



**LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST**

Sunday, May 30, 2021

Trinity Sunday



La Jolla United Methodist Church

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Prelude: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” - arr. Johann Pachelbel

Musician: Jennifer Lai

Welcome

Opening Music: “America the Beautiful!” UMH 696

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

1. O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain;
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain!

America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.

2. O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life!

America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness,
and every gain divine.

3. O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears!

America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law.

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:

John 3:1-17 (CEB)

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a Jewish leader. He came to Jesus at night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one could do these miraculous signs that you do unless God is with him.”

Jesus answered, “I assure you, unless someone is born anew, it’s not possible to see God’s kingdom.”

Nicodemus asked, “How is it possible for an adult to be born? It’s impossible to enter the mother’s womb for a second time and be born, isn’t it?”

Jesus answered, “I assure you, unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, it’s not possible to enter God’s kingdom. Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. Don’t be surprised that I said to you, ‘You must be born anew.’ God’s Spirit blows wherever it wishes. You hear its sound, but you don’t know where it comes from or where it is going. It’s the same with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Nicodemus said, “How are these things possible?”

“Jesus answered, “You are a teacher of Israel and you don’t know these things? I assure you that we speak about what we know and testify about what we have seen, but you don’t receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you don’t believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Human One. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so must the Human One be lifted up so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won’t perish but will have eternal life. God didn’t send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him.”

Message: “Seeking Light in the Darkness”

Response to the Word

Confession, Assurance, and Peace (*Isa 6, John 3, Rom 8*) - Pastor Bob & Liturgist

Liturgist: Almighty God, in our pride, we have forgotten your holiness and your due as creator of all that is; we have failed to care for your creation. By your grace and mercy, heavenly Father, forgive us when we act as if we were your equals. By your love and compassion, holy Mother, correct us when we squander opportunities to care for your creation. Christ, our

Savior, through indifference and hatred, we have failed to live out your gospel of love for all of our sisters and brothers. By your grace and mercy, beloved Jesus, forgive us when we create divisions, rather than live in unity and love as God's children. Holy Spirit, in our addiction to busy-ness, we have failed to listen for your guidance, and have not heeded your call to serve God's kingdom. By your grace and mercy, living Spirit, forgive us when we turn a deaf ear to your call and when we act as disobedient children. Amen.

Pastor: God forgives us through an unchanging, enduring love. Be assured that having received the Spirit, we can state with confidence: "We are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ." 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: "Blades of Grass and Pure White Stones" Arr. Keith Christopher

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.

Closing Music: "Holy, Holy, Holy" UMH 64

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

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Benediction

Postlude: “Postlude in G” - Samuel Jackson

Musician: Jennifer Lai

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