

- PSALM 31:3 -

FOR YOU ARE MY ROCK
AND MY FORTRESS; THEREFORE,
FOR YOUR NAME'S SAKE,
LEAD ME AND GUIDE ME.

La Jolla Lutheran Church

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

WELCOME

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS TODAY!

WE WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER AND PRAISE

PRELUDE

Tracey Marino

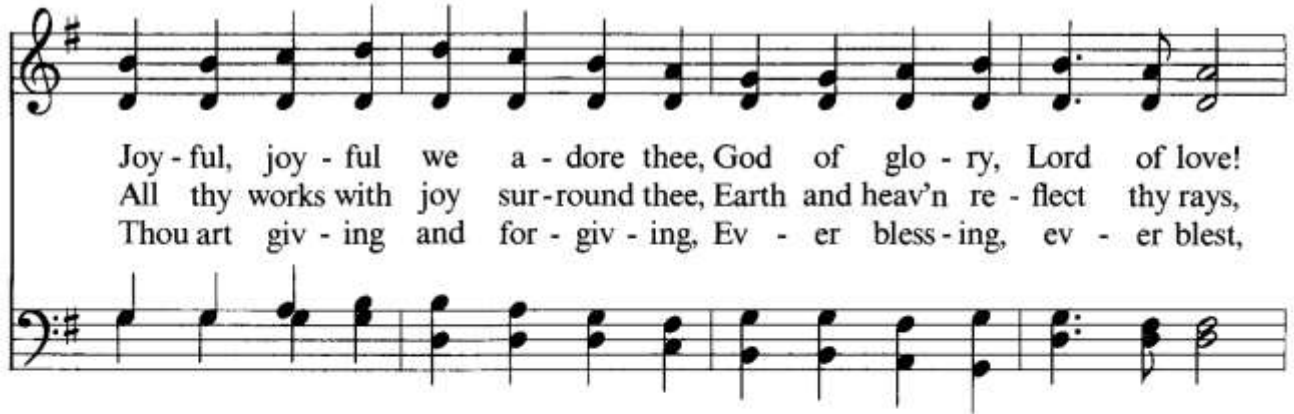
Talk to God about your week. Invite the Holy Spirit to be with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

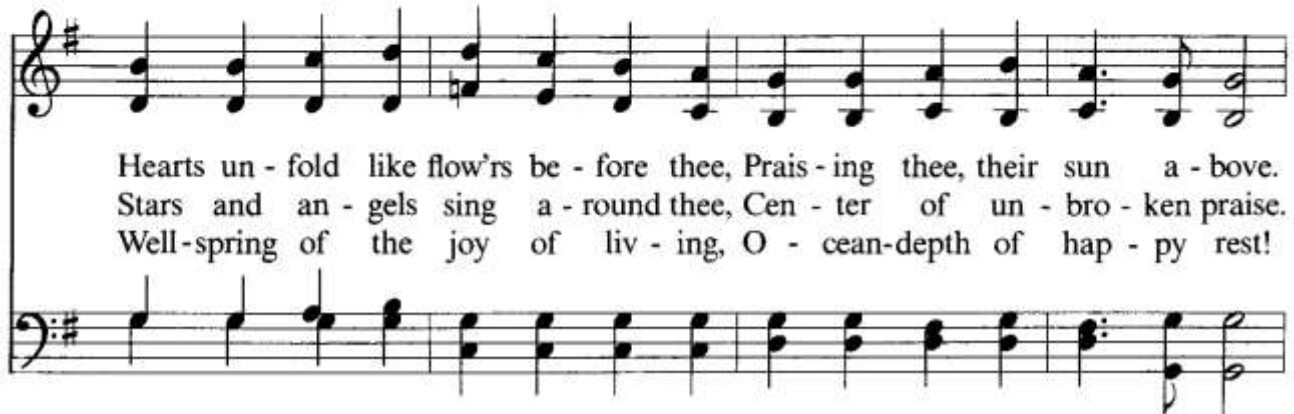
**“Arise, shine; for your light has come and the glory
of the LORD has risen upon you!” Isaiah 60:1**

Please stand

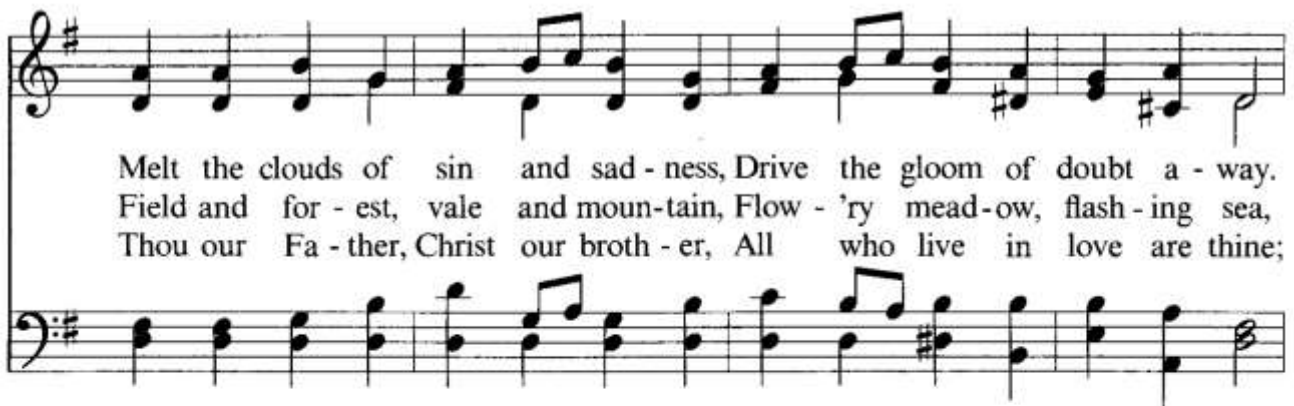
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee




Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
All thy works with joy sur-round thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, Prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow - 'ry mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, All who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in thee.
Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di-vine!

