this difficult journey.



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Prayers for Holzer's and the family of her cousin George at his passing. Surround the family with your peace and comfort as they mourn his loss and gather together.

Prayers for Roland who has been moved from the hospital to a rehab center. Prayers for strength and healing for Roland and for peace and comfort for Toni as she cares for him.

Prayers for Julia (friend of Kevin) who is recovering from surgery. Prayers for a recovery.

Prayers for Sandy W. who is recovering from surgery. Prayers for healing and comfort as she recovers, and returns quickly to good health.

Prayers for Sharon B. Prayers for recovery and strength as she adjusts to her new home.

CANCER TREATMENT

Linda (Robin G.), Martha, Sirena (Judi A.), Barbara (Tanya I), Danny C, Kathleen (Tanya). Jennifer(Dr. Bob R.), Georgia(Forbes), Heather(Marion E), Debbie, Logan(Kathy H), Ruby(Emmie S), Toni, Sylvia(Pam P), Frank (Taty V),

The Lord's Prayer

Moving Beyond a Spirit of Prayer

Invitation to Give our Blessings back to God

Offertory "Love Never Faileth", Sung by Meribeth Freeman

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

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Closing Hymn "Speak O Lord"

Verse 1

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Verse 2

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise

Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Verse 3

Speak O Lord and renew our minds

Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

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***Benediction**

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Ministry and Life of the Church Announcements

One Night Study with Ryan Blanck

"How to Read the Bible"

2/10 Tuesday @ 6:30 pm Wesley Room

Pastor's Study

Book of Matthew

2-3 Women's Study - 10:00 am - in the Wesley Room

2-4 Men's Study - 11:00 am - in the Fireside Room

2-4 Quilters and Crafters Ministry 10am -12pm - Wesley Room

Carol's Study

The Story of Jacob

8 week Study

2-5 Thursday at Carol's home - 1:00pm

2-6 Friday at the church - Wesley Room - 10:00am

Altar Flowers: Stephanie Powell - In Honor of Pastor Jim & Stephanie's 43rd Anniversary

Fellowship Today: Robyn Grenn & Louise Knoedler

Birthdays: 2-1 Barbara Crowdis, 2-4 Kevin Dyer, 2-5 Dan Gerrard,

2-7 Ramona Hallit, 2-8 Chuck Qualls, 2-8 Kathy Warner,

Postlude

Kevin Su Fukagawa

Thank you

for leading us in worship

Pastor Jim Powell 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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