CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LA JOLLA

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Louise Nevelson standing in front of her piece, "Sky Gate, New York" which hung on the mezzanine of the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City.

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WELCOME TO WEEK ELEVEN OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LA JOLLA´S AT HOME WORSHIP EXPERIENCE. PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS GUIDE AND UTILIZE THE AUDIO LINKS SENT TO YOU IN THE ACCOMPANYING EMAIL TO ASSIST IN YOUR WORSHIP EXPERIENCE. PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH FEEDBACK IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS. YOU CAN REACH US AT PASTOR@LAJOLLAUCC.ORG. THIS IS CHURCH. THIS IS HOLY. THIS IS HOW WE RESPOND TO THE CHALLENGES OF OUR DAY.

THIS WILL BE VERY MUCH UNLIKE WHAT YOU ARE USED TO IN CHURCH. THAT IS ON PURPOSE. THIS IS SOMETHING NEW AND BECAUSE OF THAT WE'VE TAKEN LIBERTIES TO PROVIDE YOU WITH SOMETHING TOTALLY DIFFERENT. ENJOY MUSICAL SELECTIONS YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE HEARD AT CHURCH BEFORE AND A MESSAGE UNLIKE THAT WHICH IS DELIVERED FROM THE PULPIT. CONSIDER IT AN ADVENTURE. YES, YOU ARE MAKING HISTORY TODAY.

PLEASE FIND A COMFORTABLE AND COMFORTING PLACE IN YOUR HOME OR SOMEWHERE ELSE YOU FEEL SAFE. GET COMFORTABLE, POUR YOURSELF A GLASS OF SOMETHING SOOTHING AND ENJOY THIS EXPERIMENT IN WORSHIP....

LET US QUIET OUR HEARTS & MINDS

ENJOY NINA'S PIANO SOLO BY CLICKING THE AUDIO FILE MARKED "AUDIO FILE 1" IN THE EMAIL. DURING THIS TIME LEAVE YOUR FEARS, DOUBTS, AND UNCERTAINTIES OUTSIDE THE ROOM AND BE COMPLETELY PRESENT WITH YOURSELF. BREATHE INTENTIONALLY AND FOCUS ON EACH INHALE AND EXHALE.

