



LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST

You Are

Glimpses of God

Sunday, February 5, 2023

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Prelude

Allein Gott in der Hoh' sei Ehr

James Coe

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Introit

Gently Raise the Sacred Strain

Arr. Donald Moore

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Welcome

† Opening Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

UMH 206

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2. I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father.

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus.

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Blessing for Children – Pastor Tara

Prayers of the People – Pastor Bob

*A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying.
Online Worshipers may type prayer requests in the Live Chat, taking care for privacy.*

Pastoral Prayer – Pastor Bob

WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture – Liturgist

Matthew 5:13-20 (NRSVue)

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Scriptural Response

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

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

Let Your Light Shine!

Craig Courtney
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Message

You Are

Rev. Tara Limbaugh

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

My Song Is Love Unknown

Gerhard Krapf
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† **Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

Prayer of Confession

All: Caretaker of our souls, aid us in our quest. We long to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We yearn to live with such passion and purpose that our lives may be like a city on a hill, resplendent in justice and righteousness for all the world to see. Shine through us this day, for we seek to reflect your glory in all that we say and in all that we do. Amen.

One: The righteous will never be moved. Their hearts are firm and secure in the Lord. May your passion for justice and righteousness keep you near the heart of God. 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 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 After Communion

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

† Closing Hymn

This Little Light of Mine

UMH 585

Alternate melody

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
2. Hide it under a bushel, No! I'm gonna let it shine,
hide it under a bushel, No! I'm gonna let it shine;
hide it under a bushel, No! I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
3. Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

4. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;
everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

† **Benediction**

Postlude

Minuet in G

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