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~ Fifth Sunday of Easter ~

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

"Trumpet Voluntary"

- Thomas Pavlechko

THE BELL

RECALLING WHY WE ARE HERE

One: United by God's love, let us sing together.

**All: Sing praise to our Creator, God of grace and mercy.**

One: To the Redeemer Christ, we sing with hearts filled with love.

**All: Let us praise the Spirit, the most holy Comforter.**

One: Let us worship God!

\*SONG

"The Church's One Foundation"

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PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

email requests to: [prayer@missionhillsucc.org](mailto:prayer@missionhillsucc.org)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our God, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

RESPONSE

"Praise to God"

*Unison*



1 Praise to God, praise to God, for the green - ness  
3 Sing to God, sing to God, for the grace of



of the trees, for the beau - ty of the flowers, for the bless - ing  
Je - sus Christ, for the love of par - ent God, for the com - fort



of the sky, for the great - ness of the sea.  
and the strength of the Spir - it, ho - ly God.



Praise to God, praise to God, now and for - ev - er - more.  
Sing to God, sing to God, now and for - ev - er - more.

ANTHEM

“Arirang” (Korean Folk Song)

- Russell Robinson

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

\*PASSING THE PEACE

RESPONSE

“Sekai no Tomo”



*Solo* 1 Se - ka - i no to - mo to te o tsu - na - gi,

*All* 1 Here, O God, your ser - vants gath - er, hand we link in hand;

*All* 2 Man - y are the tongues we speak, scat - tered are the lands,



Jyu - ji - ka no mo - to ni ta - tsu wa - re - ra,

look - ing toward our Sav - ior's cross, joined in love we stand.

yet our hearts are one in God, one in love's de - mands.



Ka - mi no mi - ku - ni o me - a - te to - shi,

As we seek the realm of God, we u - nite to pray:

In de - spair our hope ap - pears, call - ing age and youth:



Shu Ye - su no mi - chi o su - su - mi - yu - kan.

Je - sus, Sav - ior, guide our steps, for you are the Way.

Je - sus, Teach - er, dwell with us, for you are the Truth.

Text by Tokuo Yamaguchi; transl by Everett M. Stowe | Tune “Isao Koizumi” by Isao Koizumi  
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THE READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE Psalm 22:25-31

[\(click here to follow along\)](#)

THE READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Acts 5:1-6

[\(click here to follow along\)](#)

SERMON “Pretending”

*\*indicates all who are able, please stand*

## SONG

## "Golden Breaks the Dawn"



1 Gold - en breaks the dawn; comes the east - ern sun  
 2 Ho - ly, liv - ing God, keep me safe to - day;  
 3 Give me dai - ly bread, while I do my part,



like a rid - er strong, set the course to run.  
 though I wea - ry plod, make me kind, I pray.  
 bright skies o - ver - head, glad - ness in my heart.



Birds a - bove me fly; flow - ers bloom be - low;  
 Let me guide our youth, hon - or weak and old;  
 Sim - ple wants pro - vide; e - vil let me shun,



through the earth and sky God's great mer - cies flow.  
 let me serve with truth, and God's love un - fold.  
 Je - sus at my side, till the day is done.

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COMMUNITY BUILDING – Announcements

PACIFIC ISLANDER ASIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MOMENT

Susan Namba - POVUCC

FAITH IN ACTION

Feeding Mission Hills

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Reflection on "Thine the Amen"

– Al Roberts

SONG

"In Christ There is No East or West"

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in Christ no South or North;  
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com - mu - nion find;  
 3 In Christ is nei - ther Jew nor Greek, and nei - ther slave nor free;  
 4 In Christ now meet both East and West, in Christ meet South and North;

But one com - mu - ni - ty of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
 God's ser - vice is the gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
 For men and wom - en live in God, and all are kin to me.  
 One joy - ous, true com - mu - ni - ty through - out the whole wide earth.

