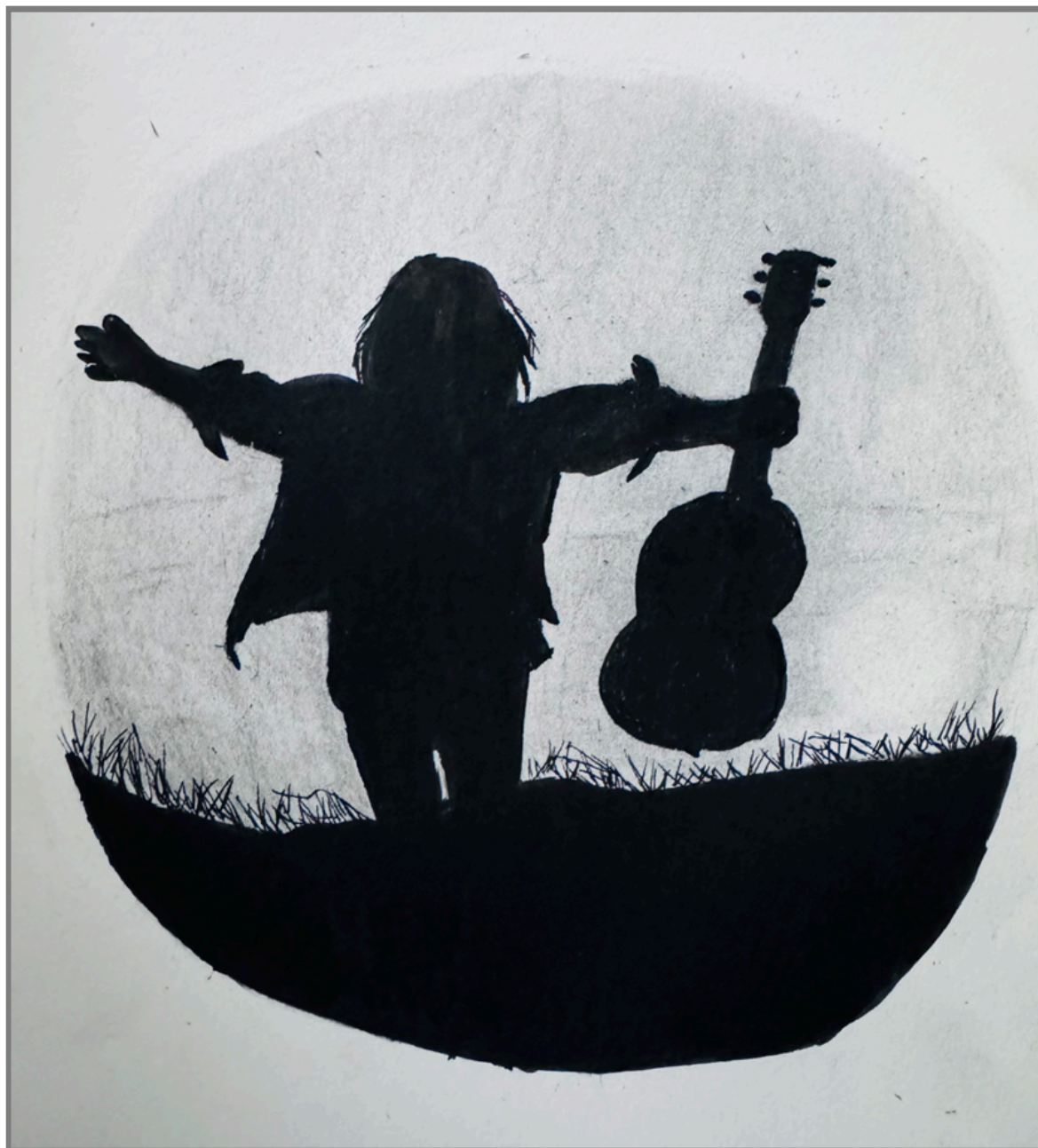


First Presbyterian Church of El Cajon

6th Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024



Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

by Megan Benjamin

— ARTIST'S STATEMENT —

Music is one of God's many love languages. There is a deep connection when we lift up our voice to sing. Our hearts begin to beat in sync with the Lord as we worship Him.

— Megan Benjamin

— WELCOME —

Welcome | We are so glad you could join us today!

If you are a visitor, please stop by the welcome table for information about our church. Listening devices and large print bulletins are available from one of our ushers. Please let us know if there is any way we may support or pray for you.

