

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

An inclusive and caring community  
in the heart of Isla Vista



Sunday, August 15, 2021

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: "Rivers of Babylon"

By the rivers of Babylon/ where we sat down  
and there we wept/ when we remembered Zion

Oh, how the wicked/ carried us away in captivity  
and required from us a song!  
How can we sing our Lord's song in a strange land?

So let the words of our mouth  
and the meditation of our heart  
be acceptable in thy sight  
Adonai

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## READING: Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house,  
she has hewn her seven pillars.  
She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,  
she has also set her table.  
She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls  
from the highest places in the town,  
“You that are simple, turn in here!”  
To those without sense she says,  
“Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.  
Lay aside immaturity, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight.”

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## PSALM: 34 (Read antiphonally by verse)

9 Fear the Lord, you saints,  
for those who fear God lack nothing.  
10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger,  
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.  
11 Come, children, and listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.  
12 Who among you loves life  
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?  
13 Keep your tongue from speaking evil  
and your lips from lying words.  
14 Turn from evil and do good;  
seek peace and pursue it.

## 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: John 6:51-58**

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

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

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN: "Bless the Lord My Soul"

SERMON

MUSTARD SEED

## SONG

“Tenderhearted” (by Sara Watkins)

God bless the tenderhearted who love us face to face  
Untempered and unguarded they see through our mistakes  
They have lost and been broken more than we will ever know  
But it's the tenderhearted who let life overflow

All the pain a world can bring, bruises more than we see  
I couldn't take another hit, lights turned off inside of me  
So I built a wall around my heart, keep it in to keep it out  
And nothing, when surrounded survives but fear and doubt

God bless the tenderhearted who will love us face to face  
And share the love and kindness they were given on the way  
They have lost and been broken more than we will ever know  
But it's the tenderhearted who let life overflow

## **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 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

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

A SIGN OF PEACE

SONG: "Mary Don't You Weep"

CHORUS:

○ Mary don't you weep, don't mourn  
○ Mary don't you weep, don't mourn  
Pharaoh's army got drowned  
○ Mary don't you weep

Well if I could I surely would/ Stand on the rock where Moses stood  
Pharaoh's army got drowned/ ○ Mary don't you weep

CHORUS

Moses stood on the Red Sea shore; smote the water with a 2X4  
Pharaoh's army got drowned/ ○ Mary don't weep

CHORUS

God gave Noah the rainbow sign  
Won't be water, Mary, don't you cry  
Pharaoh's army got drowned/ ○ Mary don't weep

CHORUS

SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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



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