



**ONLINE WORSHIP
DECEMBER 27, 2020**

We will have a special service today from the Cal-Pac Annual conference! This service was provided to local congregations as a gift, and is a collection of a variety of musicians, worship leaders and preachers giving witness from a diverse context of settings, all giving glory to God as we celebrate Christ's birth.

**WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD
Welcome & Welcoming Music**

Prelude:

Jazz Guitar Jimmy Patton and Adam Ferrara (Vista UMC)

Silent Meditation:

"You can't really know where you are going until you know where you have been."

Maya Angelou Poet, Memoirist, and Civil Rights Activist

"And suddenly you just know it is time to start something new and trust the magic of beginning."

Meister Eckhart 1260-1328 German Theologian, Philosopher and Mystic

Prayer of Invocation:

Pastor Ruben Torres (Escondido UMC)

Brothers and sisters, receive this prayer of invocation.

God of Grace and new life in Jesus Christ, we ask that you turn your face to us now in this time of worship. Favor us with your grace. Warm our hearts and stir our spirits. May this time glorify your name and prepare us to move forward into your future until one day we see you will done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Opening Song:

Michael Morgan (San Diego First UMC)

Call To Worship:

Rev Moonyoung Lee, Hawaii District Superintendent

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 148 - Mark Nakagawa, West District Superintendent

Reflection:

Rev. Dr. Ken Walden (Holman UMC)

Prayers for the Community:

Rev. Melissa Mackinnon, East District Superintendent

Special Music:

Rev. Paul Tangonan (Crescenta Valley UMC)

Scripture Reading:

Galatians 4:4-7 - Rev. Jim Powell, North District Superintendent

Reflection:

Rev. Trudy Robinson (San Diego First UMC)

Special Music:

Pastors Dr. Monalisa (Cal-Pac Young People's Coordinator, Trinity UMC of Pomona) & Langi Lolohea (San Dimas UMC, Wesley UMC of Riverside)

Prayer of Confession and Lord's Prayer:

Erin Hawkins, Cal- Pac Executive Director of Connectional Ministries

Oh great God of grace, in this moment before we can receive your grace we must confess that we do not come before you having earned your favor by our good actions. We confess that we have not loved our enemies. We confess that we have not forgiven fully those who we feel wronged by. We confess that we think more about our own needs than the needs of others, especially those less fortunate than us. Trusting in your love, we come before you now in silent confession to lift to you the burden of our hearts.

Words of Assurance:

Through the unconditional love of God in the person of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! We are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Scripture Reading:

Luke 2:22-40 - Rev. John Farley, South District Superintendent

Special Music:

Rev. Son Pom Ye (Borrego Springs UMC)

Reflection:

Bishop Grant Hagiya

Song of Praise:

Faith Devotion Band (Faith UMC of Torrance)

Affirmation of Faith:

“An Affirmation of Faith: For the Self-Exiled During the COVID-19 Pandemic” – By Glory E. Dharmaraj, Ph.D. (Published on UM Insight, March 25, 2020, Used with permission)

Benediction and Sending:

Bishop Hagiya

Postlude:

Improvisation of “I Saw Three Ships” – Performed by Arron Shows (Pasadena First UMC)

**All are invited to share in virtual coffee time online
via Zoom (*may require app download*).**