Special Note for Families with Children

The nursery/toddler room in the narthex opens at 9:15am for children under the age of 4. Children ages 4 through 5th grade will be dismissed during the Passing of the Peace for Sunday school. Teachers will bring your children to the oak tree outside of the sanctuary at the end of the service.

¡Feliz Cinco de Mayo!

Cinco de Mayo, or the fifth of May, is a holiday that celebrates the date of the Mexican army's May 5, 1862 victory over France at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War. The day, which falls on Sunday, May 5 in 2024, is also known as Battle of Puebla Day. While it is a relatively minor holiday in Mexico, in the United States, Cinco de Mayo has evolved into a commemoration of Mexican culture and heritage, particularly in areas with large Mexican-American populations. Source: www.history.com/topics/holidays/cinco-de-mayo

Bell Concert Today!

Join us for our annual bell concert today at 12pm in the sanctuary. All are welcome!

Founder's Day Tomorrow

Tomorrow, Monday, May 6, our church will be 141 years old! You can read more about the history of FPCEC at the bottom of this page on our website:

www.firstpres-elcajon.org/about.

Interested in Becoming a Church Member?

Want to become a member? Have questions about our vision and values? If so, we would love to know if you could participate in a membership class after church on Sunday, May 26 or Sunday, July 14. Contact the office at office@firstpres-elcajon.org or 619-442-2583 to let us know!

~ Please see additional announcements at the back of your bulletin ~

— GATHERING —

PRELUDE: “COVER ME WITH SUNSHINE”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to join with all the earth in praise:

to sing a new song to the Lord,

who has done marvelous things,

who has shown us steadfast love and faithfulness to all.

We praise the Lord with joyful noises joining the symphony of the earth:

the roar of the ocean,

the call of the birds,

the wind across the hills,

people in every corner of the globe.

We praise you with joy, our living God!

SONG: “MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD”

Make a joyful noise all the earth

Make a joyful noise all the earth

(repeat)

The flowers of the field

are crying to be heard

The trees of the forest are singing

And of the mountains with one voice

Are joining the chorus of the world

Make a joyful noise all the earth

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(repeat)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you
with our whole heart and soul
and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not made joyful noises and new songs.

In your mercy,
forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways of love,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

**Please take a moment for your personal prayers of confession.*

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

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.

ANTHEM: “SING PRAISES FOREVER” ~ *Henry Purcell*

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

PASSING THE PEACE

May the Peace of Christ be with you, **and also with you.**

**Children are dismissed to Sunday School.*

HYMN: “NEW SONGS OF CELEBRATION RENDER (PSALM 98)”

Presbyterian Hymnal #218

New songs of celebration render
To God who has
great wonders done;
Love sits enthroned in
ageless splendor;
Come and adore the mighty One.
God has made known
the great salvation
Which all saints with joy confess.
God has revealed to every nation
Truth and unending righteousness.

Joyfully, heartily resounding,
Let every instrument and voice
Peal out the praise of
grace abounding,
Calling the whole world to rejoice.
Trumpets and organs, set in motion
Such sounds as make
the heavens ring;
All things that live in
earth and ocean,
Sound forth the song,
your praises bring.

SCRIPTURE ~ JOHN 15:9-17 (NRSV)

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

¹² “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

HYMN: “NEW SONGS OF CELEBRATION RENDER” ~ *cont’d*

Rivers and seas and torrents roaring,
Honor the Lord with wild acclaim;
Mountains and stones, look up adoring,
And find a voice to praise God’s name.
Righteous, commanding, ever glorious,
Praises be sung that never cease;
Just is our God, whose truth victorious
Establishes the world in peace.

— PROCLAIMING THE WORD —

SCRIPTURE: PSALM 98 (NRSVUE)

¹ O sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.

His right hand and his holy arm
have gotten him victory.

² The LORD has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.

⁴ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

⁷ Let the sea roar and all that fills it,
the world and those who live in it.

⁸ Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy

⁹ at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming
to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

SERMON: “Sing to the Lord a New Song”

— RESPONDING —

SONG: “I LOVE YOU LORD”

I love you Lord
And I lift my voice
To worship You
O my soul rejoice

Take joy my King
In what you hear
May it be a sweet,
sweet sound
In Your ear
(repeat from the beginning)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ *from the Belhar Confession*

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the Church, as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the Church of Jesus Christ.

