**Crescenta Valley United Methodist Church**

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We are a United Methodist ‘Reconciling Church’, which means we believe God blesses every human being inclusive of every gender and sexuality. Our fellowship is further inclusive of every ethnicity, faith history, age, physical and mental ability, economic status, marital status, and family configuration. We believe a diverse community makes our faith stronger, our spirituality deeper, and our service more effective.

**20th Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 26, 2025**

PRELUDE: “Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord” 2131  Band

WELCOME Pastor Kevin

\*WELCOMING THE SPIRIT “Spirit of the Living God” 593    Congregation

 (\*An asterisk indicates standing if comfortable and able)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Jeanne Lavieri

**Leader:** We gather today not with the pride of the Pharisee, who counted his own righteousness, but with the humble heart of the tax collector, who declared, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner".

**All:** We come seeking refuge in a world that can feel overwhelming, knowing that God is our hope and our refuge.

**Leader**: We are here to listen, not to judge ourselves or others, but to receive God's grace. We come to be reminded that "those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted".

**All:** We come to worship with our whole selves, ready to let God shape and grow us through the Holy Spirit.

Leader: Let us abandon the hope of gaining access to God on the basis of our own merits and cling instead to Christ's righteousness. Let us worship God, for we are God's people, blessed and loved. Come, let us worship God.

**\*** OPENING SONG “Come Let Us Worship” (Strathdee)  Congregation

ANNOUNCEMENTS Jeanne Lavieri

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please give a greeting of Peace to those around you with a gentle elbow bump. It is customary to say, “*Peace be with you*”, or respond with, “*And also with you*

THE CONGREGATION IN PRAYER

Prayer Chorus “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” TFWS 2193 Congregation

Communal Prayer Jeanne Lavieri

 Communal Prayer followed by The Lord’s Prayer

(Please call God the name that is most comfortable for you when we join in saying The Lord’s Prayer)

Our Maker, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

## SCRIPTURE Luke 18:9-14 Jeanne Lavieri

**The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector**

9He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 10“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ 13But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ 14I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

 Leader: With the hearing of God’s Word, we are blessed.

 People: May the Spirit help us hear what God is saying.

MESSAGE Pastor Kevin Kang

\*CLOSING SONG “The Calling” (Mary Chapin Carpenter) Choir & Congregation

\*BENEDICTION

OFFERING: As you leave the sanctuary at the end of the service, we will be collecting the offering. Please give as you are able, with no obligation. Let us give thanks to God for the gifts we have—whether in service or money—to support the work of our church and reach out to those in need.

Serving In Worship

**Liturgist:** Jeanne Lavieri

**Musicians:** Holly Pyle, song leader; Tim Kobza, lead guitarist; Alexis Sklarevski, bass; Barb Catlin, pianist

**Tech Team:** CVUMC lay members Edmond Hambarsumian, Kim Mawhinney, Kathy Midgley, Andrew Midgley, Molly Burke

**Hospitality:**  The Midgley Family

Life In The Congregation / Announcements

**CVUMC Youth Group:** The Youth Group meets every Friday at 6pm. All youth from 6th Grade to College are welcome! See Janice Burke if you are interested.

**Charge Conference:** This is our annual Charge Conference church business meeting which will include the CVUMC Korean Congregation and Tujunga UMC. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 5th on zoom from 6:30-8:30pm. We’ll share the link closer to the meeting date.

**The Lunch Bunch:**Join us next month for some food and fellowship. We'll meet at 11:30am on Friday, November 7th at Magpie’s in La Canada. Feel free to simply show up and we'll grab some tables and enjoy each other's company.

**See all announcements on the Friday CVUMC Email Blast – If you are a visitor and would like to get our email you can fill in the card in the pew with your information and we will add you to our list.**

**Crescenta Valley UMC Staff**

**Pastor:** Kevin Kang

**Pastoral Intern:** Pastor Hae In Lee

Korean Language Pastor: Rev. Yeoung Keun Kim Child Care Center Director: Shonna Clark

**Office Administrator**: Karyn Kemmerer **Facility & Tech Coordinator:** Molly Burke

**Music Director/Pianist**: Barb Catlin **Band**: Ricky Cosentino, Tim Kobza, Alexis Sklarevski

**CVUMC Office Hours:** Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday: 12:00-5:00pm

**California Pacific Annual Conference Leadership**

**Resident Bishop:** Rev. Dottie Escobedo-Frank **North District Superintendent:** Rev. Garth Gilliam