

# **United Methodist Church of Yucaipa**

## **Worship Service for February 23, 2025 - 9:20 am**

*\*Stand as you are able*

**Hymn Sing** *raise your hand with a favorite hymn number*

**Prelude** Diane Kovach

**Greetings and Announcements** Judith Thompson

**\*Call to Worship** *(Contributed by Pastor Phillips)*

**L:** We, the believers, call upon you, O heavenly Father.

**P:** We, the believers, call upon you, O merciful Savior

**L:** We, the believers, call upon you, O ever-present Counselor

**P:** Come and manifest your presence among us and be glorified at our worship

**\*Hymn** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" hymn #155 (vs 1-3)

**Passing of the Peace**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Unison Prayer**

**Dear Lord Jesus,**

**You know us altogether. You know our every move. You are familiar with all our ways.**

**Before a word is on our tongue, you know it completely. We stand before your presence**

**always. We may try to run to the farthest place, but you are still there. Show us if we have any offensive way toward you and lead us in the way everlasting. In your precious name, Amen.**

*(After the prayer of David in Psalm 139, revised by Phillips)*

**Silent Prayer / Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer**

**Young at Heart Moments**

Deb Davidson

**Hymn** "Just as I Am, Without One Plea" hymn #357 (vs 1-3)

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 12:1-12

**Message**

Rev. Phillips Whang

*"The Ultimate Reality"*

**The Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings**

**Offertory**

Diane Kovach

\* **Doxology**

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\* **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

\* **Hymn** "O Happy Day, That Fixed My Choice" hymn #391 (vs 1-3)

\* **Benediction**

\* **Taking the Light of Christ into the World**

\* **Congregational Response**

**"Go Now In Peace"**

Go now in peace.

Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true.

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

## The Ultimate Reality

We live in the presence of God every day. Whether we recognize it or not, God is ever-watchful. Nothing escapes his notice; he looks into our hearts and understands exactly what we conceal within. God is never deceived. As stated in Hebrews 4:13 (NIV), "Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give an account." Religious leaders like the Pharisees failed to acknowledge this and became hypocrites. God showed Ezekiel an example of this in a vision (Ezekiel 8). The priests had erected an idol of jealousy in the court of the Jerusalem temple. They had made a hidden wall on which they drew all kinds of images of idols. They appeared to have gone into the temple to worship God, but in actuality, they were worshiping idols, thinking "The Lord does not see us" (Ezekiel 8:12). Consequently, their utterly detestable practices drove God far away from the temple. It caused him to send the Babylonians to destroy the temple in 586 BC. God is the ultimate reality that no one can deny or escape. But we often seek to display our virtue before others, even when it takes covering up other things. We tend to focus on "what people will think of me", instead of "what will God think of me." Let us not waste time trying to white-wash ourselves, but be honest before God.

# United Methodist Church of Yucaipa “The House of Faith”

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Church Office Hours: Monday – Thursday  
from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

*Please pray for:*

*The Brown Family in the loss of Darlene Brown;  
Judy Salveson's brother Matthew Buckley;  
Darlene Coleman; Bruce & Linda Crabtree;  
Helen Davis; Steve Dyerly; Kenny Lingle  
and his brother-in-law Pat Fletcher;  
The Family of Nancy Greening;*

*David Brown's sister Melissa Higginson;  
Kenny Lingle's former Pastor Terri Hill,  
friends Alice and Dr John Calleja;  
Jamie, Preston and Lyla Fletcher in the loss of Chelsee,  
Alicia Medina; Rachael Moore; Lorene Muñoz;  
The Barretts in the loss of brother Ruben Penalosa, Jr.;  
The Popejoy Family in the loss of Lorraine;  
Jerry Pugh at Arrowhead Medical;  
The Family of Maynard and Nancy Reitzler;  
Ralph Snook; Alison Spiegel; Larry Stiff;  
George Weeks; The Ray Wilson family;  
Pastor Jill Darling in the loss of Arlon;  
Pastor Phillips Whang;  
District Superintendent Rev. Moonyoung Lee;  
Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank; the Church;  
our nation and our world.  
Please pray for our brothers and sisters at  
Saint Andrews UMC in Santa Maria.  
Please pray for growth in our churches  
and a return to worship.  
Please pray for all the victims  
of war and natural disasters.  
Pray for peace.*

*If you have additions or corrections  
to the prayer list,  
please contact the office.*

## **Here's what is happening at Yucaipa UMC!**

### ***Parent's Night Out***

*is free for children ages 5 and up.*

*Our next meeting is on Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>  
from 6:00 pm until 8:30 pm.*

*Held downstairs Fellowship Hall, Faith Theater 2.  
Bring your children for good friends, games,  
free playtime, crafts and a hearty snack!*

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### ***Free Saturday Movies!***

*"Heaven is for Real"*

*Showing March 1st at 11 am in Faith Theater 2*

*Doors open at 10:30 am*

*Low-cost snacks available!*

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### ***The March Pastor's lunch***

*will be held on March 12th, 2025 at noon at  
Legend China 8 in Calimesa.*

*The cost is \$15.00.*

*Please sign up at the Scrip table in Fellowship Hall  
or call the church office.*

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*Check the website ([www.yucaipamethodist.org](http://www.yucaipamethodist.org))  
for information and remember to keep in contact  
with one another.*