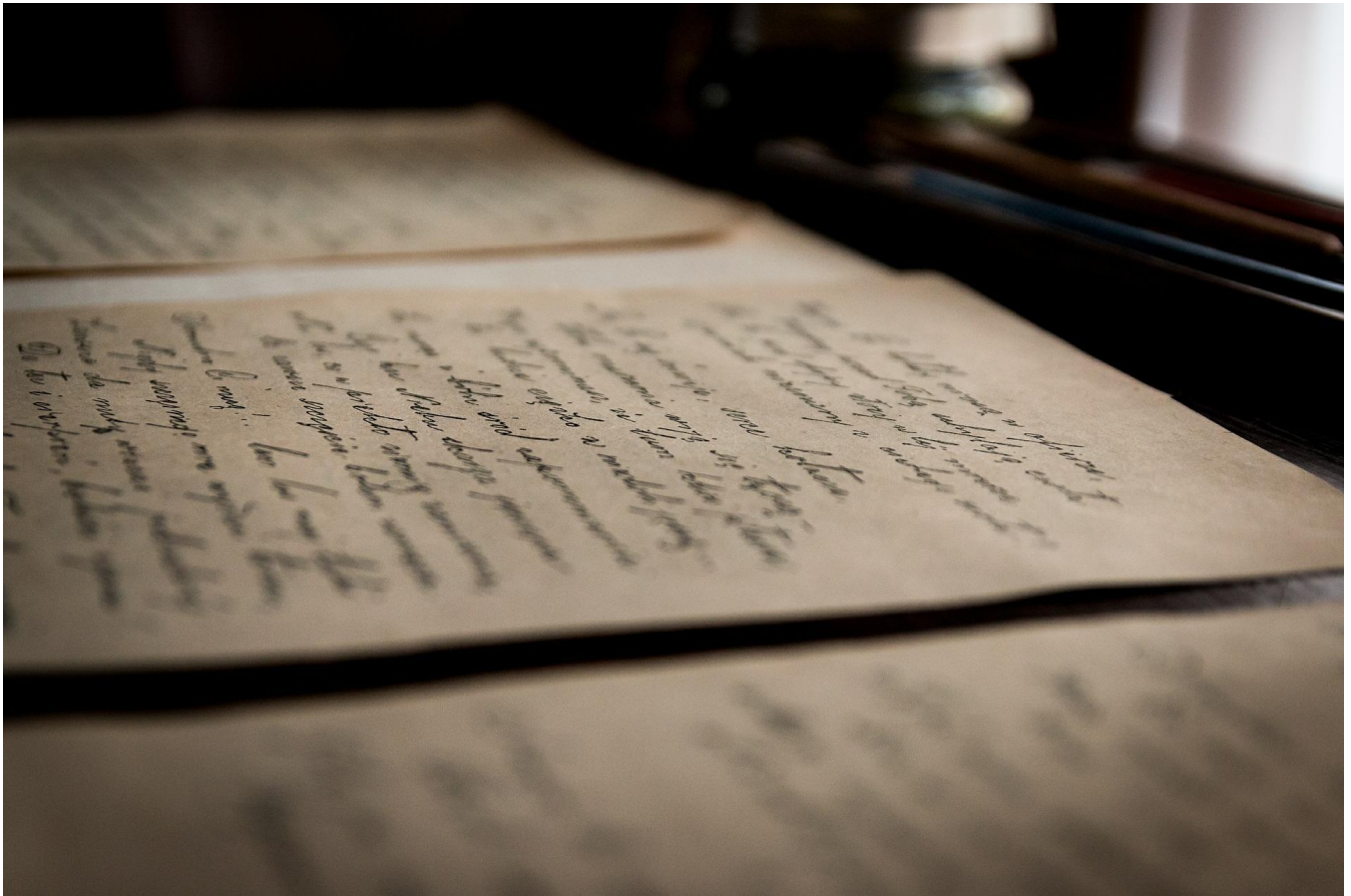




**LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST**

**Sunday, January 24, 2021
3rd Sunday after the Epiphany**



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Prelude: “Laudate Dominum” -Mozart

Musician: Bob Wuertz, Piano

Welcome

Opening Music: “Christ for the World We Sing” UMH 568

Musicians: Joyce Theilacker, Lisa Corpron, Jayson Coleman, Randy Seward, Bob Wuertz

1. Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with loving zeal;

the poor, and them that mourn,
the faint and overborne,
sin-sick and sorrow-worn,
whom Christ doth heal.
2. Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with fervent prayer;

the wayward and the lost,
by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost,
from dark despair.
3. Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with one accord;

with us the work to share,
with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear,
for Christ our Lord.
4. Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with joyful song;

the newborn souls,
whose days, reclaimed from error’s ways,
inspired with hope and praise,
to Christ belong.

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Blessing for Children

Scripture: Acts 22:1-16

Message: “Letters & Epistles” **P2**

Response to the Word

Confession, Assurance, and Peace

Liturgist: O God, you call to us. We hear you, but aren't sure who is calling. We hear you, but are distracted by many things. We hear you, but are afraid to answer. Open our hearts to your voice. Help us set aside our doubts, our fears, and our distractions, that we may answer you faithfully. Amen.

Pastor: God searches us, knows us, loves us, and forgives us. God's love shelters us and keeps us safe.

Liturgist: In the name of Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: “Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door” -African American Spiritual

Musicians: Joyce Theilacker, Lisa Corpron, Jayson Coleman, Randy Seward, Bob Wuertz

Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

Communion elements may be selected from your home to include bread (or similar) and juice (or similar). Please wait until directed before receiving your elements.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Closing Music: “We Are Called” -TFWS 2172

Musicians: Joyce Theilacker, Lisa Corpron, Jayson Coleman, Randy Seward, Bob Wuertz

1. Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God!

Refrain

We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly,
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God!

2. Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so all hatred and blindness will be no more!

Refrain

We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly,
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God!

3. Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love!

Refrain

We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly,
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God!

Benediction

Postlude: “My Heart Ever Faithful” J.S. Bach

Musician: Bob Wuertz, Piano

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