Louise Nevelson, Dawn's Wedding Chapel II

INTERNET
FIELD TRIP

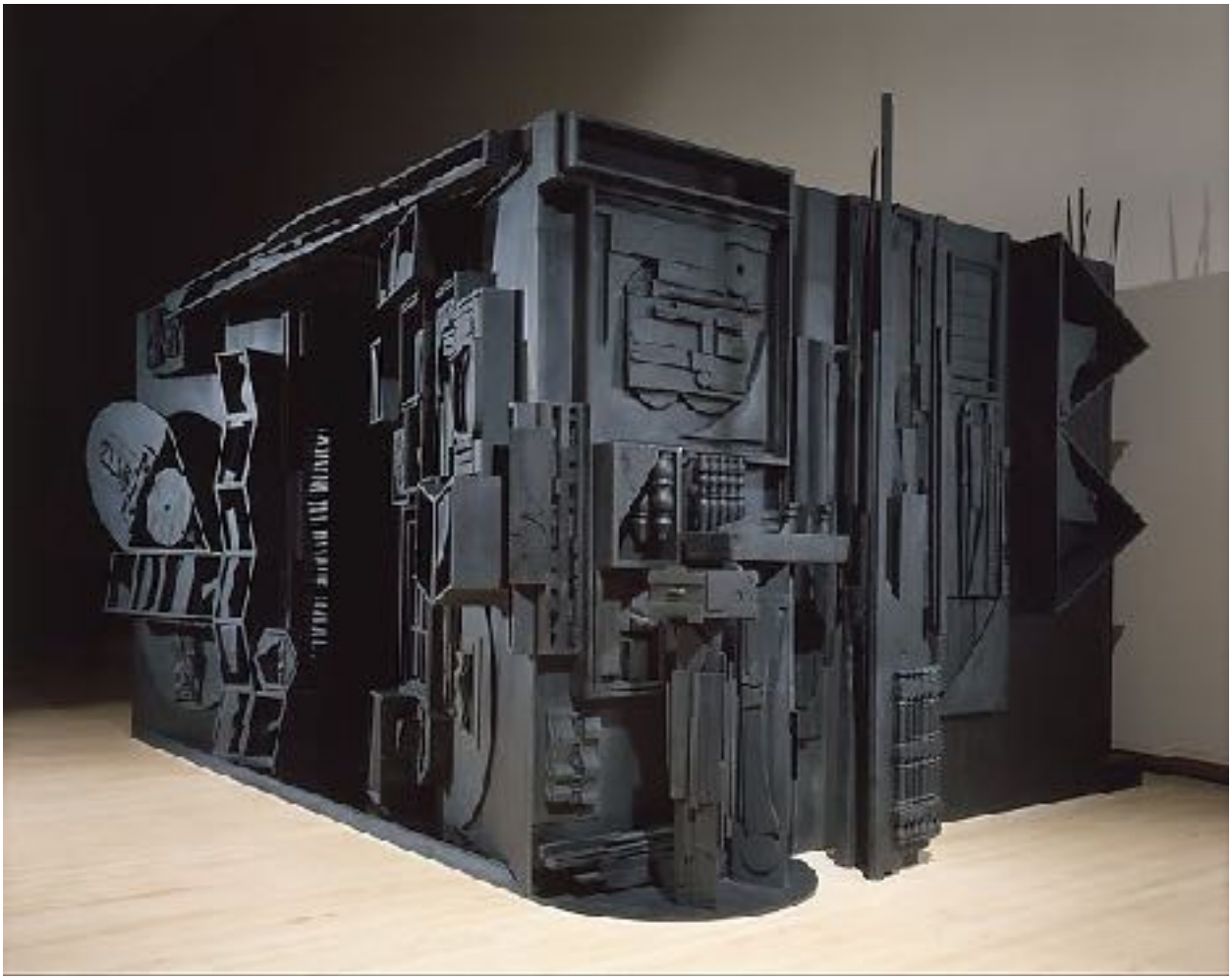
This week's worship packet focuses on sculptor Louise Nevelson, a Ukrainian born, American artist who was known for her large monochromatic wood collages. Her masterpiece is a chapel that she designed in St. Peter's Church in New York City, a diverse and important congregation of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America). Nevelson Chapel, as it is known, is currently the focus of a $5 million capital campaign for its continued preservation and renovation. Nevelson's second most significant work was "Sky Gate, New York," which was commissioned by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey for the mezzanine of the North Tower of the World Trade Center. The wood collage sculpture was completely destroyed on September 11, 2001 and none of its constituent parts were ever recovered. This is a CBS Sunday Morning segment that aired in 1981, featuring Nevleson just 7 years before her death in 1988. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=axSNOTLIuN8

Also please take a virtual tour of the Nevelson Chapel, which you can do here: https://www.nevelsonchapel.org

And lastly, please watch this short one minute testimony from Rev. Jared Stahler, Senior Pastor Elect of St. Peter's Church, about what Louise Nevelson's chapel means to him. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=adXg59GSjFI&feature=emb_rel_end

FINDING GOD IN VOICE

ENJOY BRON'S SOLO BY CLICKING ON THE AUDIO FILE MARKED "AUDIO FILE 2" IN THE EMAIL.



Louise Nevelson, Mrs. N's Palace

WE HEAR FROM SCRIPTURE....

1 Corinthians 12: 12-31

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!"

On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? Now eagerly desire the greater gifts. And yet I will show you the most excellent way.

