



**LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST**

**Sunday, May 2, 2021
5th Sunday of Easter**



La Jolla United Methodist Church

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Prelude: “Prelude in C” - John Stanley

Musician: Jennifer Lai

Welcome

Opening Music: “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive” UMH 390

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

1. “Forgive our sins as we forgive,”
you taught us, Lord, to pray;
but you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say.
2. How can your pardon reach
and bless the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let
old bitterness depart?
3. In blazing light your cross reveals
the truth we dimly knew;
what trivial debts are owed to us,
how great our debt to you!
4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,
and bid resentment cease;
then, bound to all in bonds of love;
our lives will spread your peace.

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 6:9-13 (MSG)

“The world is full of so-called prayer warriors who are prayer-ignorant. They’re full of formulas and programs and advice, peddling techniques for getting what you want from God. Don’t fall for that nonsense. This is your Father you are dealing with, and he knows better than you what you need. With a God like this loving you, you can pray very simply. Like this:

Our Father in heaven,
Reveal who you are.
Set the world right;
Do what’s best—
 as above, so below.
Keep us alive with three square meals.
Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.
Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil.
You’re in charge!
You can do anything you want!
You’re ablaze in beauty!
 Yes. Yes. Yes.

Luke 23:32-34 (CEB)

They also led two other criminals to be executed with Jesus. When they arrived at the place called The Skull, they crucified him, along with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left. Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they’re doing.” They drew lots as a way of dividing up his clothing.

Message: “As We Forgive”

Response to the Word

Confession, Assurance, and Peace

Liturgist: Jesus, remember us when we falter, when we don’t know what we’re doing. We seek the gentle reminder that you did not stoop to the level of those who mocked you, even as you suffered on a cross. When they taunted and tempted you to fight back, you overcame their hate with love. Forgive the times when we give in to our meaner instincts, our taunts, our defensiveness, our microaggressions. Teach us to answer acts of hate with greater expressions of love. Forgive us and free us from our fears, dear Christ, until your grace reigns in our hearts and throughout the world. Amen.

Pastor: “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise,” says the Lord. 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: “God, How Can We Forgive” TFWS 2169

Musicians: Lisa Corpron, Bob Wuertz, 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.

Closing Music: “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” UMH 121

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

1. There’s a wideness in God’s mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there’s a kindness in God’s justice,
which is more than liberty.
2. There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good!
There is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.
3. For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
4. If our love were but more simple,
we should rest upon God’s word;
and our lives would be illumined
by the presence of our Lord.

Benediction

Postlude: “Orgelstück in G” - J. H. Knecht

Musician: Jennifer Lai

Set up team: Rebecca Smith,

Ushers: Cindy Rushing, Betsy Witt, Gail Chatfield, Janet Lind

LJUMC Ministry Team

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