Text by John Oxenham | Tune "MCKEE" by H. T. Burleigh

\*BENEDICTION

\*AFFIRMATION "O May the Peace of God"

O may the peace of God be  
 with you ev - er more, and may the pow'r of God's great love your  
 soul a - gain - re - store. And may you al - ways know God's  
 ne - ver - end - ing - care, and feel God's gra - cious  
 Spi - rit u - pon you ev - 'ry - where

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POSTLUDE

"Rigaudon"

- André Campra

**Welcome** to all worshipping with us today. If you are new to Mission Hills UCC, we invite you to fill out the blue card in the pew so we can get to know you and share more about our ministries and community life. We are a church that welcomes families with children in every aspect of our common life. During worship, child care services are available in the church nursery for those under three years of age. Baby changing tables are available in the unisex bathrooms.

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<i>Pastor</i>	Rev. Dr. David Bahr
<i>Minister for Congregational Care</i>	Rev. Janalee Borja
<i>Liturgist</i>	Sunday School
<i>Director of Instrumental Music</i>	Kristopher Abels
<i>Director of Vocal Music</i>	Angelica Eclar
<i>Director of Ministry with Children and Families</i>	Artcel Ruiz
<i>Director of Ministry with Youth</i>	Fiona Case
<i>Worship Technologies Coordinator</i>	Saige Afalava
<i>Worship Technical Assistants</i>	Devin Buss & Trevor Norkowski
<i>Trumpet</i>	Eric Bernhard
<i>Administrative Assistant</i>	Elizabeth Quiñones
<i>Sexton</i>	Gloria Schacht
<i>Nursery Attendants</i>	Gianna Ruiz & Amelia Norkowski
<i>ASL Interpreter</i>	Melissa Smith

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### **Mission Hills UCC - Upcoming Events**

<b>May</b>	<b>Mission Partner: Just in Time</b>
Friday, 5/3	Knitting 2 Give, 10 am - 12 pm, Commons
Sunday, 5/5	Youth Sunday
Sunday, 5/12	Baptism of Hana Marrone
Thursday, 5/16	Knitting 2 Give, 2-4 pm, Commons
Friday, 5/17	Kids & Family Bowling Night
Sunday, 5/19	Everybody Has Somebody Program, 11:30 am, Commons
Tuesday, 5/21	Feeding Mission Hills Food Distribution, 10:30 am

<b>June</b>	<b>Mission Partner: Strengthen the Church</b>
Saturday, 6/1	Gathering of Conveners, 9-12
Sunday, 6/2	Rock n Roll Marathon, Service delayed to 11 am
Friday, 6/7	Knitting 2 Give, 10 am - 12 pm, Commons
Sunday, 6/9	Music Appreciation Sunday
Mon, 6/10 - Fri. 6/14	Vacation Bible School
Sunday, 6/16	Sunday School Teacher Appreciation
Tuesday, 6/18	Feeding Mission Hills Food Distribution, 10:30 am
Thursday, 6/20	Knitting 2 Give, 2-4 pm, Commons
Sun. 6/23 - Fri. 6/28	UCC Youth Event, Long Beach
Sunday, 6/23	Organ Concert, 4 pm
Sunday, 6/30	Ecclesiastical Meeting, after worship

#### **Every Week:**

Sundays -	ReExamining Our Faith Book Study - 9 am - Commons
	Choir Practice - 9 am - Sanctuary
Tuesdays -	Men's Group - 6:30 pm - Commons
Thursdays -	Lunch and Lectionary Bible Study - Noon - Zoom
	Choir Practice - 7 pm - Sanctuary

**For events, visit our online calendar:** <https://missionhillsucc.org/calendar-of-events/>

# "The Church's One Foundation"

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ our Lord;  
4 We here on earth have un - ion with God, the Three - in - One,

we are Christ's new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word;  
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

One name to - geth - er bless - ing, one ho - ly food we share,  
O hap - py ones and ho - ly! God, give us grace that we,

to one hope we are press - ing, at one in work and prayer.  
like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

Text by Samuel J. Stone  
Tune "AURELIA" by Samuel S. Wesley