

WORSHIP

November 8, 2020

“We have to be braver than we think we can be, because God is constantly calling us to be more than we are.”

~ Madeleine L'Engle

“Courage doesn't happen when you have all the answers. It happens when you are ready to face the questions you have been avoiding your whole life.”

~ Shannon L. Alder

“You cannot swim for new horizons until you have courage to lose sight of the shore.”

~ William Faulkner

“Courage is being scared to death, but saddling up anyway.”

~ John Wayne

Prelude

Joyce Rhodes, organ

"Variations on 'Sine Nomine' " ~ arr. Rex Koury

"Prelude on 'Lasst uns erfreuen' " ~ arr. Gerald Peterson

"How Firm a Foundation" ~ setting, Michael Burkhardt

Call to Worship

The coming of the Spirit transforms the Christian community.

Locked doors are opened.

Fear is replaced by courage.

Peace is proclaimed

Those who were afraid now speak up boldly.

**In a world of fear and doubt and confusion,
the Spirit inspires people to open the doors and speak out
especially about issues of justice and peace.**

In a world of selfishness, competition, and control,
the Spirit gives out gifts that are shared for the benefit of all
especially those who are poor or in need.

**In a world of ideology and prejudice,
The Spirit calls us to think about things in a new way.**

May the Holy Spirit be present as we worship today!

~ written by John Bucki, SJ

Hymn

Gareth Williams & Sue Livingstone

"For All the Saints" ~ UMH #711 vs. 1, 5

Time for Kids

Scripture Lesson

Acts 2:1-13

Message

Pastor Kate Conolly

"From Fear to Freedom"

Special Music

Mimi Carlson, flute (video)

"Improvisation" ~ Tingley

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn

Gareth Williams & Sue Livingstone

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" ~ TFWS vss. 1, 4

Sending Forth

Go out into God's world filled with the spark of the Holy Spirit.
Let love guide your actions.
Listen for the Spirit of Truth.
Spread the peace of Christ
and remind everyone you meet
that each one is a beloved child of God. Amen.

Postlude

Joyce Rhodes, organ

"Toccata in D Minor" ~ N. V. Wheeler

"Festive Postlude" ~ Joseph Roff

"Finale from 'Prelude, Fugue and Finale on 'Sine Nomine' "
~ Stanley E. Saxton

NOVEMBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH

A letter from the Finance Committee will be arriving at your home soon.
Please complete the Estimate of Giving card
and return it to the Church Office.
Thank you for your continuing support of LGUMC.
HEALTHY MIND, HEALTHY BODY

Presented by Health & Visitation Ministry
Sunday(s), November 8 & 15, 2-4PM
(See flyer in "Spire" or www.lgumc.org)

CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE **Saturday, December 5**

CHILDREN'S GIFT TREE **Abbreviated Version**

Adaptation is a necessity in times of change, and this is true for our traditional Christmas activities like the Children's Gift Tree program. For schools struggling with on-line learning and planning for eventual in-class learning, participation in additional programs such as our Children's Gift Tree is not easily feasible for them this year. Shopping for many of us will also be problematic. Keeping those things in mind, we will not be providing gifts for McKinley School this year; however, we will still be able to provide gifts for the Head Start and State Pre-School programs, but in a different way. As enrollment is still occurring, we need gifts for a maximum of 44 children, ages 3 - 5, not nearly as many as in the past. Donations made to the church will be accepted to provide the gifts. Please note "Children's Gift Tree" on your check. Should you want to provide a gift on your own, please contact Michael or Carol Crow at crowck@yahoo.com or 408-371-7252 for details. Donations need to be sent to the church by November 30.

ONLINE WORSHIP INFORMATION

Greg and Cindy Cook and I have been working tirelessly behind the scenes on our Sunday live-stream worship services since March. We've been working weekly to improve the viewers experience and to bring our church community into your homes while keeping the LGUMC spirit alive. We hope you have been enlightened not just on Sundays but throughout the week while we try to bring a little bit of normalcy into your home.

We're excited to announce that starting Sunday, November 1, 10am, we'll be adding an additional live-stream option to our very own website. Click on lgumc.org/online-worship-information/ to see weekly 10am Sunday worship services. They will also be recorded so if you miss a Sunday, you can go back and watch it on our Online Worship page.

The services will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook on Sunday mornings and you'll continue to be able to comment, say hi, or check in with your fellow congregants.

This additional live-stream service will help those that are not on Facebook or just wish to experience our worship services on the LGUMC website. And feel free to pass along the link to family and friends. Now more than ever, we can spread God's love and his teachings even further than our own community.

And a big Thank you to Pastor Jenn Murdock and Pastor Kate Conolly for supporting and pushing our live-stream efforts along the way. And thank you also to all those that reach out weekly to let us know our efforts are appreciated! It definitely takes a village, and we are glad to be a part of it.

- Pam Parisi, LGUMC Communication Specialist