

Order of Worship
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
10:00 am – June 13, 2021

Watching Live?

*Text your prayer requests to 805-309-6867
before the end of the first hymn.*

PRELUDE

Toccatina from Humoresque L'Organo
Tyler Carlisle, organ

by Pietro Yon

WELCOME

Pastors

MISSION MOMENT

Karen Flock

CALL TO WORSHIP

What mysteries there are in God's world!
We stand in awe of the wonders of the natural world.
We look at the tiniest of seeds and wonder how they grow
from that small seed into a large shrub.
Although we consider our gifts to be small and insignificant,
God will use us in miraculous ways.
God's Kingdom is coming, here and now!
Praise the God of small seeds and mighty power. Amen.
(adapted from Nancy C. Townley, *ministrymatters.com/worship*)

HYMN

Mighty to Save
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Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing: let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior: the hope of nations.
Savior, He can move the mountains; my God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of salvation; He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures: fill my life again.
I give my life to follow everything I believe in: now I surrender.
Savior, He can move the mountains; my God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of salvation; He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.

Shine your light, and let the whole world see: we're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus.
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SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION *Jinno Hutton, Jonel Hutton, Miles McPhee*

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?
We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life
and include these persons now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ.
We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow
in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them,
that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care.

Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love.

As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of

The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

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HYMN

God, We Love This Congregation

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God, we love this congregation! On this day, we're glad to see
friends and neighbors, gathered, praying, as a church community.
Young and old, we join in worship — some in-person, some online.
We are drawn by faith and friendship to this blessed place and time.

In this year with all its trials, there are things that we have missed.
Still, in Christ, you've walked beside us; by your Spirit, we've been blessed.
Love's our history, love's our vision, Love's the work we're called to do.
Bless us as our congregation moves together, serving you.

PASTORAL PRAYER/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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

God of Grace and God of Glory

arr. Joel Raney

“Musical offering in memory of Les Vielbig for his love of music”

Tyler Carlisle, organ; Miriam Arichea, piano

SCRIPTURE

Mark 4: 26-34

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Pastors

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Bountiful God, Your realm is like seed that someone scatters on the ground. Through Your grace and love, even the smallest seed grows to strength and beauty. Receive these gifts, for we are all God's seeds, growing the fruit of God's Spirit within. May the gifts we bring bear fruit through the power of Your love, so that all may be fed and blessed. Amen. (adapted from Rev. Mary Scifres, ©2021)

HYMN

You Are the Seed (Sois la semilla)

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1. You are the seed that will grow a new sprout; you're a star that will shine in the night;
you are the yeast and a small grain of salt, a beacon to glow in the dark.
You are the dawn that will bring a new day; you're the wheat that will bear golden grain;
you are a sting and a soft, gentle touch, my witnesses where'er you go.

Refrain: Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming love to all,
messengers of my forgiving peace, eternal love.
Be, my friends, a loyal witness, from the dead I arose;
"Lo, I'll be with you forever, till the end of the world."

2. You are the flame that will lighten the dark, sending sparkles of hope, faith and love;
you are the shepherds to lead the whole world through valleys and pastures of peace.
You are the friends that I chose for myself, the word that I want to proclaim.
You are the new kingdom built on a rock where justice and truth always reign. **(Refrain)**

3. You are the life that will nurture the plant; you're the waves in a turbulent sea;
yesterday's yeast is beginning to rise, a new loaf of bread it will yield.
There is no place for a city to hide, nor a mountain can cover its might;
may your good deeds show a world in despair a path that will lead all to God. **(Refrain)**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Festive Trumpet

by David German

Prayer Requests

Santa Maria: Bethel Korean Mission — Pastor Kisung Nam

Los Angeles: Immanuel UMC — Pastor Sangman Shin

Worship in the Sanctuary - 10 am
Ventura First UMC - 1338 E. Santa Clara St.

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