

Welcome to
St. Michael's University Church

An inclusive and caring community
in the heart of Isla Vista



Sunday, September 27, 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

“Woke Up This Morning”

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

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

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

READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall

no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM: 25 (Read antiphonally by verse)

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, in you I trust;
Do not let me be put to shame,
Do not let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O God,
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are everlasting.

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 21:23-32

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

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN: "Bless the Lord My Soul"

SERMON

MUSTARD SEED

SONG “God is God” (by Steve Earle)

I believe in prophecy/ Some folks see things not everybody can see
And, once in a while, they pass the secret along to you and me
& I believe in miracles/ Something sacred burning in every bush and tree
We can all learn to sing the songs the angels sing
Yeah, I believe in God, and God ain't me

I've traveled around the world
Stood on mighty mountains and gazed across the wilderness.
Never seen a line in the sand or a diamond in the dust
And as our fate unfurls
Every day that passes I'm sure about a little bit less
Even my money keeps telling me it's God I need to trust
And I believe in God, but God ain't us

God, in my little understanding, don't care what name I call
Just how much I believe doesn't matter at all
I receive the blessings
And every day on Earth's another chance to get it right
Let this little light of mine shine and rage against the night
Just another lesson/ Maybe someone's watching & wondering what I got
Maybe this is why I'm here on Earth, and maybe not
But I believe in God, and God is God

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

SONG "Down by The Riverside"

I'm gonna' lay down my heavy load
Down by the riverside
Down by the riverside
Down by the riverside
I'm gonna' lay down my heavy load
Down by the riverside
and study war no more

CHORUS:

I ain't gonna study war no more,
Study war no more, study war no more
I ain't gonna study war no more
Study war no more, study war no more

Well, I'm gonna meet all of my family...

CHORUS

Well, I'm gonna shake hands with everyone...

CHORUS

SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!!!



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