

Zoom Worship Service

April 11, 2021

Second Sunday in Easter

Recognition of the First People

SUNNY

We recognize that the first people on the land that we gather on is the Gabrieleño Tangva people. With humility, we accept the responsibility of caring for the land.

Opening Prayer

BONNIE

God of grace and mercy, we gather today needing you in different ways. Some of us need strength because we are facing big challenges. Some of us need hope because we feel like giving up. Some of us need love because we feel alone. All of us need a new start because we are tired of this pandemic. We trust that you will provide for us, whether through music, words, or just being able to hear from a friend. We are here, and you are here. Amen.

Welcome

OLABISI/MARIKA

You Are Welcome!

*No matter who you are or where you are in life's journey,
you are welcome here:*

If you are young or old, you are welcome.

*If you have brown skin, black skin, white skin,
or any other color of skin, you are welcome.*

If you are married or single, divorced or widowed, you are welcome.

*If you are gay or straight, you are welcome,
If you are transgender, you are welcome.*

If you identify as a man, woman, or gender non-conforming, you are welcome.

If you are an immigrant, refugee, or citizen, you are welcome.

If you cannot hear or see, you are welcome.

If you are sick or well, you are welcome.

If you are rich or poor, powerful or weak, you are welcome.

*If you believe in God some of the time,
none of the time, or all of the time, you are welcome*

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You are welcome here!

Come with your gifts, your pains, and hopes, your fears.

Come with traditions that have helped you and hurt you.

Come with your experiences that have made you and broken you.

Come with a mind ready to engage and a heart open to discern.

Come and listen for the Sacred Spirit that calls you to

*love your neighbor wholeheartedly, seek justice,
create peace and practice compassion*

...

You are welcome here

SONG OF CELEBRATION

COME AND HELP US BUILD A LAND

PHILIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

CHRISTOPHE/APRIL

One: Friends, Jesus is risen

All: Let us rejoice

One: यीशु हमारे साथ है (Jesus is with us)

All: Let us be joyful

One: Célébrons le nouvel espoir (Let us celebrate the new hope)

All: We will celebrate the gift of life

One: 我們很謙卑 (We are humbled)

All: When we think of what Jesus did for us on the cross

One: Tayo ay mapagpakumbaba ng biyaya ng Diyos (We are humbled by God's grace)

All: We are humbled by the invitation of a new beginning

One: Nos sentimos humillados por la misericordia de Dios (We are humbled by God's mercy)

All: We are humbled by the gift of new life

One: 우리는 은혜를 받는 증인입니다. (We are witnesses to grace)

All: We are witnesses to new hope

One: We are the people of risen Christ

All: We are the resurrection people! Amen!

INVITATION TO PRAYER

JAN

Friends, we all know pain; however, the good news is that we do not need to suffer. We can find healing and restoration in Jesus. Let us claim the message of Easter and turn to Jesus, seeking hope to believe once again. Let us pray together as a community of believers on the journey to the cross.

First in silence ...

PRAYER OF WHO WE ARE

Let us pray with prayerful hearts.

Loving God, hear our prayer. There is pain, and there is sorrow; there are broken relationships and broken hearts. Sometimes we are the cause of those things. We have caused pain. We have broken the relationship. Sometimes we are simply a part of them – we are the ones who suffer, we are the ones who are broken. So we ask for your forgiveness, we ask for your healing, we ask for your grace. We ask that you help us turn from our former selves to the person you have created us to be, full of mercy and grace, and love. Through Christ, who is our example, we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LOVE

Friends, Jesus rose from the dead to give us new life. Jesus overcame death so we could know healing. Jesus is alive today to give us hope for today and every day. Rejoice in the resurrection. Amen.

Please hug yourself with the love of Christ.

SPECIAL MUSIC

LESS LIKE ME

ANDREA

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SONIA

Calm us now, O God, into a quietness that heals and listens. Open wounded hearts to the healing power of your Word. Speak to us with warmth and grace so we might feel our spirits leap for joy and hope well up within us as the truth of your resurrection takes hold of our hearts. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

John 21:15-19

¹⁵ When they finished eating, Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

Simon replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ Jesus asked a second time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Simon replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Take care of my sheep." ¹⁷ He asked a third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was sad that Jesus asked him a third time, "Do you love me?" He replied, "Lord, you know everything; you know I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ I assure you that when you were younger you tied your own belt and walked around wherever you wanted. When you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and another will tie your belt and lead you where you don't want to go." ¹⁹ He said this to show the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. After saying this, Jesus said to Peter, "Follow me."

MESSAGE

"HOPE FOR THE DESPAIRING"

Pastor Sunny

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

SARAH

COMMUNITY LIFE

CLOSING SONG

LET US PUT ON THE CLOTHES OF CHRIST

PHILIP

BENEDICTION