Crystal Springs United Methodist Church

Sunday Service Bulletin | October 18, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.

This Week’s Dedicated Friends

Ushers	—	Lay Leader	Allan Phillips
Offering Counter	Andy Coltart	Newsletter	Laura Johnson
Children’s Sermon	Judy Riedy	Accompanist	Jean Cole
Scripture	Natalie Gates	Music Director	Bill Alley
Fellowship	Potluck	Website	Viliami 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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Office Hours

Monday	6:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.
Tuesday	6:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
Thursday	10:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Pastor Kata’i’i Tapa | Cell: (916) 670-5098

October Birthdays

Jeremy Gay	1
Terrylynn Orecchia	6
Vince Kurr	7
Asipeli Leua	11
Liliola Brouwer	11
Kathleen Maxwell	13
Ron Whiteside	14
Meleane Tapa	21

Sunday Worship

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Jean is dedicating all her pieces to the memory of Bill Alley.

Meditation

“The God of Abraham Praise”
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Jean Cole, pianist

Welcome | Pastor Kata’i’i Tapa

Call to Worship

L: We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.

P: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

L: The Spirit empowers us to live as imitators of Christ in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

P: We belong to God, and through God, we learn to love one another.

L: The Spirit inspires us to receive God’s Word with joy in a world that rejects the good news.

P: We belong to God, and through God, we live in joy with one another.

L: Come, let us worship in the assurance of God’s love that chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the family of Christ.

P: Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

All: We come to worship God in the assurance that we belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another. Amen.

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

Opening Hymn

#399 “Take My Life and Let It Be” — All verses

Children’s Song

“Where Children Belong” (TFWS #2233)
This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng. Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

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Children’s Time | Judy Riedy

Word & Response

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:15–22 | Natalie Gates

15 Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. 16 They sent their disciples to him along with the
Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in
accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. 17 Tell us then,
what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?” 18 But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You
hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? 19 Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, 20
and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?” 21 “Caesar’s,” they replied. Then he said to them, “So
give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.” 22 When they heard this, they were amazed. So they
left him and went away.

R: This is the Word of God for you, the People of God.
P: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response: “O Word of God”

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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Choir & Sermon

Special Music | “Kum Ba Yah”
Choir anthem | African folk song, arranged by Ken Neufeld. Copyright KGN Productions. Crystal Springs Choir, directed by Joy Eaton; Jean Cole, accompanist.
Sermon Theme | “Our Insight Is Limited; God’s Wisdom Is Everlasting”

Sermon Hymn

#444 “O Young and Fearless Prophet” — Verses 1, 4, and 5

We Go Into the World

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Joys and Concerns | Allan Phillips
The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory | "It Is Well with My Soul"
By Philip P. Bliss. Arr. Daniel Light. Copyright 2020 Daniel Light. Jean Cole, pianist.

Doxology
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Announcements | Allan Phillips

Closing Hymn | #389 "Freely, Freely"
Benediction | Pastor Kata'i'i Tapa
Postlude | "I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing" — Traditional spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes. Copyright 2020 Lorenz Publishing. Jean Cole, pianist.

We Go Into the World
Please join us in the Fireside Room after the service for fellowship.

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Church Calendar & Community

Mission Statement: "Follow Jesus, Strive in Community, Heal the World."
October 2026 theme: "Seeking God's Presence as We Navigate a Beautiful, Yet Brutal World."
Prayer time: Remember Crystal Springs's prayer time at HIGH NOON every day. "Remember God's Presence and be Grateful! Pray for Peace."

Lectionary Readings

October 18: Exodus 33:12–23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10; Matthew 22:15–22
October 25: Deuteronomy 34:1–12; Psalm 90:1–6, 13–17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1–8; Matthew 22:34–46

Sunday Schedule & Ministries

Sunday schedule: 10:00 a.m. Worship with Pastor Kata'i'i Tapa (Zoom ID 823 2766 6345; passcode 227636); 1:00 p.m. Tongan Fellowship.
Friday: Homeless Outreach, 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.; feeding the homeless.
Weekly devotions: Monday, 7:00 p.m. Centering Prayer Meditation with Ann Freeman (freeman@my.smccd.edu; Zoom ID 876 699 1662; passcode 1979); Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. Bible Study with Taniela Fukofuka; Thursday, 11:00 a.m. Tongan Centering Devotion; Saturday, 7:00 p.m. Lay Speakers Sharing with Pastor Kata'i'i.
Regular meetings: Youth Meeting every other Friday, 6:00–8:00 p.m.; Little Dresses every second Thursday, 1:00–4:00 p.m.; Church Work Party every first Saturday, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.; Church Choir practice Sundays at 9:00 a.m.; Bell Choir practice Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

Pastor away: *Pastor will be out of town beginning Friday, October 23, and will return to the office Tuesday, October 27. For pastoral care, contact Deacon Sina Vuna at (650) 781-2029.*