



**LA JOLLA  
UNITED METHODIST**

**Sunday, January 31, 2021  
4th Sunday after the Epiphany**



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**Prelude:** "River Flows In You" - Yiruma

**Musician:** Jennifer Lai

**Welcome** - Pastor Bob

**Opening Music:** "I Love to Tell the Story" UMH 156

**Musicians:** Joyce Theilacker, Lisa Corpron, Jayson Coleman, Randy Seward, Jennifer Lai

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

2. I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems  
than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.  
I love to tell the story, it did so much for me;  
and that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.

Refrain

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

3. I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

Refrain

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

4. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

**Prayers of the People**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Blessing for Children**

**Scripture:** Luke 1:1-4; Acts 1:1-5

**Message:** “Gospels & Acts”

### **Response to the Word**

### **Confession, Assurance, and Peace**

**Liturgist:** Merciful God, when offered the promise of your glorious inheritance, we settle for the glib assurances of the wolves who would devour us. Lift our gaze to see with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, that we may see beyond our eyes, which are fixed on the ground; our hearts are set on earthly power; our aspirations are limited to getting ahead. Forgive us. Teach us anew to wait for your Holy Spirit, that we may be clothed with power from on high, in the name of the one who ascended to heaven to show us the way to live here on earth.

**Pastor:** When we have the patience and the courage to wait, empty, for your Spirit, O God, you justify the hope to which we have been called, you fill us with your Spirit, forgive our transgressions, and clothe us with power from on high. 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:** “Thou Hidden Source of Calm Repose” UMH 153

**Musicians:** Joyce Theilacker, 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**

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:** “Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know” UMH 163

**Musicians:** Joyce Theilacker, Lisa Corpron, Jayson Coleman, Randy Seward, Jennifer Lai

1. Ask ye what great thing I know, that delights and stirs me so?  
What the high reward I win? Whose the name I glory in?  
Jesus Christ, the crucified.
2. Who defeats my fiercest foes? Who consoles my saddest woes?  
Who revives my fainting heart, healing all its hidden smart?  
Jesus Christ, the crucified.

3. Who is life in life to me? Who the death of death will be?  
Who will place me on his right, with the countless hosts of light?  
Jesus Christ, the crucified.
4. This is that great thing I know; this delights and stirs me so:  
faith in him who died to save, him who triumphed o'er the grave:  
Jesus Christ, the crucified.

### **Benediction**

**Postlude:** "Adagio in Ab" - Felix Mendelssohn

**Musician:** Jennifer Lai

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### **LJUMC Ministry Team**

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