

**FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

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Mother's Day Sunday
May 14, 2023



PRELUDE

*Air from Suite
No.3* J.S. Bach

GREETING & CENTERING

**WELCOMING THE LIGHT
INTO OUR MIDST**
UMC 558(vs. 2)
We Are the Church

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Today we celebrate our mothers, grandmothers, aunties, and all the women who have loved us.

All: Thank you God for giving them in our lives and loving us through them.

One: We gather together to worship our loving and nurturing God,

All: Who, like a mother, knows us intimately, loves us unconditionally,

One: Teaches us the way we should go,

All: and comforts us in times of need.

One: We remember with deep gratitude all the ways they demonstrated their love for us.

All: Today, we celebrate our mothers in all forms because we learn God's love through their love.

One: For their tears, for their hugs, for their wisdom, for their unfailing trust in our abilities,

All: we thank God for them as we celebrate your love among us.

Amen.

*OPENING HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* UMH 384

LIFE & WORK OF FREMONT FIRST CHURCH

(A time for announcements and passing the peace of Christ.)

STORIES OF OUR MOTHERS

HYMN *There is a Spirit of Love in This Place* W&S 3148 (Vs. 1)

COMMUNITY PRAYER

HYMN OF ILLUMINATION *Sanctuary* FWS 2164

SCRIPTURE READING Chris Rothaug

Psalm 66:8-20 (pg. 459)
John 14:15-21 (pg. 877)

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

MESSAGE "Bookend Love" Pastor Youngmi Jung

OFFERTORY *Ye Have Done It unto Me* Connole
Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 94

*CLOSING HYMN *Spirit of God* FWS 2117 (Vs. 1,2 & 4)

FOLLOWING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION *Go Now in Peace* UMH 665

POSTLUDE *Allegro for Two Trumpets* Vivaldi

FELLOWSHIP

Today's altar flowers are honoring Greg and Doris Green's Great granddaughter, a new mother Megan Beshwati and Baby Zachary Michael was born on May 5th, 2023!

WORSHIP LEADER
MUSIC DIRECTOR
SCRIPTURE READER
USHERS
TECH TEAM
NURSERY

Valerie McLauchlan
Brent Peterson
Chris Rothaug
Bob and Jeanne Delp
Jay S., Mark S., and Pete Z.
Jeanne Delp



Community Prayer

Loving God, we know your love because we have mothers. We thank you for the mothers who carried us in their wombs, nourishing, protecting, and bringing us into the world. We thank you for the mothers who did not give birth to us, yet loved us just the same. With gratitude we remember their words of encouragement when we have felt unsure or afraid; we thank you for the times when they corrected us rather than letting us continue down wrong paths. Help us to live fully so that their investment in us might not be in vain.

Keep us mindful of those for whom this is a difficult day, or their memories are too painful, of those who could not parent, or who were afflicted. Help us to reach out to them.

(Please add your own prayers in silence.)

Give us hearts of love in all places and times.
In the Name of the Risen Christ, we pray.

Amen.

What is happening at FUMC this week

Tuesday, May 16th (9:30 a.m. Centering Prayer Meditation - Online)

Wednesday, May 17th (6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal)

Wednesday, May 17th (7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal)

El Camino Real District Conference and Pre-Annual Conference Briefing on Zoom- May 20, 9am-noon
Pastor and Lay members to Annual Conference attending.

Looking Ahead

May 21 –Justice Forum Sunday –
(Justice Moment Speaker DiAnn Perko)

May 28 –**Pentecost Sunday (Wear Red)**



This year's Annual Conference (June 15th-18th, 2023) offering is to support **Native American Ministries**. Special Offerings will be collected throughout May, and lay members Valerie and Peggy along with the Pastor will bring a check to the Annual Conference for a closing worship service on **Sunday, June 18**.

eFOCUS Newsletter: The May Newsletter is now available. Extra copies are available in the Narthex.

Food donations: Please bring nonperishable food, baby food, toilet paper, or laundry soap for FUMC donations to LOV Food Pantry Plus.

Homeless Ministry: if you have any donations for the Homeless ministry, please bring your donation to Church on Sundays or contact Pastor Youngmi to arrange a drop off.

Offering: The offering plate is placed at the narthex. Please feel free to put your tithes and donations on the offering plate before or after the service.

First Fremont United Methodist Church's mission is:
*"To worship God, nurture one another,
and manifest the love of Jesus in the community and the world."*