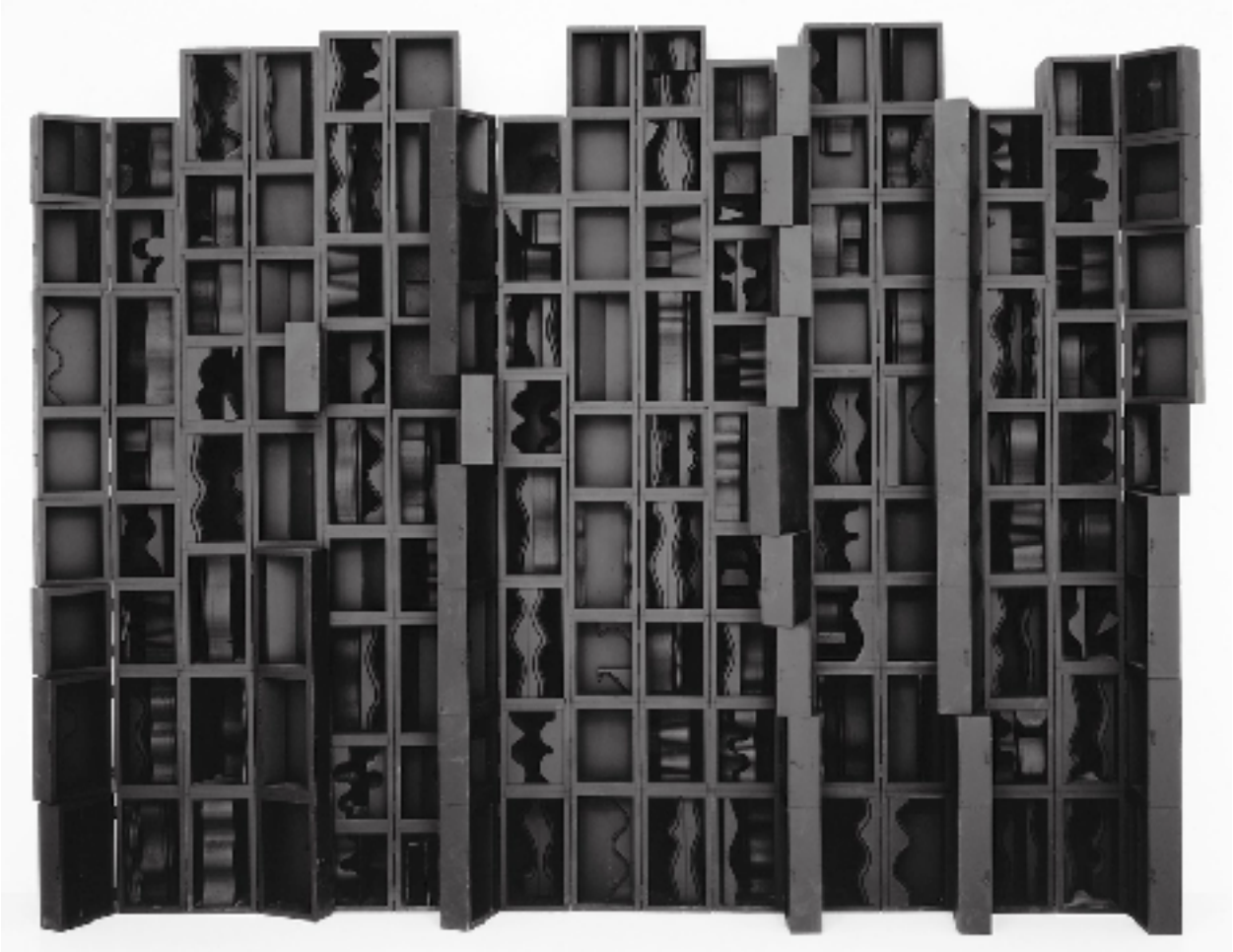
A MESSAGE TO REFLECT ON.....

LISTEN TO REV. TIM'S MESSAGE TO YOU BY CLICKING ON THE FILE MARKED "AUDIO FILE 3" IN THE EMAIL.

Louise Nevelson, Dawn's Staff

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH CONTINUES....

YES, EVEN THOUGH WE AREN'T TOGETHER THE WORK OF THE CHURCH CONTINUES. WE MIGHT NOT BE PASSING A LITERAL OFFERING PLATE BUT WE ARE PASSING A VIRTUAL ONE. YOUR GIFTS AND TITHES ARE WHAT HAVE ALLOWED THIS CHURCH TO SEE THREE DIFFERENT CENTURIES. PLEASE CONSIDER PROVIDING YOUR OFFERING THROUGH THE FOLLOWING LINK: https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=MHKJLYNRGPDUS&source=url
OR FEEL FREE TO DROP IT IN THE MAIL TO 1216 CAVE ST, LA JOLLA, CA 92037. YES, WE WILL STILL CHECK THE MAIL!



