


**LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST**

Sunday, February 21, 2021

First Sunday in Lent



La Jolla United Methodist Church

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Prelude: "More Love to Thee, O Christ" - William H. Doane

Musician: Jennifer Lai

Welcome

Opening Music: "When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise" TFWS 2216

Musicians: Lisa Corpron, Jayson Coleman, Jennifer Lai

1. When we are called to sing your praise
with hearts so filled with pain
that we would rather sit and weep
or stand up to complain,

remind us, God, you understand
the burdens that we bear;
you, too, have walked the shadowed way
and known our deep despair.

2. When we are called to sing your praise
and cannot find our voice,
because our losses leave us now
no reason to rejoice,

remind us, God, that you accept
our sad laments in prayer;
you, too, have walked the shadowed way
and known our deep despair.

3. When we are called to sing your praise
and life ahead looks grim,
still give us faith and hope enough
to break forth in a hymn,

a thankful hymn, great God of Love,
that you are everywhere;
you walk the shadowed
way with us and keep us in your care.

Prayers of the People

A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying. A time of silence will indicate when you may share one name or very short phrase to add.

Pastoral Prayer

Blessing for Children

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11

When they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus gave two disciples a task. He said to them, “Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter, you will find a donkey tied up and a colt with it. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that their master needs them.” He sent them off right away. Now this happened to fulfill what the prophet said, Say to Daughter Zion, “Look, your king is coming to you, humble and riding on a donkey, and on a colt the donkey’s offspring.” The disciples went and did just as Jesus had ordered them. They brought the donkey and the colt and laid their clothes on them. Then he sat on them.

Now a large crowd spread their clothes on the road. Others cut palm branches off the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds in front of him and behind him shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” And when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up. “Who is this?” they asked. The crowds answered, “It’s the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.

Message: “Risking Reputation”

Response to the Word

Confession, Assurance, and Peace

Liturgist: God of compassion, we confess our brokenness before you. For the times we have mocked rather than blessed, forgive us. For the times we have forsaken bonds of friendship, renew us. When we are the ones being mistreated, bless us. When we are the ones being denied and betrayed, love us. Strengthen us to face the time of trial, O God, that we may remain faithful to you, faithful to one another, and faithful to your gospel of love.

Pastor: Give thanks to God, for God’s faithful love lasts forever! 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: “Guide My Feet” TFWS 2208

Musicians: Lisa Corpron, Jayson Coleman, Jennifer Lai

Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

Communion elements have been placed on chairs before the beginning of Worship for in-person participants, and online participants may select from your home to include bread (or similar) and juice (or similar). Please wait until directed before receiving your elements.

Closing Music: “Give to the Winds Thy Fears” UMH 129

Musicians: Lisa Corpron, Jayson Coleman, Jennifer Lai

1. Give to the winds thy fears;
hope and be undismayed.
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears,
God shall lift up thy head.
2. Through waves and clouds and storms,
God gently clears thy way;
wait thou God’s time; so shall this night
soon end in joyous day.
3. Leave to God’s sovereign sway
to choose and to command;
so shalt thou, wondering, own that way,
how wise, how strong this hand.
4. Let us in life, in death,
thy steadfast truth declare,
and publish with our latest breath
thy love and guardian care.

Benediction

Postlude: “The Glory of These Forty Days” - Matthew McConnell

Musician: Jennifer Lai

Set up team: Deborah & Sal Butera, Beau Brandon

Ushers: Cindy Rushing, Betsy Witt, Gail Chatfield, Carolyn Showley

LJUMC Ministry Team

Rev. Bob Rhodes, Lead Pastor; Rev. Lea Booth, Pastor of Discipleship;
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