



LA JOLLA  
UNITED METHODIST

**I Give Up!**  
Giving Up Expectations

Sunday, March 20, 2022  
Third Sunday in Lent  
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# WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

## Prelude

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

Mark Hayes  
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## Introit

*As In the Solemn Stillness*

Edwin Fissinger  
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## Welcome

## † Opening Music

*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

UMH 462

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
and to take him at his word;  
just to rest upon his promise,  
and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

### *Refrain*

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!  
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust him more!

2. O how sweet to trust in Jesus,  
just to trust his cleansing blood;  
and in simple faith to plunge me  
neath the healing, cleansing flood!

### *Refrain*

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!  
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust him more!

3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,  
just from sin and self to cease;  
just from Jesus simply taking  
life and rest, and joy and peace.

### *Refrain*

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!  
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust him more!

4. I'm so glad I learned to trust thee,  
precious Jesus, Savior, friend;  
and I know that thou art with me,  
wilt be with me to the end.

*Refrain*

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!  
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust him more!

## **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**

## **WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST**

### **Scripture**

Luke 13:1-9 (CEB)

Some who were present on that occasion told Jesus about the Galileans whom Pilate had killed while they were offering sacrifices. He replied, "Do you think the suffering of these Galileans proves that they were more sinful than all the other Galileans? No, I tell you, but unless you change your hearts and lives, you will die just as they did. What about those eighteen people who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them? Do you think that they were more guilty of wrongdoing than everyone else who lives in Jerusalem? No, I tell you, but unless you change your hearts and lives, you will die just as they did."

Jesus told this parable: "A man owned a fig tree planted in his vineyard. He came looking for fruit on it and found none. He said to his gardener, 'Look, I've come looking for fruit on this fig tree for the past three years, and I've never found any. Cut it down! Why should it continue depleting the soil's nutrients?' The gardener responded, 'Lord, give it one more year, and I will dig around it and give it fertilizer. Maybe it will produce fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

### **Scriptural Response**

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

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

### **Anthem**

*I Don't Know How to Love Him*  
Chancel Choir and Lisa Corpron, Solo

Rice/Webber (Arr. Neil Slater)  
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### **Message**

*Giving Up Expectations*

Rev. Bob Rhodes

## WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

### Response in the World

### Invitation to the Offering

**Offering:** *Pie Jesu: Julia Rahm, Lisa Corpron, Soloists* Andrew Lloyd Webber  
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† **Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 95

### Confession, Assurance, and Peace

**All:** God of Mercy, we long to come when you call, yet often do not. When we are most alone, we fail to turn to you. When we are most afraid, we do not always think we can turn to you. When we are lost, hurting, and in pain, we fail to realize how much we suffer. We refuse to ask for help. We lash out at others. We numb our hearts. We hide. Forgive us. But you, O God, are faithful. You see us and know us and love us as we are. In times of trial, you show us the way through. Receive us once more, and have mercy on us. As we seek your presence, help us place our trust in the grace of your heart, and help us begin again. Amen.

Liturgist: Anything we have done, God knows already. Anything we have hidden, God has already seen. God's love for us and grace to us are higher than we have imagined, deeper than we have guessed. Before we have asked, God's mercies are already given. For God does not waste our struggles, but uses them to grow joy. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

### Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

*Online worshipers are invited to select elements including bread and juice (or similar) from their homes to participate in Holy Communion. Please wait until directed before receiving your elements.*

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

## WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

† **Closing Music**

*Quando El Pobre (When the Poor Ones)*

UMH 434

1. When the poor ones who have nothing share with strangers,  
when the thirsty water give unto us all,  
when the crippled in their weakness strengthen others,

*Refrain*

then we know that God still goes that road with us,  
then we know that God still goes that road with us.

2. When at last all those who suffer find their comfort,  
when they hope though even hope seems hopelessness,  
when we love though hate at times seems all around us,

*Refrain*

then we know that God still goes that road with us,  
then we know that God still goes that road with us.

3. When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing,  
when our lips can speak no words other than true,  
when we know that love for simple things is better,

*Refrain*

then we know that God still goes that road with us,  
then we know that God still goes that road with us.

4. When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance,  
when we learn how to make peace instead of war,  
when each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor,

*Refrain*

then we know that God still goes that road with us,  
then we know that God still goes that road with us.

### **Benediction**

**Postlude**

*My Faith Looks Up To Thee*

Arr. Hal H. Hopson  
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**Flowers:** In memory of Roy William Ritchie's March 13th birthday

**Liturgist:** George Ann Wurster

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Liturgical elements from *The Abingdon Worship Annual*

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