

Order of Worship

Fifth Sunday of Easter

WORDS OF MEDITATION

*There are two great days in a person's life -
the day we are born and the day we discover why.*

- William Barclay

Entrance

PRELUDE *Liebstraum* Liszt
My Jesus I Love Thee Barrera
Kathryn Barrera

INTROIT *Majesty* arr. Lynn
King's Men

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. LaDue

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN *We Know That Christ Is Raised* No. 610
vs. 1-2

GREETING Kim Ports

Leader: Blessed be the God who calls us into new life. Jesus said the way to see God's dream for the world is to be born from above by the Spirit.

People: The way to take part in that dream, says Jesus, is to be born of water and the Spirit.

Leader: That Gift is available to us this day.

All: Let us receive God's Spirit, be made whole and find our place in God's dream for the world.

*RESPONSE *We Know That Christ Is Raised* vs. 3

(Please be seated)

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CALL TO PRAYER

Brothers and sisters, God calls us into new life that we might know fully who we are created to be and live as people called to love and serve. So let us seek to be free from all that hinders us from that new life.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Holy God, we know that you are ever present to lead us, yet we somehow lose our way and fall back into fear that paralyzes us. We confess that living into a new life frightens us and causes us to hesitate to embrace who you have created us and called us to be. Forgive our reluctance to open ourselves to the new life you offer us.

*Please stand as you are able.

*** Seating Interval

Forgive our failings and renew our strength; reconcile us with ourselves, each other and with you through the power of your Holy Spirit at work within us. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Sisters and Brothers, hear the good news: God's love and forgiveness are abundant and filled with the promise that when we call on God, God will be present to us, now and always. His promise is to place within us a clean heart. In the name of the Risen Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of the Risen Christ, you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.**

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN Kim Ports

(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)

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Proclamation of the Word

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 66:7-13

ANTHEM *You Raise Me Up* arr. Lopez
King's Men

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON John 3:1-10

*HYMN *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* No. 500
vs. 1-3

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SERMON *Unexpected Mothers* Rev. LaDue

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Response to the Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.

We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God, and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.

We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.

We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures, and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.

We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination,

*Please stand as you are able.

*** Seating Interval

and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.

We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road, and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.

This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ. Amen.

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CALL TO PRAYER *Spirit of the Living God* No. 393

PASTORAL PRAYER Carolyn Ingram

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.**

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INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *His Eye Is On the Sparrow* Gabriel
Kathryn Barrera

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*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.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of New Life, your love overflows in the gift of your Spirit. Bless these gifts that we offer that they might spread your blessing into a world filled with hurt and need. In the name of the Risen Christ who offers us life in abundance. Amen.

Sending Forth

*HYMN *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth* No. 2050
Faith We Sing

*BENEDICTION Rev. LaDue

*POSTLUDE *Allegretto* Andre
Kathryn Barrera

WELCOME TO SAN CARLOS UMC

If you are new or visiting with us this morning, we encourage you to visit the *Welcome Table*, located on the church patio. We would love to meet you and answer any questions you might have about San Carlos United Methodist Church. We are so pleased that you chose to worship with us this morning!

If you are interested in finding out more about San Carlos UMC, we invite you to join Rev. Wingfield and other church leaders on **Sunday, July 16th**, for a Welcome Lunch downstairs in Room 101 at 11:15 am. Childcare is available by reservation. Contact the church office for more information or to make your reservation.

DURING TODAY'S WORSHIP

- ◆ Please silence your cellphones.
- ◆ Live-streamed worship service for you and your child offered in the Family Room, near the main Sanctuary entrance.
- ◆ Nursery – Nursery care is provided during both services for children 3 years and younger. Ushers can direct you to the Nursery, across from the Sanctuary.
- ◆ Special Services – Large-print Bibles, hymnals, and assisted hearing devices are available. Please see an usher.
- ◆ Prayer Requests & Communications – Please complete the Connection Card to let us know you were here today, to request prayers or pastoral care, or to get more information on ministries and events.
- ◆ Sermons - Live video of our services can be found at www.sancarlosumc.org on the "Worship" tab. Printed copies of the sermon from the previous week are available at the Welcome Table Sunday mornings.

Altar Flowers – Flowers can be given in honor or in memory of loved ones or special occasions. Rosebuds may be ordered to celebrate births. Choose a date on the Flower Calendar at the Welcome Table or contact the church office.

Gift Cards: A variety of gift cards are available for purchase in between services in the volunteer room of the church office. All profits go to support Missions.

Recycling: Rinsed and clean aluminum cans and plastic bottles are accepted every Sunday after services in the upper parking lot behind Room 20. Proceeds go to New Entra Casa.