We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another, and that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another.

We believe that the variety of spiritual gifts, opportunities, backgrounds, convictions, as well as the various languages and cultures, are by virtue of the reconciliation in Christ, opportunities for mutual service and enrichment within the one visible people of God. Jesus is Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

DOXOLOGY

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

COMMUNION

The Invitation

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer

English

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
debts, as we forgive our
debtors; and lead us not into
temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and
the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

Spanish

Padre nuestro que
estás en los cielos
Santificado sea tu
Nombre Venga tu reino
Hágase tu voluntad En la tierra
como en el cielo
Danos hoy el pan
de este día
y perdona nuestras deudas como
nosotros perdonamos nuestros
deudores y no nos dejes caer en
la tentación sino que líbranos del
malo.
Porque tuyo es el reino y el
poder y la gloria por siempre.
Amen.

Arabic

أَبَانَا الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ
لِيَتَقَدَّسَ اسْمُكَ
لِيَأْتِ مَلَكُوتُكَ
لِتَكُنْ مَشِيئَتُكَ
كَمَا فِي السَّمَاءِ كَذَلِكَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ
اعْطِنَا خُبْزَنَا كَغَفَاةِ الْيَوْمِ
وَاعْفِرْ لَنَا خَطَايَانَا
كَمَا نَحْنُ أَيْضًا نَعْفِرُ لِمَنْ أَخْطَأَ إِلَيْنَا
وَلَا تُدْخِلْنَا فِي التَّجْرِبَةِ
لَكِنْ نَجِّنَا مِنَ الشَّرِّ
لَأَنَّكَ الْمَلِكُ وَالْقُوَّةُ وَالْمَجْدُ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ
أَمِينَ

The Words of Institution

Sharing at the Table: *As you come forward for communion, share a song of hope you have for our church with the congregants at your table.*

COMMUNION MUSIC: “IN EVERYTHING”

Feet on the grass, I'm listening
I see you now in everything
The fire, the stars, the blazing sun all
say it's true
When I see the light, I'm seeing You
When I see the light, I'm seeing You
A still small voice, your frequency
Resonates in the deepest part of me
The wind, the storm, the morning
all say it's true
When I hear their song,
I am hearing You
When I hear their song,
I am hearing You

Chorus

In everything, in everything
In everything, I see You (*repeat*)

A hand in mine, I'm not alone
And it's alright to need someone
A kindred heart, a mother's arms,
all say it's true
When I'm holding on,
I'm holding on to You
When I'm holding on,
I'm holding on to You

Chorus

A broken jar and fragrant room
She spends it all to honor you
There is nothing wasted nothing
more that I can do
When I give it all, I'm loving You
When I give it all, I'm loving You

Chorus (x2)

— SENDING —

SONG: “ALABARÉ”

Chorus

Alabare, alabare, alabare, alabare
*(I will praise, I will praise, I will praise,
I will praise)*
Alabare a mi Señor
(I will praise my Lord)
Alabare, alabare, alabare, alabare
*(I will praise, I will praise, I will praise,
I will praise)*
Alabare a mi Señor
(I will praise my Lord)

Todos unidos alegres cantamos
(Everyone sang happy together)
Glorias y alabanzas al Señor
(Glory and praise to the Lord)
Gloria al padre, gloria a hijo
(Glory to the Father, Glory to the Son)
Y gloria al Espíritu de amor
(And glory to the Spirit of love)
(Repeat from the beginning)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “JOY TO THE WORLD”

— THANK YOU —

LITURGY | Adapted from the Presbyterian Outlook Liturgical Resource

USHERS | Anthony Goodman and Tom Kelly

YOUNG AT HEART | Philip Hatcher

READERS AND LITURGIST | Vivian Malak, Heidi McKinley, and Mari Miyares-Piper

COMMUNION SERVERS | Cindy Graham, Carl Pash, Irene Pash, Ida Ramsey
Linda Simpson, George Williams, Laurie Wood, Pam Worrell

SLIDES | Jocelyn Fischer

FLOWERS | Anthony and Ann Goodman in celebration of their upcoming 1st anniversary on May 20th!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP | Please join us after worship in Richardson Hall; hosted by the Worship Committee.

