



The schools of our graduates: El Camino High School and the University of California  
San Diego

# CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LA JOLLA

JUNE 7, 2020  
HOME WORSHIP GUIDE 13  
FIRST WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME  
GRADUATION SUNDAY



# CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of *La Jolla*



WELCOME TO WEEK THIRTEEN 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](mailto: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.



Jacob Nicholas and his family at his baptism.



# FINDING GOD IN VOICE

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



A collage made by Melissa Melchor, showing her during her high school graduation and attending her sister's graduation. The song lyrics are from "Flowery Song" by Fire Iron Frenzy. It was in this song that she first heard the doxology.

# WE HEAR FROM SCRIPTURE....

*A MESSAGE FOR OUR GRADUATES...*

## **MATTHEW 5: 13-16**

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

# A MESSAGE TO REFLECT ON...

*This week's message is a video montage of messages from the congregation to our graduates Jacob and Melissa. Thank you to Nina Gilbert for editing this video for us!*

*Click here to watch: <https://youtu.be/u2dMvi9QFEQ>*



# 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](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=MHKJLYNRGPDUS&source=url)

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OR FEEL FREE TO DROP IT IN THE MAIL TO **1216 CAVE ST, LA JOLLA, CA 92037**. YES, WE WILL STILL CHECK THE MAIL!



Jacob, his family, and Rev. Sam at he and his brother's confirmation



# WE PREPARE TO GO OUT INTO AN *UNCERTAIN* WORLD

PLEASE CLICK ON THE AUDIO FILE MARKED "AUDIO FILE 3" IN THE  
EMAIL AND ENJOY NINA'S PIANO SOLO.



This piece was made by Melissa for her illustration class and is her favorite drawing from her college 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: Ludwig van Beethoven, Variations on a March by Ernst Dressler, WoO 63**

As an inspiration to our graduates, we present this twelve-year-old composer's first published work. WoO stands for “Werke ohne Opuszahl”—works without opus number.

## **Audio File 2: Carol Bayer Sager and David Foster, “The Prayer,” 1998**

## **Audio File 3: Edward Elgar, Pomp and Circumstance March no. 1, Opus 39, 1901.**

Piano duet arrangement by Adolf Schmid, 1902  
In 1905, when Elgar received an honorary doctorate from Yale University, musicians played this beloved march as a recessional after the ceremony. From Yale the march spread to Princeton in 1907, Chicago in 1908, and throughout the United States by the 1920s. The title comes from Act 3 of “Othello,” where Othello bids “farewell” to “Pride, pomp, and circumstance of glorious war.” Technical note: this is an overdub—Nina playing both parts of a piano duet.

# FELLOWSHIP TIME!

BRING YOUR OWN COOKIES!

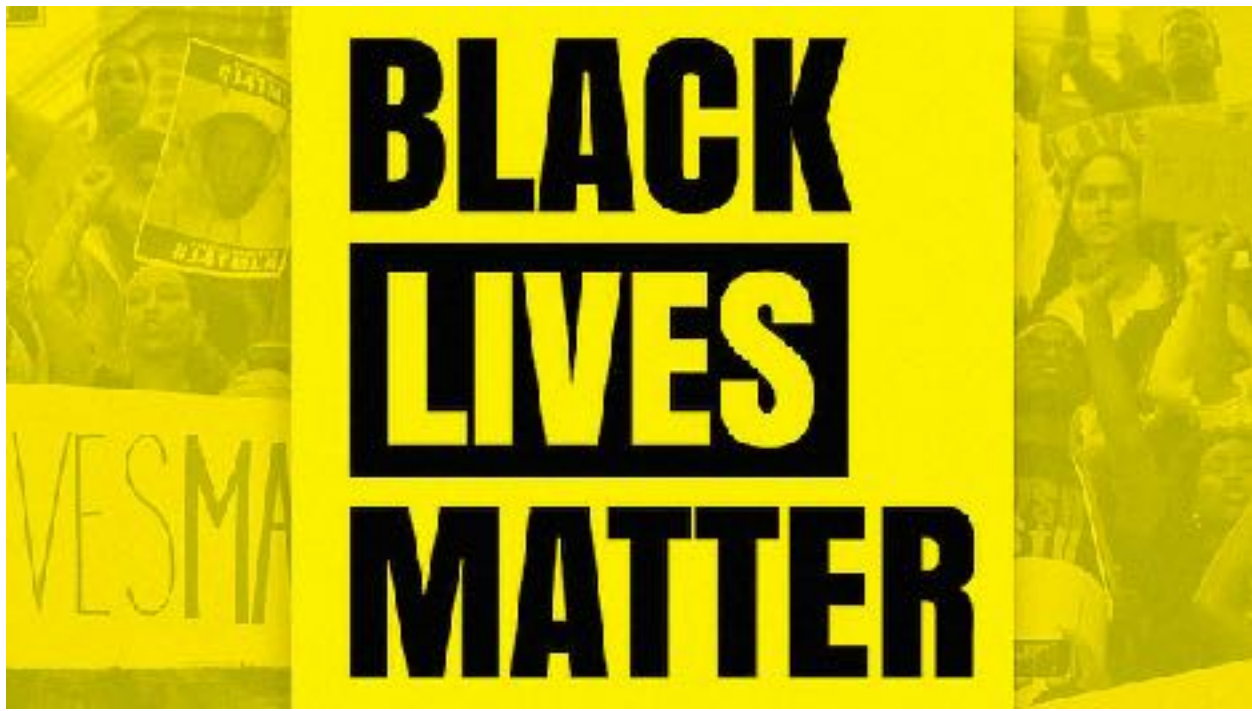


Melissa cooking with her sister!