Please Be Seated

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WELCOME, GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (see last page)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P John writes in his first letter, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Time for silent confession to God who loves you.

P Let us pray. Most merciful God,

C We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, God gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

WE WORSHIP THROUGH HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON Acts 7:55-60 NRSV

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 NRSV

A In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.

**C Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily.**

A Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me.

**C You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me;**

A take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.

**C Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**

A My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

**C Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.**

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:2-6 NRSV

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

Please rise for the gospel

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is written in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed between the two staves, aligned with the notes.

GOSPEL

John 14:1-7 NRSV

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”



Please be seated

P What is the mission statement of this congregation?

**C Empowered by the Holy Spirit
we are a loving community
that follows Jesus
and seeks God's will
in all we do.**

P What is the summary of that statement?

C WE FOLLOW JESUS!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Cornerstone

VERSE 1

5

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTH-ING LESS,

9

THAN JE-SUS' BLOOD AND RIGHT-EOUS-NESS. I DARE NOT TRUST THE

12

SWEET-EST FRAME, BUT WHOL-LY TRUST IN JE - SUS' NAME.

CHORUS

CHRIST A - LONE. COR-NER - STONE. WEAK MADE

20

STRONG IN THE SAV - IOUR'S LOVE. THROUGH THE STORM, HE IS LORD. LORD OF

VERSE 2, 3

24 **A** PNO. / E. GTR **A** SOFTLY ON D.S.

ALL. WHEN DARK-NESS SEEMS TO HIDE HIS FACE,
WHEN HE SHALL COME WITH TRUMP-ET SOUND,

28 **D** **E** **F#m**

I REST ON HIS UN-CHANG-ING GRACE.. IN EV-'RY HIGH AND
OH, MAY I THEN IN HIM BE FOUND.. DRESSED IN HIS RIGHT - EOUS-

31 **A/E** **D** **E** **A**

STORM-Y GALE, MY AN - CHOR HOLDS WITH-IN THE VEIL..
NESS A-LONE. FAULT-LESS STAND BE - FORE THE THRONE. (to chorus)

MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD

Pastor Dan Hill



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your

2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is

3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,

4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.

still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.

ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.

way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

OFFERING

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ATTENDANCE FORMS

After the offering is collected, the ushers will come back to pick up worship registration forms. This form is the half-sheet in your program where you can identify your prayer requests.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

A Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION ELEMENTS

All baptized Christians who have been instructed in the sacrament of Holy Communion are welcome to receive Christ present in the bread and wine/grape juice. Children who have not received instruction may come forward for a blessing.

HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil
For the kingdom, the power, and the
 glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

MEDITATION SONG

Please stand

Soon and Very Soon

1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in B-flat major. The melody in the treble staff consists of quarter and eighth notes, while the bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system, maintaining the same rhythmic and harmonic structure.

soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon

The third system concludes the main body of the song with a final cadence in the treble staff.

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

1, 2, 3

The fourth system is a repeat section for the chorus, marked with a first ending bracket and the numbers '1, 2, 3'. The melody is more active, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes, and the bass staff continues with a steady accompaniment.

BLESSING

P May God bless you and keep you.
May God's face shine on you and be gracious to you.
May God look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.

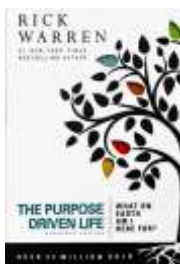


Mother's Day Sunday, May 14

All Women Will Receive Flowers and a Devotional

La Jolla Lutheran 78th Anniversary Celebration: May 21

La Jolla Lutheran will be 78 years old on May 20th, so we are planning a special celebration on May 21st. Please plan on staying for coffee hour that day! We will definitely be having a birthday cake and ice cream! We will remember the early history of our church with a "Bee" theme.



We will be starting a new series in June based on the book, *The Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren. Pastor Hill will be doing a number of sermons on this book which focuses on how Christ can help us become our best self and influence others in a positive way. You can pick up a copy at church now and begin reading!

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Events This Week

The link to all events on Zoom can be found at LaJollaLutheranChurch.com

Sunday, May 7

9:30 a.m. Worship / Fellowship Time / Bible Study

Cantor: Elaine H Prayers: Elaine H Reader: Genie H

Ushers: Brad V and Jacquelyn E Coffee: Barbara I and Dale L

Communion Prep: Genie H

6 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom. Click the link at LaJollaLutheranChurch.com

Monday, May 8

6 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom. Click the link at LaJollaLutheranChurch.com

Tuesday, May 9 Birthday of Carissa K

6 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom. Click the link at LaJollaLutheranChurch.com

Wednesday, May 10

10 a.m. Volunteers

6 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom. Click the link at LaJollaLutheranChurch.com

Thursday, May 11

6 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom. Click the link at LaJollaLutheranChurch.com

Friday, May 12

6 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom. Click the link at LaJollaLutheranChurch.com

Saturday, May 13

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Sunday, May 14 *Mother's Day*

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Cantor: Carol H Prayers: Julie M Reader: Gudrun A

Ushers: Diane O and Doug S Coffee: Julie M

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