Louise Nevelson, Cascade VII

WE PREPARE TO GO OUT INTO AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

PLEASE CLICK ON THE AUDIO FILE MARKED "AUDIO FILE 4" IN THE EMAIL AND ENJOY NINA'S PIANO SOLO.

The mezzanine of the North Tower of the World Trade Center near where Nevelson's, "Sky Gate, New York" hung for 22 years.

NOW MAY THE GRACE OF

GOD WHICH IS BEYOND OUR

UNDERSTANDING, THE LOVE OF

JESUS CHRIST

WHICH IS BEYOND OUR

DESERVING, AND THE POWER

OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

BE WITH EACH OF YOU BOTH

NOW AND FOREVERMORE.

AMEN

PERFORMANCE NOTES

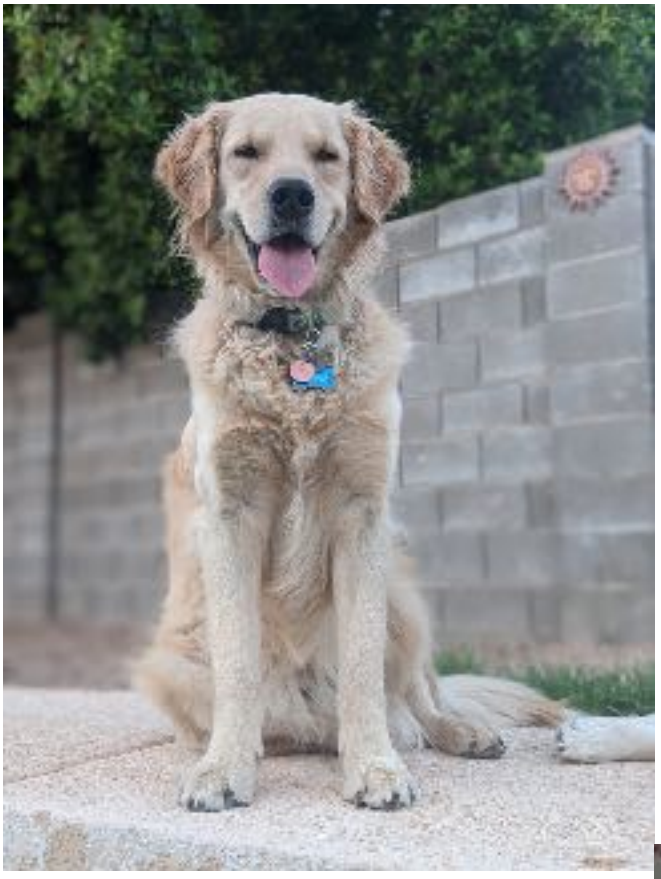
Audio File 1: Béla Bartók, Bagatelles, Op. 6, Nos. 4, 5, and 6, 1908
In the spirit of new wholes from old parts, Bagatelles 4 and 5 are based on Bartók's folk song fieldwork. No. 4 is a transcription of a Hungarian folk song called "I am a cowherd," and no. 5 is a Slovak folk song whose words mean "Before our door, the abandoned young lad plants a white rose."

Audio File 2: Julie Gold, "From a Distance"

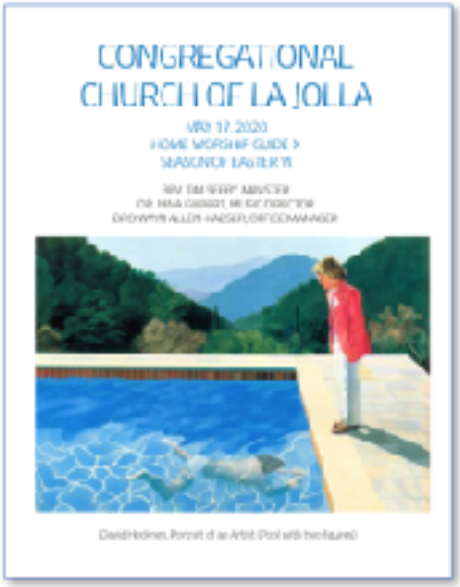
Audio File 4: Henry Purcell, Rondeau from "Abdelazer," adapted by Pierre Gouin.
"Abdelazer" was a 1676 revenge tragedy by English playwright Aphra Behn. Purcell's Rondeau is from his suite of incidental music from the play's unsuccessful 1695 revival. For our purposes it represents a part that a later composer recycled and glorified into a new whole: Benjamin Britten used it as the theme for his "Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra," 1945

