

LUKE

JESUS AND THE
OUTSIDERS, OUTCASTS,
AND OUTLAWS

*First Sunday
in Lent*

La Jolla United Methodist Church

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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Prelude

More Love to Thee, O Christ

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Introit

O Come, Let Us Worship

Arr. Donald Moore
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Welcome

† Opening Hymn

Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly

UMH 272

1. Sing of Mary, pure and lowly, maiden mother, wise and mild.
Sing of God's own Son most holy, who became her little child.
Fairest child of fairest mother, God the Lord who came to earth,
Word made flesh, our very brother, takes our nature by his birth.
2. Sing of Jesus, son of Mary, in the home at Nazareth.
Toil and labor cannot weary love enduring unto death.
Constant was the love he gave her, though it drove him from her side,
forth to preach, and heal, and suffer, till on Calvary he died.
3. Joyful mother, full of gladness, in thine arms thy Lord was borne.
Mournful mother, full of sadness, all thy heart with pain was torn.
Glorious mother, now rewarded with a crown at Jesus hand,
age to age thy name recorded shall be blest in every land.

Blessing for Children

Prayers of the People

*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

WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture – Liturgist

Luke 1:39-55 (CEB)

Mary got up and hurried to a city in the Judean highlands. She entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. With a loud voice she blurted out, "God has blessed you above all women, and he has blessed the child you carry. Why do I have this honor, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. Happy is she who believed that the Lord would fulfill the promises he made to her."

Mary said,

“With all my heart I glorify the Lord!

In the depths of who I am I rejoice in God my savior.

He has looked with favor on the low status of his servant.

Look! From now on, everyone will consider me highly favored

because the mighty one has done great things for me.

Holy is his name.

He shows mercy to everyone,

from one generation to the next,

who honors him as God.

He has shown strength with his arm.

He has scattered those with arrogant thoughts and proud inclinations.

He has pulled the powerful down from their thrones

and lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things

and sent the rich away empty-handed.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,

remembering his mercy,

just as he promised to our ancestors,

to Abraham and to Abraham’s descendants forever.”

Scriptural Response

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

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

Mary’s Song
Choir and Congregation

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Message

Lifting Up the Lowly

Rev. Bob Rhodes

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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† **Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

Prayer of Confession

All: Lord God, as we search our hearts through this season of Lent, we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from those in need. We have not lifted up the lowly. We have strayed from your will. We have failed to do the things you have called us to do. We have looked on others with judgment rather than compassion. Forgive us, we pray. Lift us out of our sin and fill our hearts with your goodness and love. See us as we are. Show us mercy and remember us today. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

One: Hear the good news. The Son of Man came to seek and save the lost, and there is joy in heaven when even one sinner repents. 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 Musical Setting A UMH 17
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

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

UMH 198

1. My soul gives glory to my God.
My heart pours out its praise.
God lifted up my lowliness
in many marvelous ways.
2. My God has done great things for me:
yes, holy is this name.
All people will declare me blessed,
and blessings they shall claim.
3. From age to age, to all who fear,
such mercy love imparts,
dispensing justice far and near,
dismissing selfish hearts.

4. Love casts the mighty from their thrones,
promotes the insecure,
leaves hungry spirits satisfied,
the rich seem suddenly poor.
5. Praise God, whose loving covenant
supports those in distress,
remembering past promises
with present faithfulness.

† **Benediction**

Postlude

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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