



LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST

I Give Up!
Giving Up Being Right

Sunday, April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Prelude

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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Introit

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Arr. Donald Moore
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Welcome

† Opening Music

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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1. Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.
2. The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory.
3. Thus, all my toilsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises,
that earth may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.
4. Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory;
let all who own his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:
To God all praise and glory.

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

Isaiah 43:16-21 (NRSV)

Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,

they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

John 12:1-8 (CEB)

Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, home of Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Lazarus and his sisters hosted a dinner for him. Martha served and Lazarus was among those who joined him at the table. Then Mary took an extraordinary amount, almost three-quarters of a pound, of very expensive perfume made of pure nard. She anointed Jesus' feet with it, then wiped his feet dry with her hair. The house was filled with the aroma of the perfume. Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), complained, "This perfume was worth a year's wages! Why wasn't it sold and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief. He carried the money bag and would take what was in it.)

Then Jesus said, "Leave her alone. This perfume was to be used in preparation for my burial, and this is how she has used it. You will always have the poor among you, but you won't always have me."

Scriptural Response

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

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Arr. Ed Lojeski
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Message

Giving Up Being Right

Rev. Mark Wiley

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response in the World

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Because He Lives
Jayson Coleman, Soloist

William Gaither
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Confession, Assurance, and Peace - Liturgist

All: God of Grace, you call us into your glorious future. When we dwell on the past, you tell us to remember no longer the things of old. When we fail to notice the poor among us, you call us to give freely of what we have. When we are reluctant to share our gifts and talents, you give your own life so that we may live. Free us, Holy Spirit, from self-absorption and from fear. Amen.

Liturgist: As God's children, forgiven and free, we are blessed to give our best gifts in God's name. 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.

Prayer After Communion**WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

1. Jesus, Savior, pilot me over life's tempestuous sea;
 unknown waves before me roll,
 hiding rock and treacherous shoal.
 Chart and compass came from thee; Jesus, Savior, pilot me.
2. As a mother stills her child, thou canst hush the ocean wild;
 boisterous waves obey thy will,
 when thou sayest to them, "Be still!"
 Wondrous sovereign of the sea, Jesus, Savior, pilot me.
3. When at last I near the shore, and the fearful breakers roar
 'twixt me and the peaceful rest,

then, while leaning on thy breast,
may I hear thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pilot thee."

† **Benediction**

Postlude

Thine Is the Glory

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