



Sunday, October 25, 2026, 10 AM

Castro Valley United Methodist Church

Welcome to Castro Valley United Methodist Church.

We are thankful and joyful you're here to worship and fellowship with God and one another.



Make your
tithes & offering
online

TODAY:

Coffee Fellowship

11:00 AM, Fellowship Hall

Trunk or Treat

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

GATHERINGS THIS WEEK

Tuesday Friends

Tue. 10:30 AM, Fireside Room

Food-2-Go Distribution

Tue. 10:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

Bible Study, Prayer & Fellowship

Wed. 10:00 AM, Fireside Room

Choir Practice

Thurs. 7:00 PM, Fireside Room

Popcorn Ministry

Fri. 6:00 PM, Room 5

OF NOTE:

All Saints Sunday & Holy Communion

Nov. 1 · Join us as we remember and give thanks for the saints who have gone before us.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

(27) Randy Shilling
(27) Hannah Callen
(28) Ema Tuita
(28) Jean Bridgeman
(29) Mike Brodie
(30) Diane Dutra
(30) Elaine Wilson
(31) Mark Wilson
(31) Jake Pereur



Order of Christian Worship Reformation Sunday

Chiming of the Hour

Karen Loughrige

Prelude: *L'organiste, No. 1 in F Major*
Cesar Franck

Matt Bourne

Words of Welcome

Pastor Akesa

*Call to Worship

Leo Tuttle

God welcomes us with grace and calls us by name.

We come with grateful hearts, ready to worship.

God has entrusted us with gifts to share.

We bring our prayers, our resources, and our willingness to serve.

Christ calls us to share the good news and our very selves.

We offer our attention, our compassion, and our love.

Holy Spirit, renew your church and guide our lives.

ALL: Shape us into a generous community, sharing your love with the world!

*Opening Prayer (unison)

Leo Tuttle

Gracious God, you welcome us before we have anything to offer. Open our hearts to your Word and renew us through your grace. As we reflect on the gifts entrusted to us, help us recognize the blessing of sharing our lives. Give us courage to serve, tenderness to care, and generosity to support your ministry. On this Reformation Sunday, keep shaping your church into a community of faithful love. May our worship prepare us to follow Jesus with our whole selves. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

UMH 557 vv. 1, 2 & 3

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.*

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

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 NRSVue

¹You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed, ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

Thanks be to God.

SERVING YOU TODAY

Rev. Akesa Po'oi Fakava, Pastor
Burt Yin, Co-Lay Leader
Leo Tuttle, Worship Leader
Ted de Castro, Sound Tech
Matt Bourne, Music Director
Jim Rees, Head Usher
Karen Loughrige, Bells
Larry Taylor & Renee Tanaka,
Media Tech

Anthem: *Living Spirit, Holy Fire*
Lori True and Ruth Duck

Chancel Choir

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.

Pastor Akesa
TFWS 2038

Stewardship Moment

Janet Alfaro, on behalf of Laurel Alexander

Life of the Community

Burt Yin

Prayers of the People

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

Burt Yin

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.

Scripture: *1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 NRSVue*

Leo Tuttle

Sermon: *Sharing More Than Our Gifts*

Pastor Akesa

***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:** *God of Love and God of Power*

UMH 578 vv. 1, 2 & 4

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***Benediction**

Pastor Akesa

Postlude: *Prelude on "St. Dunstan's"*

Leo Sowerby

Matt Bourne

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

WORSHIP RESOURCES

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



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