



LA JOLLA UNITED METHODIST

Sunday, January 10, 2021
1st Sunday After the Epiphany



La Jolla United Methodist Church

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Prelude: “Pastorale” - Domenico Zipoli

Musician: Jenny Lai

Welcome

Opening Music: “O Young and Fearless Prophet” UMH 444 vs 1,2,4,5

Musicians: Lisa Corpron, Jayson Coleman, Randy Seward, Jennifer Lai

1. O young and fearless Prophet of ancient Galilee,
thy life is still a summons to serve humanity;
to make our thoughts and actions less prone to please the crowd,
to stand with humble courage for truth with hearts uncowed.
2. We marvel at the purpose that held thee to thy course
while ever on the hilltop before thee loomed the cross;
thy steadfast face set forward where love and duty shone,
while we betray so quickly and leave thee there alone.
4. Stir up in us a protest against our greed for wealth,
while others starve and hunger and plead for work and health;
where homes with little children cry out for lack of bread,
who live their years sore burdened beneath a gloomy dread.
5. O young and fearless Prophet, we need thy presence here,
amid our pride and glory to see thy face appear;
once more to hear thy challenge above our noisy day,
again to lead us forward along God’s holy way.

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Blessing for Children

Scripture: Exodus 2:1-10

Message: “History & Law”

Response to the Word

Confession, Assurance, and Peace

Liturgist: Ever patient God, we are a people who live in deep darkness. We stumble around, bombarded by news of war and poverty, famine and genocide, injustice and oppression. The maelstrom of things and issues and people of the dark, can overwhelm and paralyze us. Help us to be people of the light, shining your light of righteousness, peace, and joy into all the dark places of our lives and world. Unlock the mystery and glory of the babe born in Bethlehem. Turn our aimless wanderings into a journey of purpose guided by your love. Let the light of your love break into our lives and our world, and transform us into people of that light.

Pastor: As certain as the dawn follows the night, so is the promise of God's forgiveness and love for us all. Arise and shine and be transformed from darkness into light. 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: "Take My Life, and Let It Be" UMH 399

Musicians: Lisa Corpron, Jayson Coleman, Randy Seward, 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 - Liturgist

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: "The Voice of God Is Calling" UMH 436

Musicians: Lisa Corpron, Jayson Coleman, Randy Seward, Jennifer Lai

1. The voice of God is calling its summons in our day;
Isaiah heard in Zion, and we now hear God say:
"Whom shall I send to succor my people in their need?
Whom shall I send to loosen the bonds of shame and greed?"
2. "I hear my people crying in slum and mine and mill;
no field or mart is silent, no city street is still.
I see my people falling in darkness and despair.
Whom shall I send to shatter the fetters which they bear?"

3. We heed, O Lord, your summons, and answer: Here are we!
Send us upon your errand, let us your servants be.
Our strength is dust and ashes, our years a passing hour;
but you can use our weakness to magnify your power.

4. From ease and plenty save us; from pride of place absolve;
purge us of low desire; lift us to high resolve;
take us, and make us holy; teach us your will and way.
Speak, and behold! we answer; command, and we obey!

Benediction

Postlude: "Postlude in F" - Eugene Gigout

Musician: Jenny Lai

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