



LA JOLLA  
UNITED METHODIST

THE GRACE OF  
*Les Misérables*  
Grace in the Gardens

Sunday, May 29, 2022

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

### Prelude

*One Day More*  
(from *Les Misérables*)

Claude-Michel Schonberg  
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### Introit

*Beautiful Savior! Lord of All the Nations!*

Arr. Donald Moore  
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### Welcome

† **Dedication of Memorial Wreath** *Blades of Grass and Pure White Stones*  
Chancel Choir

Hatch, Alexander, Naish  
Arr. Keith Christopher  
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### 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

*Let the Words of My Mouth*

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## WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

### Scriptures

Genesis 2:15 (CEB)

The Lord God took the human and settled him in the garden of Eden to farm it and to take care of it.

Luke 22:39-46 (CEB)

Jesus left and made his way to the Mount of Olives, as was his custom, and the disciples followed him. When he arrived, he said to them, "Pray that you won't give in to temptation." He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed. He said, "Father, if it's your will, take this cup of suffering away from me. However, not my will but your will must be done." Then a heavenly angel appeared to him and strengthened him. He was in anguish and prayed even more earnestly. His sweat

became like drops of blood falling on the ground. When he got up from praying, he went to the disciples. He found them asleep, overcome by grief. He said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray so that you won’t give in to temptation.”

John 20:11-18 (CEB)

Mary stood outside near the tomb, crying. As she cried, she bent down to look into the tomb. She saw two angels dressed in white, seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and one at the foot. The angels asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?”

She replied, “They have taken away my Lord, and I don’t know where they’ve put him.” As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn’t know it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?”

Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him.”

Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabbouni” (which means Teacher).

Jesus said to her, “Don’t hold on to me, for I haven’t yet gone up to my Father. Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them, ‘I’m going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

Mary Magdalene left and announced to the disciples, “I’ve seen the Lord.” Then she told them what he said to her.

## Scriptural Response

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

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

## Anthem

*Finale* (from *Les Misérables*)  
Chancel Choir  
Jayson Coleman, Lisa Corpron, Soloists

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## Message

*Grace in the Gardens*

Rev. Bob Rhodes

## WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

### Response in the World

#### Invitation to the Offering

##### Offertory

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*  
Dorian Bells

John Dykes  
Arr. Ron Mallory  
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##### † Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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#### Confession, Assurance, and Peace

**All:** Merciful God, we don't always recognize Christ, even when we are looking directly at your Incarnate Love. We cling to our assumptions about how life on earth should unfold, forgetting that life in your realm shatters those expectations. Forgive us when we go through our daily routine, forgetting to look for the light of your love. Forgive us when coming to worship is more about seeing our friends than it is about encountering you through the risen Christ. Open our eyes and our hearts, O God, to the full awareness of your presence with us, in each and every moment of our lives so that we might see your face through love. We pray in the name of the Christ who is alive! Amen.

Liturgist: God's steadfast love endures forever! God hears and answers our prayers. God has become our salvation. Behold, we shall not die, but we shall live! There is nothing more we need. We have a witness in our heart that we are deeply loved, and in that love, forgiven. It is marvelous in our sight. 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 Song

*Maker, in Whom We Live*

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1. Maker, in whom we live, in whom we are and move,  
the glory, power, and praise receive, for thy creating love.  
Let all the angel throng give thanks to God on high,  
while earth repeats the joyful song and echoes to the sky.
2. Incarnate Deity, let all the ransomed race  
render in thanks their lives to thee for thy redeeming grace.  
The grace to sinners showed ye heavenly choirs proclaim,  
and cry, "Salvation to our God, salvation to the Lamb!"
3. Spirit of Holiness, let all thy saints adore  
thy sacred energy, and bless thine heart-renewing power.  
Not angel tongues can tell thy love's ecstatic height,  
the glorious joy unspeakable, the beatific sight.

4. Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above,  
let all on earth below record and dwell upon thy love  
When heaven and earth are fled before thy glorious face,  
sing all the saints thy love hath made thine everlasting praise.

† **Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Red, White and Blue*

E. F. Rimbault  
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