Worship Leaders and Participants

Akanesi Tupou, Pastor
Hilde Garrison, Lay Leader
Doris Aw, Liturgist
Valerie Tambaoan, Music Director
Melino Brown, Acolyte
Steven Lang, A/V Tech
Bob Galland and Frank Deckon, Ushers/Greeters

Matthew 4:4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Weekly Scripture Reading/Lectionary reading:

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm 80:17, 17-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

Join us in the Fireside Room right after service for snacks and a wonderful opportunity to meet, connect and fellowship with your fellow worshippers. We look forward to seeing you there!

November 22, 2026
'26th Sunday After Pentecost'
9:30 AM
Temple City First United Methodist Church
5957 Golden West Ave. Temple City, CA 91780

***** = ***Please stand as you are able***

Gather

Prelude	Valerie Tambaoan
The Light of Christ Enters	Acolyte
Welcome	Pastor Akanesi Tupou
Announcements	Hilde Garrison

*****Call to Worship — Doris Aw and the People

Liturgist: Family of God, on this Reign of Christ Sunday, we celebrate and remember Christ, who reigns over all creation with love and grace, forming us as a family bound together by God.

Congregation: We come to worship Christ, who cares for the least of these and calls us to do the same.

Liturgist: We gather to recount all the ways we encounter Christ in our midst —in our neighbor who checks in when we're sick, in our unhoused friends who gather for a meal, in our friends who have been wounded in body and spirit.

Congregation: We come to worship Christ, who cares for the least of these and reminds us to do the same.

Liturgist: We join our voices with Christians throughout the world and throughout time to give thanks and to seek guidance as we grow in love of God, neighbor, self, and creation.

Congregation: **We come to worship Christ, who cares for the least of these and inspires us to do the same.**

Liturgist: Come, you blessed by God, with open hearts, open arms, and open doors to welcome and embrace all of our neighbors, because when we love our neighbors, we love Christ among us.

All: **We come to worship Christ, who cares for the least of these and empowers us to do the same. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*Opening Praise Songs: Valerie Tambaoan
'Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing' UMH #400
'Give Thanks' Hosanna! Music

Opening Prayer — Doris Aw and the People

Sovereign God, the wind blows, the water flows, and the sun shines. All creation declares your majesty. In you, we move, live, and have our being. Be glorified in our worship. Be known by our testimony. We proclaim your goodness from the east and the west, from the north and the south. On countrysides and city blocks, you reign. In deep valleys and skyscrapers, we declare that your realm extends from everlasting to everlasting. We worship you, Holy One, in spirit and in truth. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer — Doris Aw and the People

*Affirmation of Faith - Apostle's Creed — Doris Aw and the People

*Passing the Peace of Christ — Congregation

Listen

Prayer of Illumination — Doris Aw

First Scripture Reading — Ephesians 1:15-23
- Read by Doris Aw

Youth Message — Pastor Akanesi Tupou

Special Music — *'Many Gifts, One Spirit'* — Chancel Choir

*Gospel Reading — Matthew 25:31-46 — All

Sermon: **'The King Will Judge'** — **Pastor Akanesi Tupou**

Respond

Invitation to Offering — Pastor Akanesi Tupou

*Doxology — *'Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow'* — UMH #95

*Offertory Prayer — Congregation

Gracious and loving God, we give you thanks for your goodness, grace, and faithfulness. Receive these gifts as expressions of our gratitude and love. May they help feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, care for those in need, and share the love of Jesus Christ in our community. May our giving and our living reflect your grace. In Christ's name, Amen.

Serve

*Closing Hymn — *'Crown Him with Many Crowns'* — UMH #327

*Benediction — Pastor Akanesi Tupou

*Postlude — *'Shalom to You'* — UMH #666

Worship Notes

Today's Altar Flowers were generously donated by Hilde Garrison in loving memory of her dad