

WORSHIP SERVICE

JUNE 19, 2022

JUNETEENTH SUNDAY

FATHER'S DAY

RECOGNITION OF THE FIRST PEOPLE

*We begin our worship by acknowledging the traditional territory upon which we gather this morning. For many thousands of years, the **Gabrieleño Tangva** people sought to walk gently on this land. We seek a new relationship with the Original People of this land, one based on honor and deep respect. Amen.*

OPENING PRAYER

WEALTHEA

Loving and liberating God, you who desire the freedom and flourishing of all creation, manifest yourself among us as we worship you today. On this national observance of the emancipation of enslaved African people in this country, prepare our hearts to hear and receive what your Spirit will say to us today. Clarify our vision so that we may recognize and equally regard the humanity of all people. Reorient our hearts and minds so that our time with you today will guide us to a greater ministry of justice, liberation, and love for all in this country and the world. Amen.

WELCOME

APRIL

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*

...

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 WORSHIP

ALL LIVING CREATURES RAISE YOUR SONG

CALL TO WORSHIP

KRISTINA

One: Gather together, O people of God,

All: We come to worship God

One: 하나님은 우리를 여기로 초대하셨습니다.

(God has invited us here)

All: We come in gratitude

One: 我們聚集在一起敬拜慈愛的上帝

(We gather to worship a loving God)

All: God created all of us

One: हम सभी भगवान की छवि में बनाए गए हैं

(We are all created in God's image)

All: We are equal in dignity and worthy of care

One: Sinasamba natin ang isang Diyos ng katarungan
(We worship a God of justice)

All: We worship a God of love

One: Nous adorons un Dieu de paix
(We worship a God of peace)

All: We will lift our hearts

One: Vamos a darle vida a nuestras mentes
(Let us lift up our minds)

All: We will lift up our voices

One: We will rejoice today

All: Let us be glad today. Amen.

INVITATION TO PRAYER

CHRISTOPHE

God created us in God's holy image, and we are invited daily to live in that image and experience the love of God. Let us turn to God once again to be loved and restored.

First in silence ...

PRAYER OF WHO WE ARE

Loving God, Source of all that is and all that will be, you called everything into existence through your love. Giver of every good gift, you create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us.

We admit that we have failed to honor the great diversity of the human family. We seek freedom for ourselves while we work to keep others in bondage. We long to be known and accepted for who we are, but we judge others based on the color of our skin, the shape of our features, or the variety of human experiences. We have tried to love our neighbors individually while yet benefiting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.

May your love shine in us, O God. Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all

people. Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love. Restore us in your image to be a beloved community united in our diversity. Amen.

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LOVE

God is a loving and merciful God. Celebrate God's love for you today. Amen.

As the loved people of God, I now invite you to greet those around you. Those on Zoom are invited to hug themselves with the love of God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

IN OUR HANDS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MARIKA

Gracious God, fill our hearts with joy as we hear the words of the sacred text with humble and open hearts. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

ACTS 3:1-10

¹ One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. ² And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. ³ When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. ⁴ Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." ⁵ And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. ⁶ Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." ⁷ And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. ⁸ Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. ⁹ All the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰ and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with wonder and astonishment at what had happened to him.

MESSAGE

"RESTORING LIVES"

We are God's work of art—
each one of us a precious gem,
a marvelous melody,
a potter's delight.

**We are God's handiwork—
woven together in love,
shaped with infinite compassion,
painted with incredible beauty.**

We are the church of Jesus Christ—
diverse in human qualities,
but united in our call to love God
with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength,
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

**We are the Body of Christ—
living in his truth, sharing his peace,
carrying his hope, embodying his love,
throughout the world, God loved so much.**

We are here to be reminded once more who we are,
whose we are
and what our lives are about.

**We are here to be uplifted, renewed, and empowered
to live out the miracle of who we are
by the power of God working in and among us.**
We open ourselves to God, who makes all things new. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

JAVYN

Let us pray together the prayer Jesus taught us.

Eternal Spirit,
Source of all that is and ever shall be,
Loving Parent in whom we discern heaven,
May knowledge of your holiness inspire all peoples,
And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom flourish on earth
Until all of humankind heed your call to justice and compassion.
May we find the food that we need for today,
And for the hurts we cause one another
May we be forgiven in the same measure that we forgive.
In times of trial and temptation, help us to be strong;
When life seems overwhelming, help us to endure.
May you reign in the power of human love,
Now and forever.
Amen.

COMMUNITY LIFE

CLOSING SONG

STAND IN YOUR LOVE

BENEDICTION