

*Order of Worship*  
*THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST*  
9:30 am – August 18 2024

**Participating Live?**

*Text your prayer requests to 805-309-6867 before the end of the first hymn.*

**PRELUDE**

*Liebstraum No. 3*  
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David Wheatley, organ

F. Liszt

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*Sanctuary*  
CCLI / Streaming: 345977 / 20105371 / CCLI Song # 2140  
Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.

TFWS 2164

**CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)**

Bruce Miller, liturgist

As we gather in this sacred moment for a sacred purpose, let us make the most of our time together.

**We have come to worship the Lord our God.**

As we sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, let us make the most of our time together.

**We have come to worship the Lord our God.**

As we respond to the melody in our hearts, let us make the most of our time together.

**We have come to worship the Lord our God.**

Our hearts and minds are open and ready. We are here, dear God, speak to us.

*Jamie D. Greening: Ministry Matter adapted by Pastor David Jamir for VFUMC*

**OPENING HYMN**

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

UMH 140

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1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

**Refrain:** Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **Refrain**

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **Refrain**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION IN UNISON**

Bruce Miller, liturgist

**O God, delivery us from the burden of sin as we make our confession. Remove the scales from our eyes, for we overlook neighbors in need. Cleanse us of selfishness, which keeps us from serving them. Purge us of vanity, since we expect them to be grateful. Help us not to brood over the seeming in gratitude of some we serve. Restore us by Christ's redeeming sacrifice and purify our intentions. Make us fit for your service. In Christ's name we pray.**

*James G. Kirk: When we Gather: A Book of Prayers for Worship, Year B*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Pastor David

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; those who follow me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life." Therefore, it is said 'awake, O sleeper and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light. 'Arise, walk in the light. In Christ you are forgiven.

*Ibid***PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE***Ephesians 5:15-20* (NRSV)

Bruce Miller, liturgist

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.****CHILDREN'S MOMENT** (Children and Youth come to the steps for a word from the pastor)**PREPARATION HYMN***Take Time to Be Holy*

UMH 395

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1. Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord; abide in him always, and feed on his word. Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak, forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.
2. Take time to be holy, the world rushes on; spend much time in secret with Jesus alone. By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be; thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see.
3. Take time to be holy, let him be thy guide, and run not before him, whatever betide. In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord, and, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.
4. Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul, each thought and each motive beneath his control. Thus led by his spirit to fountains of love, thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

**MESSAGE***"Live Wisely"*

Pastor David Jamir

**Musical Response***Moderato for Organ*

David Wheatley

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David Wheatley, organ**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Lord, take our lives even as we present to you, our offerings. Teach us to count our many blessings and be eternally grateful. We are here to serve you by supporting our ministries. With joy filled heart in Jesus's name. Amen**

**SENDING HYMN***Be Thou My Vision*

UMH 451

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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.
2. Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
3. Great God of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all.

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Allegro from Concerto Grosso R. 43*  
Public Domain.  
David Wheatley, organ

Johan Helmich Roman

***Prayer Requests***

St. Matthew's UMC of Newbury Park —Pastor Jim Powell

Camarillo UMC—Pastor Elbert Kim

David Atkins

All those suffering from illness or loss of loved ones.

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