

THE FESTIVAL OF SAINT FRANCIS

October 4, 2020 (Worship: 8:30am, 10am, 5pm)



WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Today we continue our sermon focus on Paul's letter to the Phillipians. We will also hear from several members on "*Perseverance & Encouragement*." Today is also the **Festival of Saint Francis** and we give thanks to God for the beauty of creation. May the Spirit grant you the resilience you need to be God's humble servant in "*all circumstances*."

PRELUDE MUSIC: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* by S. Burtonwood Fred Johnson, pianist/organist

THE GREETING AND WELCOME

Paige Gulck, Youth Director

THE HYMN: All Creatures of Our God and King

**All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice with us and sing:
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! O burning sun with golden beam,
And silver moon with softer gleam: Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!**

**O rushing wind and breezes soft, O clouds that ride the winds aloft:
Oh, praise him! Al-le-lu-ia! O rising morn, in praise rejoice,
O lights of evening, find a voice. Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!**

THE INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed; in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, by my fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

(Silence for reflection and confession. Pastor proclaims the forgiveness.)

THE HYMN: All Creatures of Our God and King

**Dear mother earth, who day by day, Unfolds rich blessings on our way,
Oh, praise him! Al-le-lu-ia! The fruits and flow'rs that verdant grow,
Let them his praise abundant show. Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!**

(The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**)

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LESSON: Philippians 3:3b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to

regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Please stand.) page 188

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 11th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE READING OF THE GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ!**)

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Youth Director Paige Gulck

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VISUAL PRESENTATION - Matt Dubow speaks on Perseverance & Encouragement

THE HYMN: Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

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(Sing 2x)

**Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

THE MESSAGE: "*Did You Weigh It All?*"

Pastor David R.

Mattson

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: *You're Beautiful* by Phil Wickham

Michelle Lum

OFFERING RESPONSE: The Doxology

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Merciful Father,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving, what You have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(After each prayer - Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks... we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those called to the Supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive You, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(All who believe Christ is present in this Sacrament are welcome to receive. Non-communing children and others who wish to receive only a blessing may also come forward. For those who prefer, white juice is located in the center of each tray. We ask people to wear a face covering as they walk forward, lower it to take the bread and wine, and keep a six foot physical distance. Thank you.)

HOLY COMMUNION MUSIC: Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Taste and See

#493

Refrain: **Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

**I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord; for God has been so good to me.** (Refrain.)

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name.

I called the Lord, who answered me; from all my troubles I was set free. (Refrain.)

Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust. (Refrain.)

THE BLESSING

THE SENDING HYMN: This is My Father's World

#824 vv. 1, 2

**This is my Father's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.**

THE SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE MUSIC: *Promenade on "Ora Labora"* by F. D. Ashdown Fred Johnson,
Pianist/Organist

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Ron and Melody Bacon in celebration of their daughter Mallory's birthday!

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS - Those not feeling well or at risk (pre-existing medical conditions/elderly), please watch the livestream service at home. Face masks required. Extra face masks & hand sanitizers are available at the Welcome Table. No coffee time.

FESTIVAL OF SAINT FRANCIS - "BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS" - *today*, 5pm, outside in the courtyard. Join us for a prayer and blessing with your pet!

CHILDREN IN CHURCH - While we currently do not have Sunday school or a nursery, please grab a "kid's bag" in the narthex-lobby. Also, the playground is now open after services for their enjoyment.

OFFERING - Place check/money in boxes as you leave, or **ELECTRONIC GIVING** - Venmo app - @GloriaDei-Dana Point. For Text to Give, text \$ amount to 949-356-5326. First time, initial set up instructions texted back. Once set up, simply text donation. You can also give via credit card or debit card through our secure site - go to mygloriadei.org/donate.

LOS ANGELITOS MATCHING FUND CHALLENGE - For the month of October, we lift up the ministry of Los Angelitos Orphanage in Mexico. They are in need of a van. An anonymous donor has pledged a \$5000 matching gift. If you can make an extra gift, please make your gift to Gloria Dei, noting the orphanage. See the "van" on the patio.

CONFIRMANDS (6th-8th graders) and mentors trip to the San Diego Zoo, Saturday, October 17. Departing church parking lot at 8am. Tickets - \$60. Please email Paige at youth@mygloriadei.org.

ALL CHURCH STUDY: Philippians led by Dennis Chernekoff - Tuesdays, 6:30pm. Study in the Sanctuary and online - youtube.com/GloriaDeiLutheranChurchDanaPoint.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY continues weekly, Wednesday, at 10am. All women are invited to join in the Sanctuary and also online. This year the study begins with Philippians.

REFORMATION SUNDAY, October 25 - festive worship at all worship services. Confirmation will be held at the 10am service. Gloria Dei Brass will play between morning services.

BIBLE PRESENTATION to all third graders on October 25. If you have a third grade child, grandchild, etc., sign him/her up at the Welcome Table or email: Sundayschool@mygloriadei.org.

PUMPKIN FUN - Bring a carved pumpkin for display in the church courtyard during services, Sunday, October 25th! We will have the following categories: Most Creative, Most Challenging, Scariest, Best Classic/Traditional and Overall Favorite!

NEW G.I.F.T. GROUP (Growing in Faith Together) - begins November 2, 6:30pm. Ephesians study, led by David & Susan Warneke. Typically held the first Monday of the month. To join, contact the church office: gloriadei@mygloriadei.org or 949-493-3414.

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP - Contact the office: gloriadei@mygloriadei.org or 949-493-3414 to sign-up.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Confirmation/Reformation Sunday - October 25; First Communion - November 1

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Communion: Craig Backhus & Liane Schuller; Lector: Larry Fettis; Usher: Gretchen Enright
Welcome Table: Diane Kelly

10:00am: Communion: Daneen & Dennis Pysz; Lector: Sharon Miller; Usher: Lisa Mers; Welcome Table: Betty Prock

OPPORTUNITIES FOR OCTOBER 4 - 10, 2020

Today: Worship & Communion (8:30am & 10am); Confirmation (11:15am); Animal Blessing (5pm)

Monday:

Tuesday: AA Men (7am); Brass Rehearsal (4pm); All Church Study (6:30pm); Alanon (6:30pm)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Bethel Bible Study (6:30pm)

Thursday: AA Men (7am); Bell Choir (6:30pm)

Friday: AA Men's (8pm)

Saturday: Men's Bible Breakfast Study (8am); Women's Board (9am); Bishop's Gathering (10am)

CHURCH STAFF: Senior Pastor: David R. Mattson; Preschool Director: Shelli Parajekas; Children & Family Director: Barb Collins; Congregational Life Director: Susie Boland; Youth Director: Paige Gulck; Music Director: Kathy Person; Organist: Fred Johnson; 5pm worship leader: Micaela Lum; Administrative Assistant: Carol Weinhardt.