



# United Methodist Church

September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023

Link for live worship:

<https://youtube.com/live/0oTl87HBcMQ?feature=share>

Prelude **Simple Gifts** *Barbara Shaw*

Welcoming the Holy Spirit *Acolyte(s)*

Greeting and Welcome *Rev. Peter Freytag*

## \* Call To Worship and Confession

One: All of you that truly and earnestly repentant of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God; draw near with faith.

**All: Lord we have failed to love You with our whole hearts. We have failed to be an obedient people. We have failed to love our neighbor as Jesus loved us. We have failed to do Your will. We confess this, asking Your forgiveness.**

One: Let us gather for this Holy Sacrament, a blessing from the Lord.

**All: Everlasting Lord, because of Your tender mercy toward Your people, You came to us as Jesus, taking upon Yourself our flesh to suffer death upon the cross.**

One: Lord guide us to follow the example of Christ's great humility.

**All: Divine Lord, mercifully grant that we may follow the example of Your patience. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

One: In honestly repenting, and asking forgiveness, you return to the path of faithful discipleship. In the name of God you are forgiven.

**People: In the name of God, you are forgiven.**

\* Hymn **Oh How I love Jesus** *Hymnal #170*

\* Scripture **Exodus 3:1-8b** *Pew Bible O.T. #48*

Prayer Time - Prayers of the community

## Unison Prayer

One: Prayer is our connection to God;

**All: God hears all prayers and responds. Sometimes the answer to our prayers is 'no.'**

One: Together, let us pray for all who are hurting or who are suffering in any way, or who are far from home.

**All: Lord God, we also lift our voices in celebration of birthdays and anniversaries; celebrations of life and of Your gifts among us.**

One: Lord let us be Your people.

**All: Lord God, help us to grow closer and closer to You each day.**

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Pastoral Prayer *Pastor Peter*

The Lord's Prayer (unison) *Hymnal #270*

Offertory **Let the Beauty of Jesus be Seen in Me** *Barbara Shaw*

\* Scripture **Matthew 16:21-28** *Pew Bible N.T. #17*

\* Hymn **I Am** *VBS*

Sermon **Back to School Quiz** *Rev. Peter Freytag*

\* Hymn **Bring forth the Kingdom** *FWS #2190*

Benediction **Go Now in Peace** *Congregation*

\* Please stand if you are able

## This Week's Calendar:

### Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday- Office is Closed

6:00 p.m. – Ensemble Practice

Next Sunday, September 10, 2023

11:00 a.m.: English Worship Service

3:00 p.m.: Tongan Worship Service

### Prayers in our Church Family:

- Suzanne Marquez's family mourning the death of her brother.
- Suzanne Marquez's daughter in law in Denver recovering.
- Ruby Freeman recovering.
- Renee Varon's son Zach's father has stage 4 prostate cancer.
- Mike from Johnstown, pastor Peter's friend
- Don B. seeking a kidney transplant.
- Prayers for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and in Russia.
- Lahaina, Maui fire victims

Senior Pastor: *Peter Freytag*      Tongan Pastor: *Atonio Toluta'u*  
Office Manager: *Paea Kelemeni*      Christian Ed: *Stephanie Iverson*  
Lay Leader: *Mark Dockter*      Tongan Lay Leader: *Ngalu Kelemeni*  
Ad Council Chair: *Mike Sumrall*      Lay Delegate: *Melba Taylor*  
Accompanist: *Barbara Shaw*      Liturgist: *Diana Hunt*

Cover Painting: *Moses and the Burning Bush* by Deana Harvey

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**Burning Bush**