

Order of Worship
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9:30 am – June 26, 2022

Participating Live?

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

PRELUDE

Praeludium from Cathedral Suite
Lance Crane, organ

Gordon Young

WELCOME

HYMN

Love Divine All Loves Excelling

UMH 384

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1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.
- 2.
2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
- 3.
3. Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
- 4.
4. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Karen Flock, liturgist

O God, we are thirsty for your freedom in our lives.
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom!
We come and worship you, knowing that you will meet us here.
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom!
Thank you, Lord, for freeing us from slavery to sin and death.
Your freedom enables us to live by the Spirit.
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom!
We are set free! Thanks be to God!

HYMN

Where Charity and Love Prevail

UMH 549

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1. Where charity and love, there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love, by love we are thus bound.

2. With grateful joy and holy fear true charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in return.

3. Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess;
and let us love each other well in Christian holiness.

4. Let strife among us be unknown let all contention cease;
be Christ the glory that we seek, be ours Christ's holy peace

5. Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son;
as members of his body joined, we are in him made one.

6. Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's name;
our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.

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

Let Your Light Shine

by Craig Courtney

VFUMC Chancel Choir; Bob Riggs, interim director; Lance Crane, accompanist

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SCRIPTURE

Galatians 5:1, 13-25 (NRSV)

Karen Flock, liturgist

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt McPhee

SPECIAL MUSIC

Laudamus Te

arr. Mason Martens

Clara Johnson and Diane Johnson, vocalists; Kyle Marks Accompanist

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OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

Bless these gifts and the gifts of our lives, that they may become instruments of your love. Pour out your Spirit on these gifts and on all of us gathered here, that we may be filled with the miraculous gifts of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. In hope and gratitude, we pray. Amen. (Rev. Mary Scifres, ©2022)

HYMN

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

TFWS 2223

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1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

(Chorus) And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: **(Chorus)**

3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity, and save human pride: **(Chorus)**

4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (Chorus)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Improvisation
Lance Crane, organ

Prayer Requests

Hollister UMC—Pastor Young Jung

Altadena UMC—Pastor Jerry Andre Wilson



New Choir Director—Clara Johnson

Clara is thrilled to be joining the staff of First UMC of Ventura! A lifelong musician, Clara earned her BA in Vocal Performance in 2015 and her MA in Choral Conducting in 2018, both from Western Washington University. Clara has been conducting choirs in churches of all denominations for the past 9 years and can't wait to be a part of the United Methodist church once again. Her father is a United Methodist pastor in Washington state and the UMC is certainly Clara's happy place.

When it comes to music in church, Clara's philosophy is that we are called to 'make a joyful noise unto the Lord'. The Bible asks no more and no less of us in this respect. When we make noise joyfully together, it is one of the greatest offerings of ourselves that we can give. We just happen to call that noise music.

When not involved in her musical endeavors, you can find Clara baking, knitting, crocheting, reading, walking, and spending time with her partner, Kyle, and their two purrfect cats, Izzy and Bastien.