



Quest
13th Sunday of Pentecost
August 22, 2021

NEW COVENANT
 United Methodist Church
 Sunnyvale, Texas

Prelude		Cathy Wheeler
Welcome & Announcements		Rev. Dana Norton
Call to Worship	“The Quest”	Rev. Norton
Responsive Call		Marcia Matus
**Invitation to the Holy Spirit	Surely the Presence	Sarah & Cathy
**Invocation		Marcia Matus
**Opening Hymn	#2023 How Majestic Is Your Name/ #2031 We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise	Sarah & Cathy
Affirmation of Faith		Marcia Matus
**Gloria Patri		Sarah & Cathy
Prayer of Illumination		Rev. Norton
Scriptures	Psalm 36:5-9 1 John 5:1-6	Mark Mester
Special Music	Make Us One/ Sanctuary	Sarah, Cindy, Robert, & Cathy
**Scripture	John 15:1-17	Rev. Norton
Sermon	“Returning Home”	Rev. Norton
Prayer Song	“Stepping In”	Sarah, Robert & Cathy
Prayers of the People	<i>With a time for prayer concerns</i>	Rev. Norton
Lord’s Prayer		
Prayer Song	“Stepping In”	Sarah, Robert & Cathy
Offertory		Rev. Norton
**Doxology		Sarah & Cathy
**Closing Hymn	#593 Here I Am, Lord	Sarah & Cathy
**Benediction		Rev. Norton
Response	#2279 The Trees of the Field	Sarah Reed
Postlude		Cathy Wheeler

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** Signifies times when we invite you to stand as the Holy Spirit leads you	
Today’s Greeter(s):	Marcia Matus & Tom Hopkins

Birthdays This Week

Name	Date	Name	Date
Ernestine Jabati	August 22	Doug Crownover	August 25
Mike Payne	August 28		

Responsive Call:

Hear and respond to the call!

God's love is meteoric, his loyalty astronomic,

His purpose titanic, his verdicts oceanic.

Yet in his largeness nothing gets lost;

Not a man, not a mouse, slips through the cracks.

How exquisite your love, O God!

How eager we are to run under your wings,

to eat our fill at the banquet you spread as you fill our tankards with Eden spring water.

You're a fountain of cascading light, and you open our eyes to light.

Invitation to the Holy Spirit:

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel his mighty power and his grace.

I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

#2023: How Majestic Is Your Name / #2031: We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

How Majestic Is Your Name

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name:

Prince of Peace, mighty God; O Lord God Almighty.

[Sung Twice]

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.

And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving;

and we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy.

[Sung Twice]

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in the Highest God who strengthens us and repays us many more times than we expect. We believe in God who gives generously and who expects the same from all creatures God has made. We believe in God whose utmost, loving sacrifice is experienced through Jesus Christ, who paid it all.

We believe that Jesus Christ consciously and lovingly emptied himself so that we may learn to make sacrifice and live joyfully before God. By Christ's impartial love we learn to love all those on the margins.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who enables us to represent Jesus to the world. We believe that by the power of the Holy Spirit a new community will be created without labels. We believe all has been accomplished for deliverance and salvation and is now being lived in flesh even as God is glorified in heaven. Amen.

#70: Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.**

Amen. Amen.

Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
kingdom come, will be done, earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our trespasses, we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory.

Amen.

#94: 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.**

#593: Here I Am, Lord

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? **[Refrain]**

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? **[Refrain]**

#2279: The Trees of the Field

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.**

**And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.**