

SAN DIEGUITO
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Open Hearts ~ Open Minds ~ Open Doors

9:00 am
March

7, 2010

10:45 am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Epiphany Sunday

If you have ever loved someone you could not protect, then you understand the depth of Jesus' lament. All you can do is open your arms. You cannot make anyone walk into them. Meanwhile, this is the most vulnerable posture in the world – wings spread, breast exposed – but if you mean what you say, then this is how you stand.

Barbara Brown Taylor

Entrance

Prelude — “He That Dwells in the Secret Place of the Most High”..... George Oldroyd

Lighting of the Candles..... (9:00)Jack Severson

Introit — “Come Christians, Join to Sing”..... arr. William Hatcher
James Shepard, Chancel Choir guest director

*Processional Hymn No. 2001— “We Sing to You, O God” (verses 1-3)

*Greeting.....The Reverend Winfried Ritter

Come, People of God, to know again who you are, return to the One who gives you life.

We come as children of God, longing for a closer walk with our Creator.

The abundant grace of God is offered to all of us in Christ Jesus.

Our worship is the opening of ourselves to receive the gifts of the Spirit.

We wait upon God, who knows us as we are and loves us.

*Praise Hymn No. 2001— “We Sing to You, O God ” (verse 4)

♪ O God, eternal God, we hide within your wings,

The everlasting arms to whom our praises ring.

Your word is true, your way is just,

You are the God in whom we trust. ♪

(Latecomers may be seated)

Call to Prayer

In prayer, we invite God to examine our hearts, knowing we will not be put to shame. We are ready to discover and admit our sinfulness, realizing that the one who shows mercy is near. Come, then, in response to God's steadfast invitation, and let us together confess our sins.

Prayer of the People

**O God, whose upward call in Christ Jesus
we have so often chosen to ignore,
we confess that we settle for lesser goals
while you summon us to embrace the realm of heaven.
We seldom look beyond our own interests
to the well-being of our sisters and brothers.
We can see the wasteful acts of other people but not our own selfish habits.
We exaggerate the contributions we make but ignore the sacrifices of others.
We need forgiveness, God;
Open our hearts and minds to your mercy and your direction
that we might follow the path of discipleship and peace.**

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

We are forgiven, released from the burden of our guilt, restored to the inheritance God intends for us. By God's grace, we are granted new life and new opportunities. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen

*Hymn Response No. 269— "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days " (verse 1, 5)

♪ **Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.** ♪

♪ **Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over past,
an Easter of Unending joy we may attain at last.** ♪

Children's Moment (9:00)

*At this time all children are invited to the front of the church to hear a brief message.
The children will be excused afterwards to attend their Sunday School classes.*

Greetings and Announcements

*Please register your attendance by clearly printing your **first and last** name in the attendance pad found in each pew, passing the pad to the end of the pew, and then back to the center aisle.*

Proclamation of the Word

Anthem— “Lord, Make Me An Instrument of Thy Peace”..... Jody Lindh

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, let there be faith;
Where there is despair, let me sow hope;
Where there is darkness, let there be light;
Where there is sadness, let there be joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love,
for it is in giving that we receive, and in pardoning we are pardoned.
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

The Scripture Reading— Luke 13: 31–35— (Pew Bible page 907).....The Reverend Martha Wingfield

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Amen

*Hymn of Preparation No. 2129— “I Have Decided To Follow Jesus”

The Sermon — “No Turning Back”..... The Reverend Martha Wingfield

Response to the Word

Choral Call To Prayer, Pastoral Prayer

*Greeting — Offering Signs of Peace & Reconciliation

The Offering

Offertory — “Abide With Me”..... George Oldroyd

*Doxology No. 95

♪ **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.** ♪

*The Sacrament of Holy Communion— Hymnal page 17

The Lord’s Prayer

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

Giving and Receiving the Bread and the Cup

Please come forward at the invitation of the ushers. Receive the bread into your open hand, then take the bread from your hand and dip it into the cup. Those in wheelchairs, and others who have difficulty walking, will be served where they are seated. For those with gluten allergies, the center-aisle servers have consecrated non-gluten wafers available upon request.

Prayer For Healing

From the station where you receive communion you may continue on to one of the stations at the big stained glass window in the narthex to receive a prayer for healing and be anointed with oil into the palm of your hand. You may choose to be silent or name your pain, illness, or brokenness. Or you may want to request a healing prayer for someone else, named or anonymous.

Music during Communion — “Deck Thyself My Soul With Gladness”

Prayer After Communion

Loving God, because the broken bread has meant our healing, because the outpoured cup has meant our life, because our common sharing has meant the communion of our souls, we give you thanks, hear our prayers that our lives may be renewed in the life and the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Hymn of Consecration No. 614— “For The Bread Which you Have Broken”

Sending Forth

*The Light of Christ Leads Us Out Into the World

*The Benediction

Choral Benediction — “Father, Give Thy Benediction ”..... Alta Trinita Beata

*The Postlude — “Christ Whose Glory Fills The Sky”..... Richard Lloyd

**Indicates that you are invited to stand.*

***Join us for coffee between services
on the patio or at the Sunday School playground.***

TODAY’S WORSHIP SERVICE

CELL PHONES: Please mute or turn off your cell phones during the service.

GREETERS: United Methodist Youth Fellowship

USHERS: (9:00) Cal Ellisor, Ed & Donna Long, Robin Mitchell.
(10:45) Charles Chilakos, Bob McEwan, Dick Rhine, Sandra Dodd.

SUNDAY RECEPTIONIST: (9:00) Barbara Cope (10:45) Carol Sadler

COMMUNION SERVERS: (9:00) Debbie & Mike Heck, Greg & Jana Severson, Jeri Badour, Walt Taylor
(10:45) Isabel Chiu, Sharon Ackroyd

PRAYER STATIONS: (9:00) Rebecca Hensley (10:45) Anita Sallie