

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

An inclusive and caring community  
in the heart of Isla Vista



Sunday, September 19, 2021

## 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

“We Are Children of the Lord”

We are all children here in God’s kingdom

We are all children of the Lord

Some are small winners

Some are big losers

We are all just children of the Lord

As we grow older, as we live younger

We are all children of the Lord

Some are fast movers

Some are slow changers

We are all just children of the Lord

We are all children here in God’s kingdom

We are all children of the Lord

Some are cold turkeys

Some are hot doggies

We are all just children of the Lord

We are all children here in God’s kingdom

We are all children of the Lord

Some are hard hitters

Some are soft servers

We are all just children of the Lord

## **READING: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29**

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. So Moses said to the Lord, "I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery." So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## **PSALM: 124** (Read antiphonally by verse)

2 If the Lord had not been on our side,  
when enemies rose up against us;

3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive  
in their fierce anger toward us;

4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us  
and the torrent gone over us.

8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.

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: Mark 9:38-50**

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

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

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to Gehenna, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into Gehenna, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN: "Bless the Lord My Soul"

SERMON

MUSTARD SEED

SONG "Come and Go With Me"

Come and go with me to that land (REPEAT 2X)

Where I'm bound, where I'm bound!

Come and go with me to that land (REPEAT)

Come and go with me to that land where I'm bound

Peace and freedom in that land...

(REPEAT WHOLE SONG)

## **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

“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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