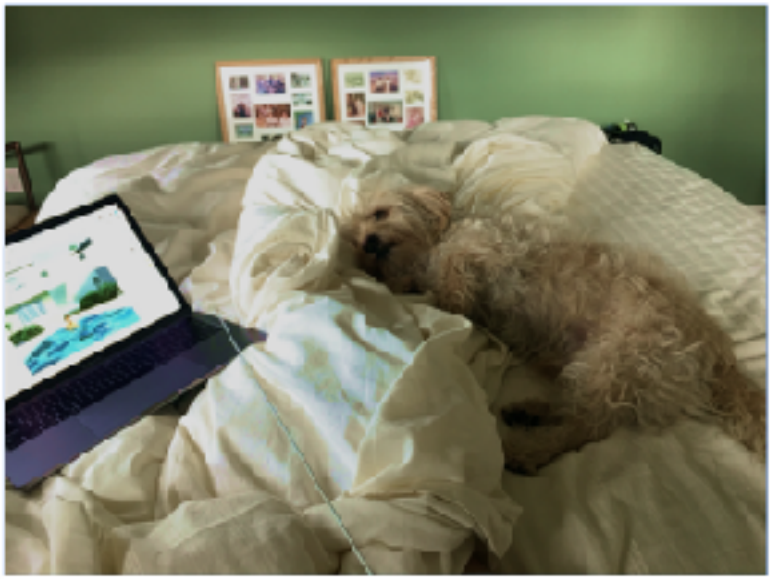
FELLOWSHIP TIME!

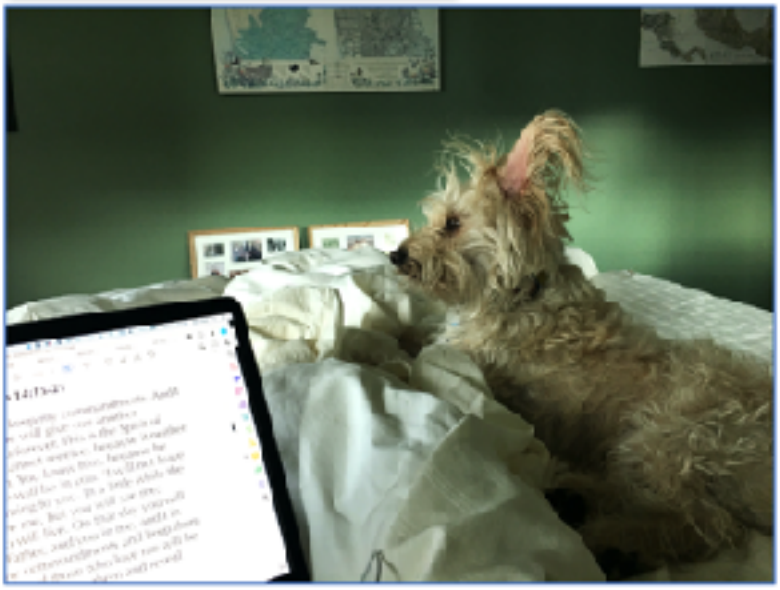
BRING YOUR OWN COOKIES!



Princess Buttercup and Fletcher are enjoying lazy days poolside in Arizona.



