



Sunday, July 27, 2025, 10 am

Castro Valley United Methodist Church

Welcome to Castro Valley United Methodist Church.

May the Holy Spirit fill you with power, unity, and joy as we worship and celebrate God's living presence among us in this Pentecost season.



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GATHERINGS THIS WEEK

Tuesday Friends

Tue. 10:30 am

Food 2 Go

Tue. 10:30 am, Fellowship Hall
Help needed & food available

SPRC Meeting

Tue. 6 pm, Fireside Room

Summer BBQ

Wed. 5:30-6:30 pm, F'ship Hall
Celebrating Hispanic Culture

Bell Choir

Thur. 7:00-8:00 pm, Sanctuary

UMM – Men's Club

Sat. 9:30 am, Fireside Room

NEXT SUNDAY, 8/3

Blessing of the Backpacks for
all Students
Rally Day!

SUNDAY, 8/10

Dr. Karl W. Lampley Book Signing
11:30 am, Fellowship Hall

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

(30) Julie Barraza
(31) Renee Chavez

August:

(01) Joy Irving



**Order of Christian Worship
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Chiming of the Hour

Karen Loughrige

Prelude

Matt Bourne

Words of Welcome

Pastor Akesa Po'oi Fakava

***Call to Worship**

Robin Rees

Welcome to worship this day.

We have come seeking peace and hope.

This is the house of the Lord. In it you will find what you seek.

Help us to open our hearts to God's words and will for us.

Ask for God's help - it will be given to you.

Praise be to God who loves and cares for us.

***Opening Prayer (unison)**

Robin Rees

God of truth, Jesus' disciples said to him, "Teach us to pray." So we come to worship, to hear your Word to us, and to learn to pray. Spirit of Love, teach us. Fill us with your Spirit, that everything we do may be prayerful. Fill us with your love, that our only desire will be to do your will. Speak your Word to us, that we may hear your prayer for us, and reflect it in the living of our lives. Amen.

Opening Hymn: *Be Still, My Soul

UMH 534

Please use the red hymnal or follow along on the screen.

***Passing of the Peace**

Karen Parker

Peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Hymn Response: *We Are the Church*

UMH 558

(singing) *I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!*

All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!

Children's Moment

Pastor Akesa

Hymn Response: *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

UMH 420

(singing) *Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine, till all*

this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Life of the Community

Kathy Culwell

*You may stand. ***Bold** text indicates congregational response.

Colossians 2:6-10 NRSVue

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.

This is the Word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERVING YOU TODAY

Rev. Akesa Po'oi Fakava, Pastor
Robin Rees, Worship Leader
Kathy Culwell, Co-Lay Leader
Karen Parker, Co-Lay Leader
Matt Bourne, Music Director
Valentina Dimmock, Special Music
Karen Loughrige, Bells & Clarinet
Rev. Carrol Newquist, Horn
Ted de Castro, Sound
Larry Taylor, Media Tech
Jim Rees, Usher

WORSHIP RESOURCES

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS: The Faith We Sing
W&S: Worship and Song
Discipleship Ministries
CCLI No. 21060178

Prayers of the People

Kathy Culwell

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

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's 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.

Special Music: *"How Great Thou Art"* by Stuart K. Hine Valentina Dimmock

Scriptures: *Colossians 2:6-10 NRSVue*

Robin Rees

Sermon: *In Christ: The Source of Our Strength*

Pastor Akesa

***The Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts**

The Doxology No. 94: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Unison Prayer of Dedication:

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.

***Closing Hymn:** *We Are God's People*

TFWS 2220 vv 1,3&4

Please use the black hymnal or follow along on the screen.

***Benediction**

Pastor Akesa

Postlude

Matt Bourne

Please reflect in silence on today's message or exit quietly.



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