

Announcements:

1. **Welcome:** Welcome to all Newcomers and Visitors! Please join us downstairs after Worship Service for refreshments.
2. **Thursday Night Bible Study:** @7pm on Zoom. The group is studying “Cojourners: Joining others in Spiritual Journey”. Please email the church to receive book & discussion materials at elesteropc@gmail.com.
3. **Unity Candle:** Churches in the Presbytery have been asked to pray for the congregation hosting the candle each week. Today it is visiting St Philip’s presently housed at Northminster Church in Salinas. It is a Filipino congregation with a 100 year history in Salinas. They have lost their church building and is presently trying to maintain their special ministry using the facility at Northminster.

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Worship Order

Welcome & Announcements Dr. Chris Hasegawa

Call to Worship (Psalm 84:1-4)

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

ALL: My soul longs, indeed it faints for the
courts of the LORD; my heart and my
flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Leader: Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.

ALL: Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.

Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn

Matthew 11

Better is One Day

Scripture Reading (Mark 4:3-9)

“Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. And it happened, as he sowed, that some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds of the air came and devoured

it. Some fell on stony ground, where it did not have much earth; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of earth. But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away. And some seed fell among thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no crop.

But other seed fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.”

And He said to them, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

Sermon “Following Our Roots”

Dr. Chris Hasegawa

*Closing Hymn

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Joys & Concerns (1 Corinthians 12:26)

And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

Congregational Prayer

Benediction

*Congregation Standing