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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

ASSOCIATE MINISTER: Rev. Greg LaDue

FAMILY MINISTRY DIRECTOR: Kim Ports

CERTIFIED LAY MINISTER: Carolyn Ingram

SCRIPTURE READERS: (8:30 am) Ben Culbertson
(10:00 am) Max Gresoro

USHERS: (8:30 am) Lana Sisk, Keiichi Kakuda, Barbara Lockhart,
Beverly Howard

(10:00 am) Steve Johnson, Bill McNally, Steve Thompson,
Peter Laohoo, Rich Bauer

MEDIA AND SOUND: Ruth Ingram, Erina Mesquita

WELCOME TABLE: Pat Coates, Tonia Gombold, Diana Baylor

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY:

*Jack and Betty Stangle, in celebration of their
58th wedding anniversary.*

*Erin and Wes Western, in celebration of their
35th wedding anniversary.*

TODAY'S PRAYER QUILTS ARE FOR:

Emma, a good friend of Nancy Sunday.

Rita Folsom, a member of San Carlos UMC.

MUSIC MINISTRY REHEARSALS

SCUMC Band Rehearsal, 1st & 3rd Mon., 5:30 pm, Sanctuary.

Higher Ground, 1st & 3rd Mon., 7:00 pm, Choir Room.

Bell Tones, every Tues., 6:30 pm, Room 103.

The King's Men, every Wed., 5:45 pm, Choir Room.

Celebration Choir, every Wed., 6:45 pm, Sanctuary.

BUDGET AS OF MARCH 31, 2017

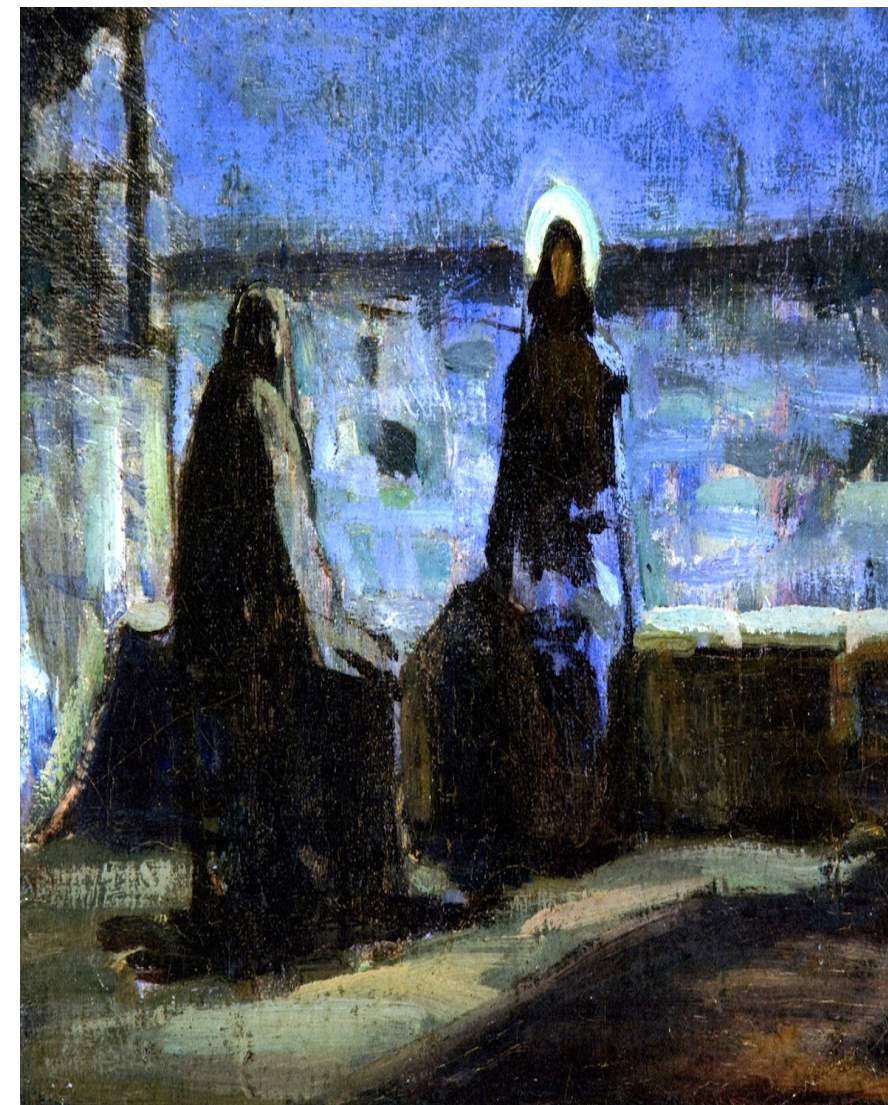
Actual Income: \$228,889

Actual Expenses: \$176,096

Worship Attendance for May 7: 252

Senior Minister.....Rev. Martha T. Wingfield
Associate Minister.....Rev. Greg LaDue
Certified Lay Minister.....Carolyn Ingram
Music Director.....Jeff McConnell
Family Ministry.....Kim Ports
Youth Ministry.....David Bramley
Congregational Care.....Tonia Gombold

The wood sculptures on the balcony represent biblical themes in the life of Christ.



Nicodemus Visiting Jesus

by Henry Ossawa Tanner



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Transformation of the World.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MOTHER'S DAY

May 14, 2017

Welcome to Worship