

Sunday, January 3, 2021 2nd Sunday after Christmas



La Jolla United Methodist Church

6063 La Jolla Boulevard La Jolla, CA 92037 (858) 454-7108 www.lajollaunitedmethodist.org Prelude: "Pastorale" - Domenico Zipoli

Musician: Jenny Lai

Welcome

Opening Music: "We Three Kings" UMH 254 **Musicians:** Joyce Theilacker, Lisa Corpron, Jayson Coleman, Randy Seward, Jennifer Lai

 We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain

O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again, King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.

Refrain

O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

3. Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh; prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping God on high.

Refrain

O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light. 4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Refrain

O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Glorious now behold him arise;
 King and God and sacrifice:
 Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain

O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Prayers of the People

A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying. Pastors may include prayers from the live chat

Pastoral Prayer

Blessing for Children

Scripture: John 1:1-14, Genesis 1:1-5

Message: "Epiphany & Creation"

Response to the Word

Confession, Assurance, and Peace

Liturgist: God of creation, we often imagine we must go it alone. Remind us, at such moments, of the "we" in your creation, the Three in our baptism, and the "one another" in our community. Comfort and empower us, as we gather in your Spirit. Amen.

Pastor: Jesus said, "I am with you always." Friends, seek earnestly to live in peace, and know that

the God of peace and love is with you. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Liturgist: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: "Jesu, Bambino" -Pietro Yon **Musicians:** Lisa Corpron, Jennifer Lai

Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

Communion elements may be selected from your home to include bread (or similar) and juice (or similar). Please wait until directed before receiving your elements.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom 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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Closing Music: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" UMH 147 Musicians: Joyce Theilacker, Lisa Corpron, Jayson Coleman, Randy Seward, Jennifer Lai

Refrain

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

 Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.

Refrain

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

2. The purple-headed mountains, the river running by, the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky.

Refrain

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

3. The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden:
God made them every one.

Refrain

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

4. God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

Refrain

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

Benediction

Postlude: "Postlude in A" - Girolamo Frescobaldi

Musician: Jenny Lai

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