

University UMC – Order of Worship
June 9th, 2024
3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Centering Words:

Should everything we cling to be destroyed,
we have an imperishable house,
not made with hands, but eternal in the heavens.

Prelude:

- Jilsca Oppier

(*) Gathering Songs:

- Tony & Wanda Woolery

“Glorify You”

We stand in awe of your presence
And we seek your Holiness
For your love it is eternal
Living waters flow from you
Father in Heaven, we come to worship you
Holy Spirit, teaching us to walk in you
Jesus sweet savior, we want to glorify you.

“You Are My King” (W&S 3102)

I’m forgiven because you were forsaken.
I’m accepted; you were condemned.
I’m alive and well, your Spirit is within me
because you died and rose again.

Refrain:

Amazing love, how cant it be
that you my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it’s true;
ad it’s my joy to honor you.

Repeat refrain

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Refrain

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I'm accepted; you were condemned.
I'm alive and well, your Spirit is within me
because you died and rose again.

Refrain

You are my King! You are my King!
And it's my joy to honor you.
In all I do I honor you. In all I do I honor you.

"Give Thanks" (TFWS 2036)

// Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his son. /

/ And now let the weak say, "I am strong";
let the poor say "I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us." //

Give thanks!

Gathering & Recognition of Guests:

- Bob Denham

(*) Call to Worship:

- Bob Denham

In this family of faith,
we have a place where we will always belong.

**Here we find friends who will love us
as children of the Most High.**

In this house of God,
we worship a King who rules with equity.

**Here we follow One whose steadfast love
endures forever.**

Whoever you are and wherever you are
on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Thanks be to God.

(*) Opening Hymn: “This is My Father’s World” (UMH 144)

- Leslie Kowalski

This is my Father’s world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world:
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world,
the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their maker’s praise.
This is my Father’s world:
he shines in all that’s fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father’s world.
O let me ne’er forget
that though the wrong oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world:
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let the earth be glad!,

(*) Opening Prayer:

Sovereign God, come to us when we lose our way.

For we need you to be our King—to lead us on right paths, teach us the ways of life and death, and shelter us from our foes.

We need you to be our comforter—to love us as a father, nurture us as a mother, shelter us as a brother, and assure us as a sister.

Welcome us into the arms of your mercy, O God, and we will be your people, even as you are our God and King. Amen.

Children's Message (*if children are present*)

Prayer Hymn: "My Hope is Built" (UMH 368)

- Leslie Kowalski

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteous.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

Community Prayer

- Rev. Ruben Esponda

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer in Unison

Choral Anthem: "A Time for All Things"

(*) Scripture: Mark 3:20-35 (NRSVUE)

- Bob Denham

²⁰ Then he went home, and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹ When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." ²² And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." ²³ And he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶ And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷ But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸ "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter, ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness but is guilty of an eternal sin"— ³⁰ for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

³¹ Then his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. ³² A crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside asking for you." ³³ And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴ And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother

and my brothers! ³⁵ Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

The Word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon: “Are You Doing the Will of God” - David Nesamony

Invitation to the Offering - Bob Denham

As brothers and sisters of Christ, let us give joyfully from our bounty, that all God’s family may find hope and strength through the blessings we share this day.

Offering

Doxology: “Gloria, Gloria” (UMH 72) - Leslie Kowalski

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, Gloria! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Offering Prayer - Bob Denham

Holy Sovereign, you are our King and we are your people. As we reach for our brothers and sisters in Christ, and our mothers and fathers in faith, use these offerings to heal our world and draw all people into your holy family. Amen.

Prayer for Graduates - Rev. Rubén Esponda

God of truth and knowledge, by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth. Bless them as they now finish this course of study. We thank you for those who taught and worked beside them, and all who supported them along the way.

Elementary to Middle School

- Jaron Ward

Middle to High School

- Melody Ward (Excelsior Charter Schools)
- Catherine Tendean

High School Grads

- Colin Detrow (Citrus Valley High School)
- Alix Barron

Higher Education Grads

- Leo Diaz (University of Redlands)
- Wade Terwilliger (Great Lakes Navy Training Center)
- Dafry Nesamony (Crafton Hills College)

Walk with these graduates as they move forward in life.

Take away their anxiety and confusion of purpose.

Strengthen their many talents and skills, Instill in them a confidence in the future you plan, where energies may be gathered up and used for the good of all people; for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Announcements: - Bob Denham

Celebration of Life for Janet Edwards: Join us to honor and celebrate the life of Janet Edwards on **Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 1:30 PM** at Trinity Episcopal Church, 419 S 4th St, Redlands, CA. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to a Redlands community organization of your choice in memory of Janet.

Nancy Grissom Self Memorial: Please join us in remembering and celebrating the life of Rev. Nan Self on **June 19, 2024, at 1:30 PM**. The service will be held at Redlands First United Methodist Church, located at 1 E. Olive Ave., Redlands, CA 92373. For any inquiries, please contact the church office at (909) 793-2118.

(*) **Closing Hymn: “They’ll Know We Are Christians” (TFWS 2223)**
- Leslie Kowalski

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain:

And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
And together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land.

Refrain

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
And we’ll guard human dignity and save human pride.

Refrain

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.

Refrain

(*) **Benediction**

- Rev. Ruben Esponda

With God as our King,
go to build God's realm here on earth.

**With our inner natures renewed,
we go forth to proclaim God's glory.**

With your sisters and brothers in Christ
and your mothers and fathers in faith,
go to be Christ's family.

**With our hearts set free to love,
we go to share Christ's love with all.**

Postlude

- Jilsca Oppier