



LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST

I Give Up!
Giving Up Judgment

Sunday, March 27, 2022
Fourth Sunday in Lent
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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Prelude

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

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Introit

Praise the Lord, For He is Good

Arr. Donald Moore
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Welcome

† Opening Music

All Who Hunger

TFWS 2126

1. All who hunger, gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering.
Here, in truth, we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

2. All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.

We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

3. All who hunger, sing together;
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here, in peace, we have been led.

Blest are those who from this table
live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

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

O Thou Who Hearest Every Heartfelt Prayer

Arr. Donal Moore

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WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture

Luke 15:1-3,11b-32 (CEB)

All the tax collectors and sinners were gathering around Jesus to listen to him. The Pharisees and legal experts were grumbling, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

Jesus told them this parable:

"A certain man had two sons. The younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the inheritance.' Then the father divided his estate between them. Soon afterward, the younger son gathered everything together and took a trip to a land far away. There, he wasted his wealth through extravagant living.

"When he had used up his resources, a severe food shortage arose in that country and he began to be in need. He hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. He longed to eat his fill from what the pigs ate, but no one gave him anything. When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have more than enough food, but I'm starving to death! I will get up and go to my father, and say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son. Take me on as one of your hired hands."' So he got up and went to his father.

"While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion. His father ran to him, hugged him, and kissed him. Then his son said, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Quickly, bring out the best robe and put it on him! Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet! Fetch the fattened calf and slaughter it. We must celebrate with feasting because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life! He was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his older son was in the field. Coming in from the field, he approached the house and heard music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what was going on. The servant replied,

‘Your brother has arrived, and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he received his son back safe and sound.’ Then the older son was furious and didn’t want to enter in, but his father came out and begged him. He answered his father, ‘Look, I’ve served you all these years, and I never disobeyed your instruction. Yet you’ve never given me as much as a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours returned, after gobbling up your estate on prostitutes, you slaughtered the fattened calf for him.’ Then his father said, ‘Son, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad because this brother of yours was dead and is alive. He was lost and is found.’”

Scriptural Response

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

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Arr. Craig Courtney
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Message

Giving Up Judgment

Rev. Bob Rhodes

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response in the World

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Jesus Paid It All

Kimberly Snow
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† **Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

Confession, Assurance, and Peace

All: In your love, O God, we are never lost. In your care, O Christ, we are ever found. Help us feel this truth in our very bones, for we are often far from home, unsure of how to return. When our hearts and minds are closed, teach us to embrace your hope. When our souls feel shriveled and cold, teach us to cry out to you. For we long to taste the glory of your heavenly banquet, and we yearn to be held in your arms as beloved children. Amen.

Liturgist: Hold fast to these words of assurance from the Apostle Paul: “If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away!” In Christ, we are reconciled indeed, for we have found our true home. 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

Come Back Quickly to the Lord

UMH 343

1. Come back quickly to the Lord,
just come back to the Lord.
Though how grave your sins may be,
or how burdensome they seem,

there is no sin he cannot bear,
nor sinner not accept,
for the bosom of our loving Lord
is much greater than all the skies.

2. Come back quickly to the Lord,
just come back to the Lord.
Our Lord waits every day
with his doors kept open wide.

He is anxiously waiting for you
every day and every night.
The Lord is waiting through the night
for a child who has gone astray.

3. Come back quickly to the Lord,
just come back to the Lord.
Though you think that you have sinned
and aren't fit to be his child,

God will celebrate with a big feast,
when repentance brings you home.
So, come back to his open arms,
come back quickly unto the Lord.

† Benediction

Postlude

Fantasy on "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

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