

Welcome to
St. Michael's University Church

An inclusive and caring community
in the heart of Isla Vista



Sunday, August 30, 2020

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 "Ain't Gonna' Let Nobody Turn Me Around"

Ain't gonna' let nobody turn me around
Turn me around, turn me around
Ain't gonna' let nobody turn me around
I'm gonna' keep on a-walkin', keep on a-talkin'
Marching on to freedom's land

Ain't gonna' let injustice...

Ain't gonna' let no hatred...

Ain't gonna' let oppression...

Ain't gonna' let no jail cell...

Ain't gonna' let nobody...

READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

○ Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, ○ Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM: 26 (Read antiphonally by verse)

- 1 Give judgment for me, ○ Lord, for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, ○ Lord, and try me;
examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 I have not sat with the worthless,
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.

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 16:21-28

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

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN: "Bless the Lord My Soul"

SERMON

MUSTARD SEED

SONG:

“We Shall Overcome”

We shall overcome, we shall overcome
We shall overcome someday
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe
We shall overcome someday

We'll walk hand in hand...

We are not afraid...

We shall live in peace...

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

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

“Freedom Highway” (by the Staples Singers)

CHORUS:

March down freedom highway
Marchin' each and every day (REPEAT)

Made up my mind that I won't turn around
(REPEAT LINE)

There is just one thing
That makes me come undone
Why some folks think freedom
Is not for everyone
There are so many people
Living their lives perplexed
Wonderin' in their minds
What's gonna' happen next?

CHORUS

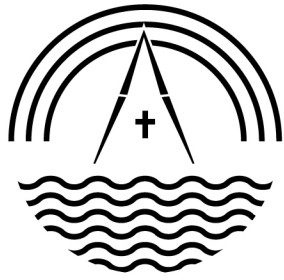
Children in the desert
Their parents taken away
The whole world is wonderin'
What's wrong with the United States?
Yes, we want peace
If it can be found
We're marching freedom highway
And we're not gonna' turn around

CHORUS

SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!!!



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