# Our Community of Faith in Worship April 23, 2023

- Please sign the attendance registration, fold and tear along dotted lines and drop in the offering receptacles.
- If you must exit the sanctuary at any time during the service please do so through the double doors to the rear

#### Please silence your cell phones

Prelude

\* Call to Worship

\*Hymn: #404 "I Have a Song That Jesus Gave Me" (v. 1)

\*Worship Choruses and Praise Songs

Special Music

Welcome

Message: Joy No Matter What: Against All Odds Pastor Barry Lovett

\*Hymn: #411 "Happiness Is to Know the Savior" (all verses)

The Congregation Praying

Announcements

Benediction

Postlude

\* Please Stand if Able.

# First Sunday Food & Fellowship

Enjoy a bento & fellowship after worship every 1st Sunday. Place your order in the Courtyard on the Sunday before with Connie Ma Ng or phone the Church office by 11:30 am on the Wednesday before. The next first Sunday is May 7th.



Suggested Donation \$6

### **Prayer Requests**

#### **Submitted This Past Week**

Pray for Tony N. whose back is very painful and he is also dealing with financial problems. Kristen is going through difficulties and needs the Lord's help. Praise the Lord for a good outcome when Rodney needed an ER visit. Pray for the elderly Holocaust survivors as the Holocaust Remembrance Day is observed worldwide. Remember Rosemarie who has been moved to a new care home, that her transition will be comfortable. Remember those whose have recently lost a family member through death: Alex; Michael M.'s son; Ken W.; and Wayne M. Ask the Lord for traveling mercies for Sandra and Tony's families. May Garrett recover from his viruses. Ask the Lord for Gary O. to be healed of diabetes. Pray for a speedy recovery for Pastor's foot/leg. Pray for Ed who has Covid and for Helen's healing from a bad fall.

#### **Submitted Recently**

Remember the Persecuted Church which could not gather on Easter because of death threats and destruction of their homes and churches. May God comfort and protect them in these perilous times. Remember Stanley Tsutsumi who lost his wife of 65 years recently. Pray for a key abortionist at Planned Parenthood who is distressed. Ask God to bless her with a sign to show her she can leave and be set free. Remember Sue in San Diego, who was diagnosed with cancer. Pray for Sheila's brother that God will protect him, keep him healthy, and bless him with his needs. Pray for his family as well. Pray for Matthew, Crystal's stepson, to do well in paramedic school, and for Nicholas for protection in his work. Pray for Brianna's friend, Malia, who was diagnosed with esophageal cancer and developed pneumonia.

## For a Complete, Ongoing List of Prayer Requests, See Our Website.

What is River of Life? A long-time Christian mission in Chinatown which has developed mobile "hubs" across our island to serve more people, especially in low-income neighborhoods wherever homeless people may gather. Churches and individuals are participating in these ministries. There, meals are served, clothing and hygiene items are distributed, and people are counselled. Their main "home" on Bethel Street remains a place of ministries to the homeless and elderly neighbors, and is the place to drop off food, clothing, hygiene items, as well as household goods which go to clients who have obtained housing. Check out the courtyard bulletin board or go to RiverofLifeMission.org.

Do You Love Cookies? We need donations of cookies for refreshments after our church services. Please see Gary Gascon or Dianne O'Steen for more information and encouragement!



Help keep our neighborhood safe & clean

1st

5:30 pm 1st Tuesday monthly