

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

An inclusive and caring community  
in the heart of Isla Vista



Sunday, July 26, 2020

PRELUDE

RINGING OF ISAIAH THE 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

“Woke Up This Morning”

Woke up this morning with my mind standing on Jesus  
Woke up this morning with my mind standing on Jesus  
Woke up this morning with my mind standing on Jesus  
Hallelu-            Hallelu-            Hallelu- u-            jah

Singing and praying with my mind set on freedom  
Singing and praying with my mind set on freedom  
Singing and praying with my mind set on freedom  
Hallelu-            Hallelu-            Hallelu- u-            jah

Walking and talking with my mind set on freedom  
Walking and talking with my mind set on freedom  
Walking and talking with my mind set on freedom  
Hallelu-            Hallelu-            Hallelu- u-            jah

## READING: I Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## PSALM: 119 (Read antiphonally by verse)

130 When your word goes forth it gives light;  
it gives understanding to the simple.

132 Turn to me in mercy,  
as you always do to those who love your Name.

133 Steady my footsteps in your word;  
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Rescue me from those who oppress me,  
and I will keep your commandments.

135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant  
and teach me your statutes.

136 My eyes shed streams of tears,  
because people do not keep your law.

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 13:31-33, 44-52**

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

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN: "Bless the Lord My Soul"

SERMON

## MUSTARD SEED

### SONG

“Rex’s Blues” (by Townes Van Zandt)

Ride the blue wind high and free  
She'll lead you down through misery  
Leave you low, come time to go  
Alone and low as low can be

If I had a nickel I'd find a game  
If I won a dollar I'd make it rain  
If it rained an ocean I'd drink it dry  
And lay me down dissatisfied

It's legs to walk and thoughts to fly  
Eyes to laugh and lips to cry  
A restless tongue to classify  
All born to grow and grown to die

Chained upon the face of time  
Feelin' full of foolish rhyme  
There ain't no dark till something shines  
I'm bound to leave this dark behind

Ride the blue wind high and free  
She'll lead you down through misery  
Leave you low, come time to go  
Alone and low as low can be

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

With trust and hope, we turn our hearts to God in prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, & bring them the joy of your salvation.  
**God of love, hear the prayers of your people.**

For the good earth and for the wisdom to live into our interdependence with all of God's creation.

**God of love, hear the prayers of your people.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them.

**God of love, hear the prayers of your people.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

**God of love, hear the prayers of your people.**

For deliverance from all violence, oppression, and degradation.

**God of love, hear the prayers of your people.**

For the good work of this community.

May our roles be uplifted by one another, as we do healing work in Isla Vista and beyond.

**God of love, hear the prayers of your people.**

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

The Celebrant continues

And now, as Christ has taught us, we pray:

**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**

BLESSING

SONG: "This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine, I'm gonna' let it shine  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna' let it shine  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna' let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna' let it shine  
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna' let it shine  
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna' let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

All around my neighborhood, I'm gonna let it shine  
All around my neighborhood, I'm gonna let it shine  
All around my neighborhood, I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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



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