

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

An inclusive and caring community  
in the heart of Isla Vista



Sunday, August 22, 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: "Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho"

CHORUS:

Joshua fought the battle of Jericho  
Jericho Jericho  
Joshua fought the battle of Jericho  
And the walls come tumbling down

You may talk about your men of Gideon  
You may talk about your king of Saul  
But there's none like the good old Joshua  
At the battle of Jericho

CHORUS

Up to the walls of Jericho  
Sword drawn in his hand  
Go blow the horns, cried Joshua  
'Cause the battle is in my hands

CHORUS

## **READING: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18**

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: "Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## **PSALM: 34** (Read antiphonally by verse)

- 15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous,  
and God's ears are open to their cry.
- 16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,  
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
- 17 The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them  
and delivers them from all their troubles.
- 18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted  
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.
- 19 Many are the troubles of the righteous,  
but the Lord will deliver them.

## 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 6:56-69**

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

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

Jesus said, "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." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN: "Bless the Lord My Soul"

SERMON

MUSTARD SEED

## SONG

### “We’re All In This Together”

Well my friend, well I see your face so clearly  
Little bit tired, little bit worn through the years  
You sound nervous, you seem alone  
I hardly recognize your voice on the telephone

#### CHORUS:

We're all in this thing together  
Walkin' the line between faith and fear  
This life don't last forever  
When you cry I taste the salt in your tears

Well my friend, let's put this thing together  
And walk the path that worn out feet have trod  
If you wanted we can go home forever  
Give up your jaded ways, spell your name to God  
CHORUS

All we are is a picture in a mirror  
Fancy shoes to grace our feet  
All that there is is a slow road to freedom  
Heaven above and the darkness beneath  
CHORUS

## **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

“Ella’s Song” (by Sweet Honey in the Rock)

CHORUS:

We who believe in freedom cannot rest  
We who believe in freedom cannot rest until it comes

Until the killing of black men, black mothers' sons  
Is as important as the killing of white men, white mothers' sons

CHORUS

Not needing to clutch for power,  
not needing the light just to shine on me  
I need to be one of the number as we stand against tyranny

CHORUS

To me, young people come first  
They have the courage where we fail  
I hope to hold the light up as they carry us through the gale

CHORUS

SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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



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