Kristin Bean with a baby Jacob and Rev. John





**Rev. Tim's Op-Ed in the Times of San Diego,  
"Why I Put a Black Lives Matter Sign on My La Jolla Church."**

**Click here to read:**

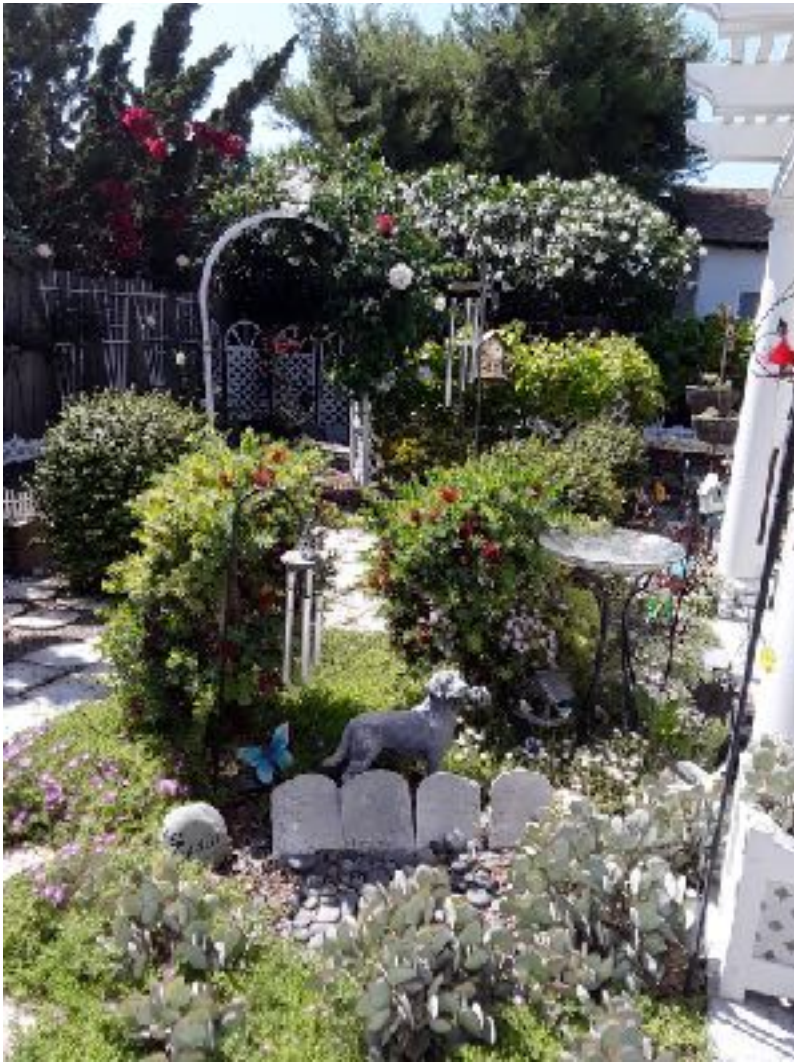
**<https://timesofsandiego.com/opinion/2020/06/05/opinion-why-i-put-a-black-lives-matter-sign-on-my-la-jolla-church/>**

**As a progressive congregation of the United Church of Christ we stand in support of all of our brothers and sisters who are marching for a free and just society. We recognize that centuries upon centuries of racism and bias have constructed our society, written our laws, and informed the way each of us have interacted with our world. Many of us have existed within spheres of privilege, never having to worry that the fruits of our labor would be undone by the conscious and unconscious biases of others. Black Lives Matter.**

# WHAT'S NEXT FOR OUR GRADUATES?

**JACOB NICHOLAS** graduates next week from El Camino High School in Oceanside, CA. He will be attending his top choice university in the fall, The University of California Santa Barbara, to pursue the study of zoology. Jacob is the son of Sigrid and Bill Nicholas and has been a child of the church, baptized, confirmed, and raised by this community.

**MELISSA MELCHOR** graduates next week from the University of California San Diego with a degree in visual arts and media. She will pursue work in writing and design of storyboards for cartoons and live action movies and TV. Melissa has been with us since early 2019 and quickly joined the choir where she has shared her many talents with us.



Peggy and Nate show us their beautiful garden along with a very special surprise for this year's graduates nestled in their arbor.







# 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 ZOOM HAPPY HOUR II

Given the smashing success of our last Zoom Happy Hour, we will do a second! We had 27 participants at our first. So, we hope to build on this momentum!

Join us on June 14, 2020

4:30 PM

[https://zoom.us/j/99546264129?  
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