

## *Let's Take Ten!*

As part of our life-long learning, we'll spend a few minutes each week before worship highlighting something about the service, or the source of prayers and mediations.

### **“Chatting with Our Special Guests”**

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“**Hear the Word of God**” every Tuesday at 2 p.m. Lani-Karyn Jones will introduce then read passages of the Bible. This is a time to immerse yourself in the beloved Word, to let it wash over you, and carry you into deeper relationship with God and the human family. We're in the early chapters of Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

Zoom Meeting ID: 810 6810 3771 No Password Required.

**PENTECOST - May 31, 2020** Calling those of you who speak languages other than English. We are looking for teens and adults who would like to read part of the Morning Prayer service on Pentecost in a language or languages other than English (Spanish? French? Tagalog? Japanese? Mandarin? Patois? or ????) ASL signers are also welcome. Please email Kathy Foxen at [kfoxen2931@ca.rr.com](mailto:kfoxen2931@ca.rr.com) if you would like to volunteer.

### Cleaning Out Your Closets?

The congregation is planning a July Rummage Sale - please keep your donations for a bit, so we'll have more to offer!

## *Graduation Celebrations*

Please make sure we know who's graduating in your immediate or extended family.

We want to send our congratulations and remember them in our prayers; send Name, School, Degree or Diploma conferred, and their relationship to you to [juliedbryant@yahoo.com](mailto:juliedbryant@yahoo.com)

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*Gathering via Zoom in Temecula and Surrounding Communities!*

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 17, 2020 9 o'clock in the morning**

*Today's Worship Leaders include:*

*Liz Barclay, Donna Happ, Yvette Jackson, Darren Jump, Bill Liesman, Owen Mueller, Allan O'Neil,  
Frank Rojas,  
The Reverend Deacon Susan Green, The Reverend Canon Andrew Green, The Reverend Julie D Bryant.*

### **The Word of God**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Musical Interlude - 'All Things Bright and Beautiful'**

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The First Lesson

*Bill Liesman*

*Lector* A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
**make the voice of his praise to be heard;**

Who holds our souls in life, \*  
**and will not allow our feet to slip.**

For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
**you have tried us just as silver is tried.**

You brought us into the snare; \*  
**you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; \*  
**but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.**

I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, \*  
**which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; \*  
**I will give you oxen and goats.**

Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
**and I will tell you what he has done for me.**

I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
**and his praise was on my tongue.**

If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
**the Lord would not have heard me;**

But in truth God has heard me; \*  
**he has attended to the voice of my prayer.**

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
**nor withheld his love from me.**

## The Epistle

Liz Barclay

*Lector* A reading from the first Letter of Peter. 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Musical Interlude - 'If You Love Me, Keep My Commandments ' Dedicated to the love and leadership of Fr. David and Yvette Jackson and for prayers and thoughts for a speedy recovery for Fr. David.**

## The Holy Gospel

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. 14:15-21

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my

commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*                    **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

*Andrew Green +*

**The Nicene Creed** *All standing as they desire, or are able.*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

*Coronavirus Litany*

*[Adapted from 'A Coronavirus Prayer' by Kerry Webber]*

*Allan O'Neil prays*

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global pandemic of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Owen Mueller prays*

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Donna Happ prays*

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Frank Rojas prays*

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with all those who have been quarantined or restricted in their movements. Grant them patience, health and reassurance during their time of isolation and waiting. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Yvette Jackson prays*

Be with those whose livelihoods or finances are or will be negatively affected by this virus. Help them find the resources they need to take care of themselves and their families. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Allan O'Neil prays*

Be with our elderly, vulnerable, and immunocompromised. Help us to be mindful and vigilant of their vulnerabilities; and guide us to avoid carelessness so that they may remain whole. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Owen Mueller prays*

Be with the homeless in our neighborhood and across our planet. May they be shown kindness and care in this time of fear and insecurity.

Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Donna Happ prays*

Be with those who feel overwhelmed by the torrent of media coverage and information. Help them to discern what is important to know and what to set aside.

Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Frank Rojas prays*

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at eternal rest with you.

Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Yvette Jackson prays*

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Allan O'Neil prays*

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Owen Mueller prays*

Be with our local, state, national and world leaders. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of all they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for and deal with outbreaks and its challenges. Above all, give them the courage to work together for the greater good. Let us pray to the Lord : **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Donna Happ prays*

Whether we are at home, or in the community; surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**



*Frank Rojas prays*

Lord Jesus Christ, give us courage to hope for better times. Help us to be vigilant and generous. Make us courageous to continue to be your hands in our community. Teach us to pray honestly and expectantly, and when our prayers seem to fail, bring us to pray again and again; for you are our help and our shield, through our Savior Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **A Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*Celebrant* Acknowledging our longing to be physically close to one another, to share the blessing of Communion in common, and praying that when we do so, we remember this longing for you.

**My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as you are already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*The Celebrant invites the people to join in the Lord's Prayer, saying*  
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*All stand as they are able; the Celebrant says to the people*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*The people greet those nearby and at a distance with gestures and signs of love.*

## **The Blessing**

*The Celebrant pronounces God's blessing*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

*Deacon* Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia, Alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## **Musical Interlude - 'The Blessing'**

*Please stay connected for Coffee Hour!*