

Worship Service for May 17, 2020
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Community Congregational Church of Chula Vista
United Church of Christ
P.O. Box 5574 Chula Vista, CA 91912

Gathering Music

Please take this time to center yourself before worship.

Welcome

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 66)

Pastor: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

People: sing the glory of His name;

Pastor: give to Him glorious praise! Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

People: All the earth worships you and sings praises to you:

All: Let us sing praises to your name!

Prayer of Invocation (In Unison)

God of all of our beginnings and endings, we thank you for your great faithfulness in our lives. As we gather from our homes, united by your Holy Spirit we thank you for the great privilege to worship your holy name. May this worship service bring your all glory and praise as we lift up the accomplishments of our students. We thank you for all of them- whether they are moving from pre-school to kindergarten, grammar school to high school or onto university, we thank you for each one, O God. Be with us now, as we worship you "in Spirit and in truth." In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Hymn of Praise- "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (Red hymnal, #377, Verses 1,2,4)

*Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.*

*All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, bale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.*

*Mortals join the happy chorus, with the morning stars began,
Boundless love is reigning o'er us, reconciling race and clan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors of midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.*

Prayer of the People (Giving God thanks for students, teachers, and parents!)

Lord's Prayer

Special Music - "I am The Bread of Life" Sung by Tanya Tapia

Scripture Reading Proverbs 16: 9 and Jeremiah 29:11

The human mind plans the way, but the Lord directs the steps. (Proverbs 16:9)
For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)

Message- "God's Plan," by Rev. Dr. Jamall Calloway, Minister for Youth and Young Adults

Celebrating our Two Graduates- Gigi Hewett and Caitlyn Jones

Sending Forth Hymn- "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry" (NCH, #351, Verses 1,2,4)

*I was there to hear your borning cry. I'll be there when you are old,
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
I'll be there, in case you wander off and find where demons dwell.*

*When you found the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living God, to whom you now belong.
Should you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.*

*I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.*

Closing Prayer and Benediction

