



Laguna Country
United Methodist Church



**Reaching Up, Reaching Out
Welcoming Everyone,
Serving in God's Love**

February 21, 2021
9:30 AM

Order of Worship

February 21st, 2021

I pause in my busyness and move outside my own concerns to worship you and receive whatever you have for me, dear Lord.

Boldface type: The congregation speaks in unison

WELCOME

PRELUDE

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
Richard Warne, Organist

(arr. Wood)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God said, "I will be your God."

God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.

God said, "I will lead you in the paths of truth."

God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.

God said, "I will forgive you."

God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.

God said, "My kingdom is near."

God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.

HYMN

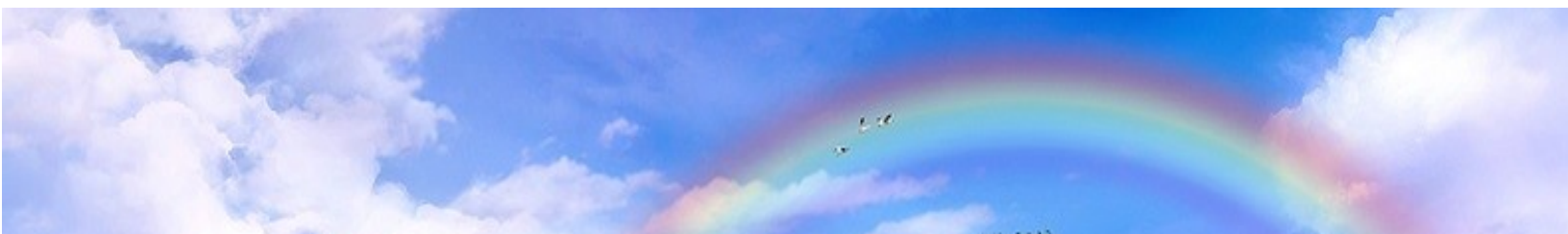
Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days #269 vs.1, 4 & 5

1 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.

4 And through these days of penitence, and through thy passiontide, yea, evermore in life and death, Jesus, with us abide.

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

Laddie Galang & Priscilla Capulong, Cantors



UNISON PRAYER

The season of Lent is here again and, as with so many times before, we find that we are not really ready for this journey of discipleship. So many things claim our lives and prevent us from being ready to take the steps in faith. As we look at our barrier of readiness, help us to remember that Christ is with us, every step of the way. We are not alone. Christ will help lift our hearts and spirits and direct our paths. Enable us, loving Savior, to take this journey of faith to new life with you. AMEN.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 9:8-17

Rex Danford

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many, as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

SPECIAL MUSIC

**God of the Sparrow
Sharon Holmes and Scott Bonhard**

#122

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:9-15

The Baptism of Jesus

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you, I am well pleased.'

The Temptation of Jesus

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts, and the angels waited on him.

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

SERMON**PASTORAL PRAYER****LORDS PRAYER****OFFERING****OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Gracious God, we offer back to you the gifts which you have given us, gifts of energy, time, talents, and material resources. May we and our gifts be used to further your kingdom on earth. Amen.

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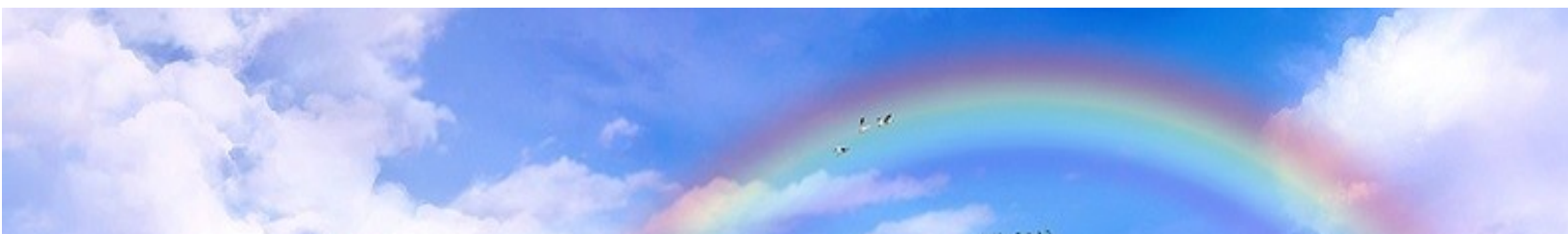
O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go
Sharon Holmes and Scott Bonhard

#480 vs.1, 2 & 4

BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE**

I Love You Lord
David Atkins, Piano

(arr. Hayes)



Worship Leaders for Today

Worship Leader/Liturgist-

Rex Danford

Piano-

David Atkins

Cantor-

Laddie Galang, Priscilla Capulong,
Sharon Holmes and Scott Bonhard

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