

This week's dedicated friends:

Ushers:	Dianna B	Lay Leader:	Allan Phillips
Offering Counter:	Andy Coltart	Newsletter:	Laura Johnson
Children's sermon:	Judy Riedy	Accompanist:	Jonathan Wing
Scripture:	Ron Whiteside	Music Director:	Bill Alley
Fellowship:	N/A	Website:	Viliani Fe'aomoeata (interim)

From Pastor Kata'i'i: *Go to celebrate the God who is our home forever. Go and follow Christ's example in loving God, self, and neighbor. And Go with the Holy Spirit to change the World with love!*

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August Birthdays:

Kathleen Nelson	5
Kataii Faanati	5
Teresa Chung	8
Destiny Brouwer	12
Elizabeth Kurr	12
Kaifa Tapa	18
Mary Brouwer	25
Lavinia Orecchia	27
Fehoko Tae	27

Wedding Anniversary

Crystal Springs United Methodist Church

CRYSTAL SPRINGS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY
August 23
2026

SCRIPTURE READING
MATTHEW 16:13-20

Happy
ARE THOSE WHO
KNOW THE
Christ
IS THE SON OF GOD

*“ Simon Peter answered,
‘You are the Messiah,
the Son of the living God.’
Jesus replied,
‘You are Peter,
and I will build my church
on this rock, and the gates
of Hades will not overcome it.’ ”*
MATTHEW 16:16-18



WORSHIP WITH US
10:00 AM
ALL ARE WELCOME
Come, Grow, Serve, Belong

*Faith
Built on
the Rock*
MATTHEW 16:18

We are a caring church family that nurtures creative spiritual growth within ourselves and the community.

August 23rd, 2026: Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.

Upon entering the Worship Center, please be aware of those who are preparing for worship in Silent Meditation.
“Be still and know that I am God.” (Psalm 46:10)

Meditation: "Who You Say I Am"

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Welcome

Pastor Kata’i Tapa

*Call to Worship

L: In a world where powerful people make decisions to lift themselves up and cast others aside, how does God teach us to use our power?

P: God teaches us to protect the vulnerable, resist the oppressors, and persist in doing good.

L: In a world where power means might, how does God show us what power means?

P: God shows us through the midwives’ daring, Peter’s truth-telling, and Jesus’ humility.

L: In a world where power is held over people’s heads, how does God exercise power?

P: God exercises power with—with the oppressed, with the outcasts, with the poor and downtrodden.

L: Beloved, we gather to recognize our world as it is and to grow as disciples and imitators of Christ. So, how will you use your power today?

ALL: We will side with the vulnerable, build community in the margins, and love all of our neighbors with the exuberant and all-encompassing love of Christ. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2026.

Opening hymn: #568 "Christ for the World We Sing" Verses 1, 2 and 4

Children’s Song: “Where Children Belong”

TFWS #223

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Children’s Time

Judy Riedy

Special Music: "Cornerstone"

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Crystal Springs UMC Calendar of Events

Let’s remember Crystal Springs’s Prayer time at **HIGH NOON** everyday!
“Remember God’s Presence and be Grateful! Pray for Peace.”

Mission Statement: “Follow Jesus, Strive in Community, Heal the World”

Theme of August 2026 – "We Choose God’s Ways of Justice and Abundance” / “Fili e Founga ‘a e “Otua koe fakamaau Totonu mo e Mahutafea”

Lectionary Reading this Sunday:

August 23rd -- Exodus 1:8-2:10 -- Psalm 124 -- Romans 12:1-8 -- Matthew 16:13-20

August 30th -- Exodus 3:1-15 -- Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b -- Romans 12:9-21 -- Matthew 16:21-28

Sunday Schedule and Program

10:00a.m. Pastor Kata’i Tapa Zoom Link: 823 2766 6345 PC: 227636

1:00 p.m. Tongan Fellowship

Ministries & Outreach

Every Friday Homeless Outreach: 11:00a.m.-2:00p.m. Feeding the Homeless.

Weekly Devotions:

Mondays: 7 p.m.: Centering Prayer Meditation with Ann Freeman: freeman@my.smccd.edu

Zoom Link: 876 699 1662 PC: 1979

Wednesday: 11 a.m. Bible Study with Taniela Fukofuka

Thursday: 11 a.m. Tongan Centering Devotion

Saturdays: 7 p.m. Lay Speakers Sharing: Pastor Kata’i

Regular Meetings:

Youth Meeting: Every other Friday. 6pm-8pm

4H Cooking:

San Mateo Oaks HOA:

Little Dresses: Every 2nd Thursday of the month.

Church Work Party: Every 1st Saturday of the month

Church Choir: Practice before Service on Sundays

Bell Choir Practice: After Service on Sundays

Time: 1p.m.-4p.m.

Time: 9a.m.-12p.m.

Time: 9a.m.

Time: 11:30

Scripture Reading – Mathew 16: 13-20 Ron Whiteside

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

14 They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

15 “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

17 Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you that you are Peter,[a](#) and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades**[b](#)** will not overcome it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be**[c](#)** bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be**[d](#)** loosed in heaven.” 20 Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

R: This is the Word of God for you, the People of God.

- **P: Thanks be to God.**

Sung Response

“O Word of God” Taizé Song
O Word of God, come into this space.
O Word of God, come send us your grace.
Open our eyes, show us your truth,
transform our lives anew.

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***Witness: “Happy Are Those Who Know that Christ Is the Son of God” -**
Pastor Kata’i’i Tapa

***Sermon hymn: #368 "My Hope Is Built" Verses 1, 3, and 4**

Joys and Concerns: Alan Phillips
The Lord’s Prayer

Offertory: "Faithful One"

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Jonathan Wing, Pianist

Doxology: “Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”

Announcements: Alan Phillips

Postlude: ""In Christ Alone (My Hope Is Found)" .By Stuart Townend and Keith Getty. Arr. by James Koerts. Copyright 2002 Thankyou Music (PRS) (Administered worldwide at EMICMGPublishing.com). All rights reserved.

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Closing Hymn: #389 "Freely, Freely"

- God forgave my sin in Jesus’ name, I’ve been born again in Jesus’ name,
And in Jesus’ name I come to you, to share his love as he told me to.
He said, “Freely, freely, you have received, freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live.”

Benediction: Pastor Kata’i’i Tapa

We Go Into the World

**Please join us in the Fireside Room after the service for fellowship.
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