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are able.**

April 14, 2024

11:00am

Tower Chimes

Janet Cook

Music to Gather:

“Voluntary on the Doxology” Henry Purcell
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*** Welcome**

Call to Worship based on Palm 133

One: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

All: It is like the precious oil blessing us! We rejoice and praise the one who blesses us!

One: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

All: For there the LORD ordained blessings on life forevermore.

One: Let us join our voices together in joy and harmony!

All: Let us carry the love of Christ into the world!

Hymn Tune #35 "How Great Thou Art"

Verse 1

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r thru-out the universe displayed!

Chorus

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to
Thee;*

How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to
Thee;*

How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

Verse 2

When thru the woods and forest glades I
wander

And hear the birds sing sweetly in the
trees,

When I look down from lofty mountain
grandeur

And hear the brook and feel the gentle
breeze,

Chorus

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to
Thee;*

How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to
Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

Verse 3

And when I think that God, His Son not
sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in –
That on the cross, my burden gladly
bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin!

Chorus

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to
Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to
Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

Verse 4

When Christ shall come with shout of
acclamation

And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great
Thou art!

Chorus

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to
Thee;*

How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to
Thee;*

How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

Prayer of Confession

One: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Let us come before our savior and friend Jesus and profess our need for him in our lives!

All: Lord, save us from ourselves. We continue to do the same things over and over, expecting different results. Lord,

save us from doing too much. We go fishing every day, not noticing you waiting with a meal on the beach. Lord, save us from doing too little. We say we love you, and yet so often we neglect your sheep. Lord, save us from ourselves. Help us to hear and respond when you say, “Follow Me.” Amen.

**- From Emmanuel Presbyterian Church,
Thousand Oaks, CA**

Confession Response 

Hymn #43, Verse 2

**Breathe, O breathe your loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast;
Let us all in you inherit,
Let us find our promised rest;
Take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: When we humble our hearts and profess Jesus as our Lord and savior, we are met with grace beyond measure, and given eternal salvation.

All: “That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.” - Romans 10:9-11

Response to Words of Assurance 🎵

Hymn #42 Verse 3

**Jesus! The name that calms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease
Is music in the sinner’s ears,
is life, and health, and peace!**

Scriptures

Felicia Knerr

John 21:1-19

1 John 3:1-7

Congregational Response 

***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.***

Children's Moment

Sermon: *"Breakfast at Jesus's"*

Rev. Becky Sausser

Hymn #99 "Abide with Me"

(Note: Ushers will collect "Prayer Cards" during this time. Prayer cards are in the pews. We invite you to fill one out if you have a joy or prayer request to share.)

Morning Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy

Abide with Me

Henry F. Lyte, 1847; alt.

1. A-bide with me; fast falls the e-ven-tide;
The shad-ows deep-en, Lord, with me a-bide;
When oth-er help-ers fail, and com-forts flee,
Help of the help-less, O a-bide with me.

2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit-tle day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glo-ries pass a-way;
Change and de-cay in all a-round I see;
O Christ who chang-es not, a-bide with me.

3. I need your pres-ence ev-ery pass-ing hour;
I need your grace to foil the tempt-er's power.
Give me your love my guide and stay to be.
Through cloud and sun-shine, O a-bide with me.

4. I fear no foe, with you at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bit-ter-ness;
Where is death's sting? where, grave, your vic-to-ry?
I tri-umph still if you a-bide with me.

5. Hold now your cross be-fore my clos-ing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;
Heaven's morn-ing breaks, and earth's vain shad-ows flee;
In life, in death, O Christ, a-bide with me.

Luke 24:29; 1 Cor. 15:55

will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response 🎵 Hymn #68, Verse 2

**God is truly with us; loud our praise
resounding!**

Echoes of the saints surrounding!

**“Holy, holy, holy,” hear the hymn
ascending,**

angels, saints, their voices blending!

**Bow your ear to us here; hear, O Christ,
the praises**

that your Church now raises.

Chancel Choir Anthem:

**“Bless Us With Your Love” Mozart/Wagner
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Announcements

Jeff Rissell

Offering

Offertory

“Blessed Jesus, We Are Here”

Johann G. Walther

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*Doxology 

**Praise God from whom all blessings
flow;**

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

* **Hymn #257** “Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!”

* Commission and Blessing

***Threefold Amen**

Amen, Amen, Amen

Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!

William C. Dix, 1867; alt.

1. Al-le-lu-ia! Gra-cious Je-sus!
Yours the scep-ter, yours the throne!
Al-le-lu-ia! Yours the tri-umph,
yours the vic-to-ry a-lone!
Hark! the songs of peace-ful Zi-on
thun-der like a might-y flood;
Je-sus, out of ev-ery na-tion
you've re-deemed us by your blood.

2. Al-le-lu-ia! Not as or-phans
are we left in sor-row now.
Al-le-lu-ia! You are near us;
faith be-lieves, nor ques-tions how.
Though the cloud from sight re-ceived you
when the for-ty days were o'er,
shall our hearts for-get your prom-ise,
"I am with you ev-er-more."

3. Al-le-lu-ia! Bread of an-gels,
you on earth our food, our stay.
Al-le-lu-ia! Here the sin-ful
flee to you from day to day.
In-ter-ces-sor, friend of sin-ners,
earth's Re-deem-er, plead for me,
and the songs that sound in heav-en
will re-peat your gra-cious plea.

ASCENSION

4. Al-le-lu-ia! Christ e-ter-nal,
noth-ing can dis-rupt your reign;
Al-le-lu-ia! Born of Mar-y,
heaven and earth are your do-main.
Hu-man life you ful-ly en-tered,
tend-ing those we count the least,
serv-ing both as Priest and Vic-tim
in the eu-cha-ris-tic feast.

Eph. 1:15–23; Heb. 9:11–14

Music to go forth:

“Alleluia”

George Blake

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No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here. God is still speaking, ...

Serving St. John's...

Rev. Becky Sausser.....Pastor
Andrea Williams...Administrative Assistant
Lois Mease... Music Director and Organist
April Riddick.....Custodian
Jim Saylor.....Sunday Sexton
And too many volunteers to list!

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Dates

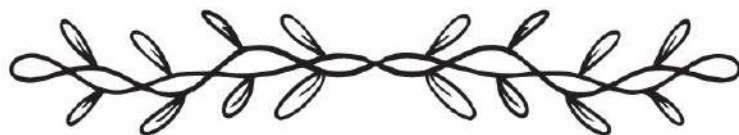
May 4 - Intergenerational Hike

May 12 - Confirmation Service 11am

May 19 - Pentecost Service 11am

June 16 - Church Picnic at Waldheim Park

June 23 - Youth Sunday



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