



**Worship with Holy Communion
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 2, 2026, at 10:00 AM**

Castro Valley United Methodist Church
19806 Wisteria Street
Castro Valley, CA 94546

**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
tithes & offering
online

TODAY:

Coffee Fellowship
11:00 AM, Fellowship Hall

GATHERINGS THIS WEEK

Grow Pray Thrive
Mon. 4:00 PM, Fireside
Room

Food-2-Go Distribution
Tue. 10:00 AM, Fellowship
Hall

Tuesday Friends
Tue. 10:30 AM, Fireside
Room

Summer BBQ
Wed. 5:30 PM, Fellowship
Hall

OF NOTE:
Rally Day, Sun. 08/16/2026

Rally Day Potluck
Sign-Up [here](#)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

(03) David Blair
(06) Ben Barraza
(08) Siosua Fihaki
(09) Kathy Culwell
(09) Carol Ann Green

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
Holy Communion and Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming of the Hour

Karen Loughrige

Prelude

Matt Bourne

Words of Welcome

Pastor Akesa

***Call to Worship**

Chuck Vejdovsky

Come, people of God! The Lord calls each of us by name.

We come to listen for God's voice with open hearts.

Like Samuel, may we be ready to say,

"Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening."

Today we celebrate students, teachers, school staff, and all who begin
a new year of learning.

**We ask God to bless every backpack, every classroom, every
lesson, and every friendship.**

We gather as one family of faith, encouraging one another to grow in
wisdom, love, and service.

**Together we will listen, learn, and follow Jesus. Let us worship
God!**

***Opening Prayer (unison)**

Chuck Vejdovsky

Gracious God, you call each of us by name and invite us to listen for
your voice. As a new school year begins, bless our students, teachers,
school staff, and families. Bless these backpacks as symbols of
learning, growth, and your abiding presence. Open our hearts to hear
your word, grant us wisdom to follow your leading, and strengthen us as
a church to nurture one another in faith, love, and service. May we and
our children respond with Samuel's prayer, "Speak, Lord, for Your
servants are listening." In Jesus' name, Amen.

Opening Hymn: *Standing on the Promises

UMH 374

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

***Passing of the Peace**

Burt Yin

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! At Pentecost some people received the Holy Spirit and told the
Good News through the world to all who would hear it. [Repeat Refrain: I
am the church!]*

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

1 Samuel 3:10 NIV

¹⁰ The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Romans 9:1-5 NIV

I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit— 2 I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, 4 the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. 5 Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

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

SERVING YOU TODAY

Rev. Akesa Po'oi Fakava,
Pastor
Kathy Culwell & Burt Yin,
Co-Lay Leaders
Chuck Vejdovsky, Worship
Leader
Matt Bourne, Music Director
Chéri Harris, Special Music
Karen Loughrige, Bells &
Clarinet
Rev. Carrol Newquist, Horn
Noel Babu, Sound Tech
Larry Taylor & Renee
Tanaka, Media Tech
Jim Rees, Head Usher
Jane Yin, Jann Carpenter &
Renuka Devi, Communion
Stewards

Special Music: *You Say*

Chéri Harris
Authored by: Lauren Daigle, Jason Ingram, Paul Mabury,
Bebo Norman, and Michael Donehey

Blessing of the Backpacks

Pastor Akesa
UMH 420
Hymn Response: Breathe on Me, Breath of God
(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

Prayers of the People

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

Scriptures: 1 Samuel 3:10 and Romans 9:1-5 NIV

Chuck Vejdovsky

Sermon: *Listening for God's Voice Together*

Pastor Akesa

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

Burt Yin

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

Burt Yin

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 13

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, in whom you revealed yourself, our light and our salvation. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

The 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.

***Closing Hymn:** *Jesus, Name above All Names*

TFWS 2071

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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