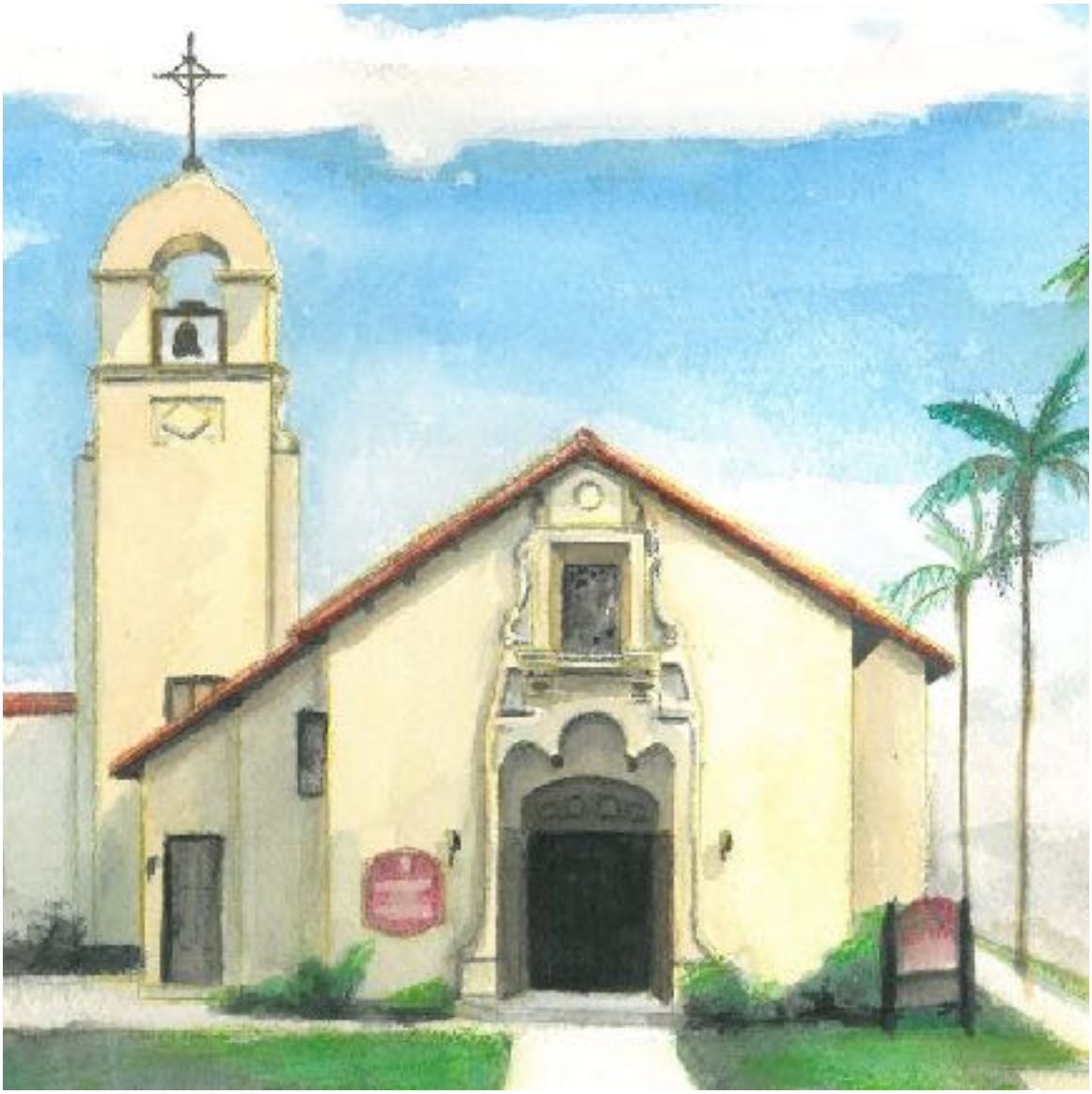




Ken Hall enjoys last week's worship packet with some furry company!

This week Tim consulted the church's historical records to find wisdom on what CCLJ did during the 1918 Spanish Flu. He read letters from former ministers and read annual meeting notes for meetings that took place inside our building one hundred years ago. Stay tuned for more....

Suzan Seery uses decor to inspire by displaying a handkerchief that was sent to her great grandmother from her son when he was in France during World War I in 1917. Her vignette also includes a Psalm book, which she found in an antique store. This week upon flipping through the Psalm book she found newspaper obituaries for two victims of the Spanish Flu of 1918.



AMEN

JOIN US SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10:30 AM AT 1216 CAVE ST, LA JOLLA, CA 92037 ON ALL SUNDAYS WHEN WE ARE NOT STAYING AWAY DUE TO COVID-19!

NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.

CCLJ Digital Happy Hour on ZOOM

It's at 4:30 so coffee or wine, it's all fine!

May 31, 2020
4:30 PM

THE LINK & NUMBER TO CALL WILL BE IN NEXT WEEK'S WORSHP PACKET.

JOIN US TO HEAR OUR VOICES AND CHECK IN WITH ALL THE CCLJ FAMILY