

**Community Congregational Church of Chula Vista
United Church of Christ**



*“The Time is always right to do what is right.”
-Martin Luther King Jr.*

Second Sunday After Epiphany

**Worship On-Line
Sunday, January 16, 2022**

Prelude

Lionel Jasmin

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Jamall Calloway

Call To Worship:

Leader: If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

People: For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. (Matthew 23:12)

Leader: He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.

People: And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)

Leader: He mocks proud mockers but shows favor to the humble and oppressed. (Proverbs 3:34)

All: Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. (Deuteronomy 31:)

Prayer of Invocation:

This is a prayer written by Martin Luther King, Jr.

O thou Eternal God, out of whose absolute power and infinite intelligence the whole universe has come into being. We humbly confess that we have not loved thee with our hearts, souls and minds and we have not loved our neighbors as Christ loved us. We have all too often lived by our own selfish impulses rather than by the life of sacrificial love as revealed by Christ. We often give in order to receive, we love our friends and hate our enemies, we go the first mile but dare not travel the second, we forgive but dare not forget. And so, as we look within ourselves, we are confronted with the appalling fact that the history of our lives is the history of an eternal revolt against thee. But thou, O God, have mercy upon us. Forgive us for what we could have been but failed to be. Give us the intelligence to know thy will. Give us the courage to do thy will. Give us the devotion to love thy will. In the name and spirit of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: (NCH) #423

“Great is Your Faithfulness”

Verse 1:

Great is your faithfulness, O God, Creator,
with you no shadow of turning we see,
You do not change, your compassions they fail not;
all of your goodness forever will be.

Verse 2:

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
to your great faithfulness,
mercy and love.

Verse 3:

Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring,
your own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 4:1-16

Now the man knew his wife Eve, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have produced a man with the help of the LORD.”² Next she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a tiller of the ground.³ In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground,⁴ and Abel for his part brought of the firstlings of his flock, their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering,⁵ but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.⁶ The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen?⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it.”

⁸ Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let us go out to the field.” And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel, and killed him.⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?”¹⁰ And the LORD said, “What have you done? Listen; your brother’s blood is crying out to me from the ground!¹¹ And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand.¹² When you till the ground, it will no longer yield to you its strength; you will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.”¹³ Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is greater than I can bear!¹⁴ Today you have driven me away from the soil, and I shall be hidden from your face; I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and anyone who meets me may kill me.”¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, “Not so! Whoever kills Cain will suffer a sevenfold vengeance.” And the LORD put a mark on Cain, so that no one who came upon him would kill him.¹⁶ Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD, and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Sermon:

“The Mark of Cain”

Rev. Dr. Jamall Callaway

Closing Hymn: (NCH) #570

“We Shall Overcome”

Verse 1:

We shall overcome,
We shall overcome,
We shall overcome someday;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
we shall overcome someday.

Verse 4:

Our God will see us through,
Our God will see us through,
Our God will see us through someday;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
we shall overcome someday.

Closing Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Dr. Jamall Callaway

Benediction

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Postlude

Lionel Jasmin



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