

Sunday, April 25, 2021 4th Sunday of Easter



La Jolla United Methodist Church

6063 La Jolla Boulevard La Jolla, CA 92037 (858) 454-7108 www.lajollaunitedmethodist.org **Prelude:** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" - Faye Lopez

Musician: Jennifer Lai

Welcome

Opening Music: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" vs. 1.3-5 UMH 139

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
 O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
 All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
 join me in glad adoration!

- 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.

 Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.
- Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee, fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.
 Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed, spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.
- 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
 All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
 Let the amen sound from his people again;
 gladly forever adore him.

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 6:9-11 (CEB)

Pray like this:

Our Father who is in heaven, uphold the holiness of your name.
Bring in your kingdom so that your will is done on earth as it's done in heaven.
Give us the bread we need for today.

John 6:30-31,35 (CEB)

They asked, "What miraculous sign will you do, that we can see and believe you? What will you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the wilderness, just as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat."

Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Message: "Our Daily Bread"

Response to the Word

Confession, Assurance, and Peace

Liturgist: Lord, your selfless generosity provides all that the world needs, yet we often keep your gifts for ourselves. Forgive us when we are thankless and indifferent to the needs of others.

Rather than open our mouths in praise or song, we keep silent. We forget how deeply you care for us, and we're blind to the abundance that surrounds us. Restore us, renew us, and fill our hearts again with your love. Show us what it means to be truly grateful, and return us to your presence. Amen.

Pastor: In times of famine and plenty, the Lord is constant. God sustains us and gives us the things we need. Our prayers and pleadings are heard. The Lord is near: God is present with us. The indescribable peace of the Spirit enfolds us. All that is good, true, pure, noble, gracious, lovable, and praiseworthy—this is what God has done for us. 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: "I Am the Bread of Life" - Suzanne Toolan

Musicians: Joyce Theilacker, Lisa Corpron, Jayson Coleman, Randy Seward, 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.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Closing Music: "Table of Plenty" W&S 3173

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

Refrain:

Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty! God will provide for all that we need here at the table of plenty.

O come and sit at my table
 where saints and sinners are friends.
 For I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
 to share the cup of my love.

Refrain:

Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty! God will provide for all that we need here at the table of plenty.

O come and eat without money;
 come to drink without price.
 My feast of gladness will feed your spirit with faith and fullness of life.

Refrain:

Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty! God will provide for all that we need here at the table of plenty. My bread will ever sustain you through days of sorrow and woe.
 My wine will flow like a sea of gladness to flood the depths of your soul.

Refrain:

Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty! God will provide for all that we need here at the table of plenty.

Your fields will flower in fullness;
 your homes will flourish in peace.
 For I, the giver of home and harvest,
 will send my rain on the soil.

Refrain:

Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty! God will provide for all that we need here at the table of plenty.

Benediction

Postlude: "Postlude in A" - Thomas Arne

Musician: Jennifer Lai

Set up team: Beau Brandon, Mark Maddox, Rebecca Smith

Ushers: Don Lincoln, Peter McCreight, Don Rushing, Lon Showley

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