



LA JOLLA  
UNITED METHODIST

**I Give Up!**  
Giving Up Fear

**Sunday, March 13, 2022**  
**Second Sunday in Lent**  
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# WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

## Prelude

*Meditation on "Ab, Holy Jesus"*

Matthew McConnell  
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## Introit

*O Come, Let Us Sing*

George Brandon  
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## Welcome

## † Opening Music

*In the Cross Of Christ I Glory*

UMH 295

1. In the cross of Christ I glory,  
towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.
2. When the woes of life o'er take me,  
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
never shall the cross forsake me,  
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.
3. When the sun of bliss is beaming  
light and love upon my way,  
from the cross the radiance streaming  
adds more luster to the day.
4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
by the cross are sanctified;  
peace is there that knows no measure,  
joys that through all time abide.
5. In the cross of Christ I glory,  
towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.

## Blessing for Children

## 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

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### Prayer Response

*Hear Our Prayer, O Lord* George Whelpton, Arr. Donald Moore  
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## WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

### Scripture

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18 (CEB)

After these events, the Lord's word came to Abram in a vision, "Don't be afraid, Abram. I am your protector. Your reward will be very great."

But Abram said, "Lord God, what can you possibly give me, since I still have no children? The head of my household is Eliezer, a man from Damascus." He continued, "Since you haven't given me any children, the head of my household will be my heir."

The Lord's word came immediately to him, "This man will not be your heir. Your heir will definitely be your very own biological child." Then he brought Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars if you think you can count them." He continued, "This is how many children you will have." Abram trusted the Lord, and the Lord recognized Abram's high moral character.

He said to Abram, "I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as your possession."

But Abram said, "Lord God, how do I know that I will actually possess it?"

He said, "Bring me a three-year-old female calf, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a dove, and a young pigeon." He took all of these animals, split them in half, and laid the halves facing each other, but he didn't split the birds. When vultures swooped down on the carcasses, Abram waved them off. After the sun set, Abram slept deeply. A terrifying and deep darkness settled over him.

Luke 13:31-35 (CEB)

At that time, some Pharisees approached Jesus and said, "Go! Get away from here, because Herod wants to kill you."

Jesus said to them, "Go, tell that fox, 'Look, I'm throwing out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will complete my work. However, it's necessary for me to travel today, tomorrow, and the next day because it's impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.'

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those who were sent to you! How often I have wanted to gather your people just as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings. But you didn’t want that. Look, your house is abandoned. I tell you, you won’t see me until the time comes when you say, *Blessings on the one who comes in the Lord’s name.*”

## Scriptural Response

Liturgist: The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### Anthem

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*  
Chancel Choir, Sue Boles, Flute

Adoniram Gordon/Arr. Sjolund  
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### Message

*Giving Up Fear*

Rev. Bob Rhodes

## WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

### Response in the World

### Invitation to the Offering

### Offertory

*Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling*  
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Dorian Bells

Arr. John A. Behnke

### † Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 95

### Confession, Assurance, and Peace

**All: Loving Guide and Protector of your children, when we cannot see the road ahead, we are tempted to turn back instead of trusting the path you lay before our feet. When trouble comes, we are tempted to run away and protect ourselves, rather than remain with those who need our help. Forgive us when we are not willing to take shelter in your loving arms.**

Liturgist: When Jesus began his walk toward Jerusalem, he knew the journey could cost his life. When Herod threatened to kill Jesus, he remained with the people, casting out demons and healing the afflicted. Facing the cross, Jesus longed to gather the people as a hen gathers her brood beneath her wings. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

† **Closing Music**

*We Sing to You, O God*

TFWS 2001

1. We sing to you, O God, the Rock who gave us birth,  
let our rejoicing sing your name in all the earth.  
To you, O God, let songs be raised,  
in joyful hymns, our feast of praise.
2. We wandered far from home out in a desert land,  
you shielded with your love our fearful pilgrim band.  
You kept us safe within your arms  
and sheltered us against the storm.
3. You bear us through the world, an eagle to her young,  
who rises on her wings and bears us toward the sun.  
We ride the vaults of light and air  
and trust in your unfailing care.
4. O God, eternal God, we hide within your wings,  
the everlasting arms to whom our praises ring.  
Your word is true, your way is just,  
you are the God in whom we trust.

### **Benediction**

**Postlude**

*La Grâce*

George Philipp Telemann  
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