— ANNOUNCEMENTS —

The Circle Players Present “Old Time Radio Show 2”

Richardson Hall will be the stage as The Circle Players presents “Old Time Radio Show 2.” There will be staged readings of original radio scripts from the Golden Age of Radio,

including “A Comedy of Danger” – the first play written exclusively for radio. Readings of “Fibber McGee and Molly” and “Father Knows Best” will also be performed. Plus, a Foley artist will give a live demonstration of how sound effects are made for radio, TV, and movies. Performances will be Saturday, May 18 at 6:30pm & Sunday, May 19 at 1:30pm. Admission is \$15 and includes refreshments. Tickets will be on sale after church beginning today. For more info. call 619-588-5348 or email thecircleplayers@gmail.com.

Staff Update

Alex Ramirez, our sound technician, last day with us is today. We want to thank Alex for his time with us and wish him all the best. May God continue to bless him.

Condolences

It is with great sadness we share that Gwen Johnson passed away Monday, April 22. Please keep the family in your prayers. Memorial details will be forthcoming.

Upcoming Class on Compassionate Connection

One of God's greatest commandments is to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Do you ever wonder why this is so hard for us? Why do certain choices that others make upset us so much? What gets in the way of being our best selves, even with loved ones and our church family? Mari Miyares-Piper and Rev. Ev Lundgren will be facilitating a 6-week class for increasing compassionate connection in our relationship with ourselves and others through teaching the basic fundamentals of Nonviolent (or Compassionate) Communication Skills. Class dates and details forthcoming!

Penny Turk Scholarship Applications

This \$500 scholarship is available to graduating high school seniors and undergraduate college students who have been or are currently active in our church. A flier with application instructions is located in the narthex. Letters are due by May 31 in the church office or given to Wanda Feldner.

Volunteer to Help with Food Distribution with Welcome Ministries

Welcome Ministries is looking for a few people to pick up the truck from St. Alban's Episcopal Church on Tuesdays at 7am, take it to pick up food at the San Diego Food Bank, and bring it back to St. Alban's for the 9am food distribution program on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. Training provided. If interested or have questions, contact Carlos correabernier@firstpres-elcajon.org.

Protein Pack Items Needed

We are welcoming more protein bars/drinks, packaged meats, packaged fruit/fruit snacks and nuts for protein packs for our unsheltered neighbors. You may drop off items into the shopping cart in the narthex.

Prayer Chain

Have a prayer request? Place it in the prayer box in the narthex and it will be forwarded to our prayer chain. Have something to celebrate? Fill out a gratitude card — *we want to rejoice with you!*

Join Our Weekly E-blast

Our weekly email contains sermon reflection questions, announcements, and additional ways of connecting, sign up on our website or send an email to office@firstpres-elcajon.org.

2024 Sign Up Flower Calendar Is Here!

Check your calendars to get your name on the Flower Chart to reserve your memories for 2024! Sign up on the patio, or contact Ginny Wisley 619.337.6444 or ginny-beth@att.net.

— WEEK AT-A-GLANCE —

Monday, May 6

Founder's Day — *Happy 141st Birthday FPCEC!*

5:30pm - Dining Divas and Dining Dudes (*Off Campus*)

6:30pm - Circle Players Rehearsal (*Richardson Hall*)

Tuesday, May 7

8:30am - Breakfast Beauties (*Off Campus*)

8:30am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast (*Off Campus*)

10:00am - Making Art/Making Conversation (*Thomson Hall*)

4:00pm - Nominating Committee (*Meeting Room 1*)

6:00pm - Deacons (*Thomson Hall*)

Wednesday, May 8

12:00pm - Skeptics & Seekers Class (*Thomson Hall*)

3:00pm - Prayer on the Circle (*Zoom*)

6:00pm - Jubilation Bells Rehearsal (*Bailey Hall*)

7:00pm - Celebration Bells Rehearsal (*Bailey Hall*)

Thursday, May 9

9:00am - Web Team Meeting (*Thomson Hall*)

4:00pm - Kidz Klub (*Campus*)

6:00pm - Worship Team Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)

7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)

Saturday, May 11

9:00am - Centering Prayer (*Bailey Hall*)

Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day

8:15am - Choir Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)

8:30am - Worship Team Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)

9:30am - Worship Service (*Sanctuary*)

Our Mission

Connecting people to Jesus and each other.

Our Vision

To be a spiritually healthy church that reaches out to its congregation, community, and beyond through music, fellowship, and the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Our Values

Spiritual Growth ~ Service ~ Compassion ~ Community

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