

Welcome to  
**St. Michael's University Church**

An inclusive and caring community  
in the heart of Isla Vista



Sunday, October 10, 2021  
St. Francis Day

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE ISAIAH BELL

COLLECT

God is with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. (The celebrant says the collect, to which the people respond **Amen.**)

WELCOME

SONG

“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”

Just a closer walk with thee  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea  
Daily walking close to thee  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be

I am weak but thou art strong  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, let me walk close to thee

Through this world of toils and snares  
If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee

**READING: Jeremiah 22:13-16**

Woe to you who build your house by unrighteousness,  
and your upper rooms by injustice;  
who make your neighbors work for nothing,  
and do not give them their wages;  
who say, “I will build myself a spacious house  
with large upper rooms”,

and who cut out windows for it,  
paneling it with cedar,  
and painting it with vermilion.

Are you a king  
because you compete in cedar?

Did not your father eat and drink  
and do justice and righteousness?  
Then it was well with him.

He judged the cause of the poor and needy;  
then it was well.

Is not this to know me? says the Lord.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## **PSALM 148**

**REFRAIN: Praise God, all the earth! Hallelujah!**

3 Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars!

4 Praise God, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord, for God commanded and they were created.

**Praise God, all the earth! Hallelujah!**

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

8 fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

9 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

**Praise God, all the earth! Hallelujah!**

10 Wild animals, insects and birds!

11 Royals of the earth and all peoples—all leaders of the earth!

12 Young men and women alike, old and young together!

**Praise God, all the earth! Hallelujah!**

GOSPEL HYMN: “Bless the Lord My Soul”

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s holy name  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life

**GOSPEL: Matthew 11: 25 – 30**

Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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SERMON

MUSTARD SEED

## SONG

“Pastures of Plenty” (by Woody Guthrie)

It's a mighty hard row that my poor hands have hoed  
My poor feet have traveled a hot dusty road  
Out of your Dust Bowl and westward we rolled  
Your deserts was hot and your mountains was cold  
I worked in your orchards of peaches and prunes  
I slept on the ground by the light of your moon  
At the edge of your cities you'll see us and then  
We come with the dust and we go with the wind

California, Arizona, I made all your crops  
Well its North up to Oregon to harvest your hops  
Dig the beets from your ground, cut the grapes from your vine  
To set on your table your light sparkling wine

It's green pastures of plenty from dry desert ground  
From the Grand Coulee Dam where the waters run down  
Every state in this Union us migrants has been  
And we'll work in this fight and we'll fight until we win

And it's always we rambled, this river and I  
All along your green valleys, I will work till I die  
And this land I'll defend with my life if need be  
'Cause my pastures of plenty must always be free

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

With widening hearts, we turn to God in prayer.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation;  
For the richness of the mountains, plains and rivers;

**We thank you, God.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of people;  
For all creatures that have life;

**We thank you, God.**

For the songs of birds and the beauty of flowers and trees;  
For your healing embrace of all who are sick, despairing, or alone;

**We thank you, God.**

That we may love and honor all your works, O God;  
That we may seek to serve rather than be served  
**We thank you, God.**

We pray for the UCSB community as a new quarter begins, that genuine friendship and the pursuit of wisdom will flourish here.

For what and for whom else would we like to pray today?  
(Pause)

For all of these, we pray to God,  
God of Love, hear the prayers of your people.

Prayer Collect

Prayer of St. Francis

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that we may not so much seek  
to be consoled                      as to console;  
to be understood                    as to understand;  
to be loved                            as to love with all our souls.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

BLESSING

A SIGN OF PEACE

SONG

“We Shall Not Be Moved”

We shall not, we shall not be moved (REPEAT)  
Just like a tree planted by the water  
We shall not be moved

On the road to freedom, we shall not be moved (REPEAT)  
Just like a tree planted by the water  
We shall not be moved

Everyone together, we shall not be moved (REPEAT)  
Just like a tree planted by the water  
We shall not be moved

SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!!!**



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