

Sunday, June 6, 2021 Second Sunday after Pentecost



La Jolla United Methodist Church

6063 La Jolla Boulevard La Jolla, CA 92037 (858) 454-7108 www.lajollaunitedmethodist.org Prelude: "O Worship the King" - Flor Peeter

Musician: Jennifer Lai

Welcome (Communion Elements, Campfire Connexions, OTP, Flowers: Rebecca Tseng-Smith, In honor of our church family)

Opening Music: "Here I Am, Lord" UMH 593

Musicians: Joyce Theilacker, Bob Wuertz, Jayson Coleman, Randy Seward, Jennifer Lai

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts are satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

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I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

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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:

Exodus 33:12-23 (CEB)

Moses said to the Lord, "Look, you've been telling me, 'Lead these people forward.' But you haven't told me whom you will send with me. Yet you've assured me, 'I know you by name and think highly of you.' Now if you do think highly of me, show me your ways so that I may know you and so that you may really approve of me. Remember too that this nation is your people."

The Lord replied, "I'll go myself, and I'll help you."

Moses replied, "If you won't go yourself, don't make us leave here. Because how will anyone know that we have your special approval, both I and your people, unless you go with us? Only that distinguishes us, me and your people, from every other people on the earth."

The Lord said to Moses, "I'll do exactly what you've asked because you have my special approval, and I know you by name."

Moses said, "Please show me your glorious presence."

The Lord said, "I'll make all my goodness pass in front of you, and I'll proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord.' I will be kind to whomever I wish to be kind, and I will have compassion to whomever I wish to be compassionate. But," the Lord said, "you can't see my face because no one can see me and live." The Lord said, "Here is a place near me where you will stand beside the rock. As my glorious presence passes by, I'll set you in a gap in the rock, and I'll cover you with my hand until I've passed by. Then I'll take away my hand, and you will see my back, but my face won't be visible."

Luke 10:25-37

A legal expert stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to gain eternal life?"

Jesus replied, "What is written in the Law? How do you interpret it?"

He responded, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself."

Jesus said to him, "You have answered correctly. Do this and you will live."

But the legal expert wanted to prove that he was right, so he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus replied, "A man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He encountered thieves, who stripped him naked, beat him up, and left him near death. Now it just so happened that a priest was also going down the same road. When he saw the injured man, he crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. Likewise, a Levite came by that spot, saw the injured man, and crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. A Samaritan, who was on a journey, came to where the man was. But when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. The Samaritan went to him and bandaged his wounds, tending them with oil and wine. Then he placed the wounded man on his own donkey, took him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day, he took two full days' worth of wages and gave them to the innkeeper. He said, 'Take care of him, and when I return, I will pay you back for any additional costs.' What do you think? Which one of these three was a neighbor to the man who encountered thieves?"

Then the legal expert said, "The one who demonstrated mercy toward him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Message: "Where do We See God?"

Response to the Word

Confession, Assurance, and Peace (Isa 6, John 3, Rom 8)

Liturgist: Gracious and merciful God, temper our certitude with humility and grace. Forgive us when we test others from a sense of our own self-righteousness. Forgive us when we do not take the trouble to discover our own errors. Give us the heart of Moses, who wanted simply to know your ways more clearly, and to perceive your presence more nearly. Open us to your gentle correction, that we may truly bring your good news to a world in need. Amen.

Pastor: When we call, God answers. When we seek, we are sure to find. Call to God and seek the

Lord with your whole heart. For you will find God's healing, forgiving presence. 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: "How Can We Name a Love" UMH 111

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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: "Go Make of All Disciples" UMH 571 Musicians: Joyce Theilacker, Bob Wuertz, Jayson Coleman, Randy Seward, Jennifer Lai

- "Go, make of all disciples." We hear the call, O Lord, that comes from thee, our Father, in thy eternal Word. Inspire our ways of learning through earnest, fervent prayer, and let our daily living reveal thee everywhere.
- 2. "Go, make of all disciples," baptizing in the name of Father, Son, and Spirit, from age to age the same. We call each new disciple to follow thee, O Lord, redeeming soul and body by water and the Word.
- 3. "Go, make of all disciples." We at thy feet would stay until each life's vocation accents thy holy way.

 We cultivate the nature God plants in every heart, revealing in our witness the master teacher's art.
- 4. "Go, make of all disciples." We welcome thy command."Lo, I am with you always." We take thy guiding hand.The task looms large before us; we follow without fear; in heaven and earth thy power shall bring God's kingdom here.

Benediction

Postlude: "Postlude in D" - Samuel Priestly Taylor

Musician: Jennifer Lai

Liturgists: Marjorie Slankard

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