



# Castro Valley United Methodist Church



Sunday, March 15, 2026, 9 am

The Season of Lent

## Welcome to Castro Valley United Methodist Church.

We are thankful you are here! May your Lenten journey towards Easter be a meaningful time.



Make your tithes & offering online

### TODAY:

Lenten Book Study  
11:30 am, Room 5

### GATHERINGS THIS WEEK

#### **Food 2 Go**

Tue. 10:00 am, Fellowship Hall  
Help needed & food available

#### **Tuesday Friends**

Tue. 10:30 am Fireside Room

#### **SPRC Meeting**

Tue. 6:30 pm, Fireside Room

#### **All Teams Meeting**

Wed. 10 am, Room 5

#### **Choir Practice**

Thur. 7 pm, Fireside Room

### UPCOMING

#### **Generosity Team Meeting**

Sun. 3/22, 11:45 am, Fireside Room

#### **Trustees Meeting**

Tue. 3/24, 7 pm, Fireside Room

#### **New Member Class – CVUMC 101**

Wed. 3/25, 1-3 pm, Fireside Room

#### **Popcorn Ministry**

Fri. 3/27, 6 pm, Room 5

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- (16) Callan Chu
- (16) Charlotte Chu
- (16) Sela Failaunga
- (16) Bob Vernagallo
- (17) Joel Rees
- (18) Carol Sugimura

## Order of Christian Worship Fourth Sunday of Lent & UMCOR Sunday

**Welcome & Passing of the Peace**

Chuck Vejdovsky

**Prayers of the People**

Chuck Vejdovsky

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**  
Loving God, **we give you thanks.**

**Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor Akesa

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.

**Hymn**

Chancel Choir

**Scriptures:** Ephesians 5:8-14 NIV

Elaine Wilson

#### **Ephesians 5:8-14 NIV**

<sup>8</sup>For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) <sup>10</sup>and find out what pleases the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. <sup>12</sup>It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. <sup>14</sup>This is why it is said: “Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

This is the Word of God, for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** *Live in the Light of Christ*

Pastor Akesa

**The Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts**

Pastor Akesa

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us that we may praise you, not with our lips only, but with our whole lives, turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days into a living sacrifice to you, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Life of the Community**

Chuck Vejdovsky

**Benediction**

Pastor Akesa

### WORSHIP RESOURCES

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal  
TFWS: The Faith We Sing  
W&S: Worship and Song  
Discipleship Ministries  
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