



Sunday, July 27, 2025, 9 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.



Make your  
2025 Capital  
Campaign  
offering  
online



Make your  
tithes & offering  
online

### 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

#### 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!

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

(30) Julie Barraza  
(31) Renee Chavez

August:

(01) Joy Irving

### WORSHIP RESOURCES

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



## Order of Christian Worship Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

### 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 Po'oi Fakava

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:** *Colossians 2:6-10 NRSVue*

Elaine Wilson

<sup>6</sup>As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. <sup>8</sup>Watch 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. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and 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.**

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

Pastor Akesa

### The Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

Pastor Akesa

*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.

### Life of the Community

Chuck Vejdovsky

### Benediction

Pastor Akesa



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