



Sunday, November 16, 2025, 9 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

Advent Book Study
"Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph"
 11:30 – 12:15 pm, Room 5

GATHERINGS THIS WEEK
Committee on Lay Leadership & Development Meeting
 Mon. 1 pm, Fireside Room

Food 2 Go
 Tue. 10:00 am, Fellowship Hall
 Help needed & food available

Tuesday Friends
 Tue. 10:30 am Fireside Room

Choir Practice
 Thur. 7pm, Fireside Room

Popcorn Ministry
 Fri. 6 pm, Room 5
 Movie: *"Hacksaw Ridge"*
 2010 – Rated R for battle scenes

Clean Up Day – need your help
 Sat. 9 – 1 pm
 Followed by pizza lunch

UPCOMING EVENTS
Thanksgiving Feast
 Thurs. 11/27, 12:30 Appetizers
 1:30 pm Dinner
 RSVP and/or volunteer in F'ship Hall or contact the office

Church Conference
 Sun. 12/7, 12:30 pm, Fireside Room

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
 (18) Tiffany Ahrens
 (18) Uaine Siakumi

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 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost Dedication & Consecration of 2026 Commitment to Generosity

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
 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 – As a Fire Is Meant for Burning – TFWS 2237 Chancel Choir

Scripture: Luke 21:5-19 NRSVue Elaine Wilson
See other side for the scripture
 This is the Word of God, for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Trust Beyond the Stones Pastor Akesa

Generosity Moment Chuck Vejdovsky

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

Dedication & Consecration of Our 2026 Commitment to Generosity

The Doxology: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH 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: Pastor Akesa
 Faithful God, in a world where so much feels uncertain and temporary, you call us to place our trust in what truly endures; your love, your mission, and your kingdom. As we offer these pledges, set our hearts not on things that crumble, but on the work that lasts: sharing grace, serving neighbors, and bearing witness to Christ. Strengthen us with the endurance Jesus promised, so that our giving becomes an act of courage and hope. Use these commitments, and use us, for your purposes in this community and beyond. We dedicate our pledges, and we dedicate ourselves, in the name of Jesus, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

Life of the Community Chuck Vejdovsky

Benediction Pastor Akesa

Scripture: Luke 21:5-19 NRSVue

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." ⁷They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. ⁹"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹²"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.

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