

**Community Congregational Church of Chula Vista
United Church of Christ
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 22, 2022**

Prelude

Lionel Jasmin and Chaz Keith

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Liz Aguilar

Liturgist

Ester Banayo

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us.

People: May God's face shine upon us and bring us peace!

Leader: Let all people praise you, O Lord.

People: Let all people shout their joy to your holy name.

Leader: God blesses us continually throughout all our lives.

ALL: Thanks be to God, for God's eternal love and blessing. AMEN.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

Loving God, this is the day that YOU have made! Help us to be glad and rejoice in it! We come seeking your Spirit. Open our hearts and minds to receive your word afresh. May all that we say and sing glorify your name today and always. For it is in Jesus' name that we pray. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Spirit of Gentleness" (NCH, #286; vrs.1,2, and 4)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORDS'S PRAYER

Pastor Liz

**ANTHEM "Easter Hallelujah," Composer- Leonard Cohen; Lyricist- Moody
*Tanya Tapia- Soprano; Christine Ogden- Flautist***

CHILDREN'S STORY

Pastor Liz

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14: 23-29; Acts 16: 9- 19 (NRSV)

John 14:23-29

²³ Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵ “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate,^[a] the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.

Acts 16: 9- 19 (NRSV)

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹ We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

Sermon

Discipling Together

Rev. Aguilar

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

Ester Banayo

Special Music

Lionel Jasmin and Chaz Keith

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offering Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

May these gifts be used to build the Beloved Community through our hands of service, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and in the name of Jesus, our Messiah. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

(NCH, #400; vrs. 1, 2, and 3)

BENEDICTION

Pastor Liz Aguilar

POSTLUDE

Lionel Jasmin; Chaz Keith

Announcements

Welcome Everyone! Please stay after worship to get to know one another in Bradley Hall! Join our mailing list by filling out a welcome card!

THIS WEEK:

Monday **Counters @ 10:30 a.m.**
Tuesday **Quilters @ 9:30 a.m.**
Wednesday **BIBLE STUDY with Rev. Dr. Jamall @ 6:30 p.m.**
Thursday **Choir rehearsal @ 7:00 p.m.**
Friday **Bible Study @ 10 a.m. with Rev. Victoria**

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