



Sunday, September 27, 2026, 10 AM

Castro Valley United Methodist Church

Welcome to Castro Valley United Methodist Church.
We are thankful you are here.
May the God of hope fill you with abundant joy and peace.



Make your
tithes & offering
online

TODAY:

Coffee Fellowship

11:00 AM, Fellowship Hall

GATHERINGS THIS WEEK

Food-2-Go Distribution

Tue. 10:00 AM, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday Friends

Tue. 10:30 AM, Fireside Room

Choir Practice

Thurs. 7:00 PM, Fireside Room

Men's Club Breakfast

Sat. 9:30 AM, Fireside Room

OF NOTE:

World Communion Sunday and International Day

10/02, See flyer [here](#)

Blessing of the Animals

10/10, 11:00 AM, Front Courtyard

Advent Book Study

starting on Oct. 11, 11:30 AM, Room 5. See Bobbi for the book.

Trunk or Treat

Oct. 25 · 11:30–1:00, Donations & volunteers needed. See Bobbi to donate and volunteer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

(27) Miguel Chavez
(27) Akesa Fakava
(27) Emiliana Badarello
(01) Nan Halstead
(03) Carole Annas



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

Chiming of the Hour

Karen Loughrige

Prelude: *The Lord's Prayer*

Matt Bourne

by Albert Hay Malotte and Brian Wilson

Words of Welcome

Dr. Karl W. Lampley

***Call to Worship**

Chuck Vejdovsky

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord!

Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving.

Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down.

ALL: Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. Amen.

***Opening Prayer (unison)**

Chuck Vejdovsky

Gracious and compassionate God, all authority is Yours in heaven and on earth.

Your light shines in the darkness and the darkness does not overcome it. Your Word sounds forth and accomplishes what it sets out to do. Your salvation extends to the ends of the earth. Your mercy endures forever. We praise your holy name and we hope in Your everlasting promises. We give thanks for eternal life and we pray for our deliverance. Lift up our heads that we might worship You. Redeem us and heal us that we might proclaim your kingdom to the ends of the earth. Save us by Your Spirit. Amen.

Opening Hymn: *God of Grace and God of Glory

UMH 577

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: This Little Light of Mine

UMH 585

*(singing) This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

Anthem: *If It Had Not Been for the Lord*

Chancel Choir

By Margaret P. Douroux

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

Matthew 21:23-32 (NKJV)

Now when He came into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people confronted Him as He was teaching, and said, "By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority?" But Jesus answered and said to them, "I also will ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things: The baptism of John—where was it from? From heaven or from men?" And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'From men,' we fear the multitude, for all count John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus and said, "We do not know." And He said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

"But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go, work today in my vineyard.' He answered and said, 'I will not,' but afterward he regretted it and went. Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said to Him, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him; but tax collectors and harlots believed him; and when you saw it, you did not afterward relent and believe him.

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

Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP RESOURCES

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

Children's Moment

Hymn Response: Father, I Adore You
(singing) *Father, I adore you, lay my life before you, how I love you.*
Jesus, I adore you, lay my life before you, how I love you.

Burt Yin
TFWS 2038

Life of the Community

Burt Yin

Prayers of the People

Burt Yin

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

Community's Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Dr. Karl W. Lampley

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.

Scripture: Matthew 21:23-32 (NKJV)

Chuck Vejdovsky

Sermon: The Parable of the Two Sons

Dr. Karl W. Lampley

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

The Doxology No. 94: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
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.

***Closing Hymn: Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me**

UMH 361

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***Benediction**

Dr. Karl W. Lampley

Postlude: Fugue in E Major, BWV 878
by J.S. Bach

Matt Bourne

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

SERVING YOU TODAY

Dr. Karl W. Lampley, Guest Preacher
Burt Yin, Co-Lay Leader
Chuck Vejdovsky, Worship Leader
Matt Bourne, Music Director
Karen Loughrige, Bells & Clarinet
Rev. Carrol Newquist, Horn
Noel Babu, Sound Tech
Jim Rees, Head Usher
Larry Taylor & Renee Tanaka, Media Tech



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