



Pathway in the Atacama Desert, Chile

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LA JOLLA

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HOME WORSHIP GUIDE 39



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of *La Jolla*



WELCOME TO WEEK 39 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....

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

ENJOY NINA'S PIANO SOLO BY CLICKING ON THE AUDIO FILE MARKED "AUDIO FILE 1" 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



Valley of Fire State Park, California, USA

FINDING GOD IN VOICE

ENJOY BRONWYN'S SOLO BY CLICKING ON THE
AUDIO FILE MARKED ["AUDIO FILE 2"](#) IN THE EMAIL.



Sahara Desert, Chad

WE HEAR FROM SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.



Sonoran Desert, Arizona, USA

A MESSAGE TO REFLECT ON

LISTEN TO REV. TIM'S MESSAGE BY CLICKING ON
THE AUDIO FILE MARKED "[AUDIO FILE 2](#)" IN THE
EMAIL.



Australian Outback

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!



Gobi Desert, Mongolia

WE PREPARE TO GO OUT INTO AN *UNCERTAIN* WORLD

PLEASE CLICK ON THE AUDIO FILE MARKED [“AUDIO FILE 3”](#)
IN THE EMAIL TO ENJOY NINA'S PIANO SOLO.



Desert Nomad, Mongolia

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

Nina Gilbert, music director and pianist
Bronwyn Allen-Kaesler, office manager and soprano

Audio File 1: Mily Balakirev, *The Wilderness*, from *10 Songs*, 1898

Balakirev's own piano transcription of his song, whose words describe walking through a hot desert and longing to reach a green, sheltering garden.

Balakirev was the founding mentor of a group of Russian composers known as "The Five," namely himself plus Alexander Borodin, César Cui, Modest Mussorgsky, and Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov. He was also an important promoter and collaborator of Tchaikovsky.

Audio File 2: Words by Placide Cappeau, translation by John Sullivan Dwight, music by Adolphe Adam, *Cantique de Noël* ("O Holy Night")

Cappeau wrote his poem ("*Minuit, chrétiens*") in 1843 to celebrate the renovation of a church organ in Roquemaure, France. Adam, a French composer mostly of operas and ballets, wrote the music in 1844. Dwight, who graduated from Harvard College in 1832 and Harvard Divinity School in 1836, was ordained as a Unitarian minister in 1840. He redirected his career into music criticism, and translated these lyrics in 1855.

Audio File 4: Modest Mussorgsky, *Meditation*, 1880

An example of an "Album leaf," a pleasant, short work for piano.



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 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE!



**JOIN US ON CHRISTMAS
EVE AT 8 PM AS WE HEAR
THE SACRED STORY
TOGETHER OVER ZOOM.
THIS WILL BE A CASUAL
OPPORTUNITY TO
GATHER WITH FELLOW
CCLJ MEMBERS AND
FRIENDS TO CELEBRATE
THE BIRTH OF CHRIST.**

**8 PM PACIFIC TIME
DECEMBER 24TH**

**PLEASE JOIN US FROM YOUR OWN HOMES NO
MATTER WHAT TIME ZONE YOU ARE IN! ZOOM
LINK IN NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP PACKET!**

STEWARDSHIP 2020

CURRENT PLEDGE TOTAL FOR 2021:
\$25,680.00

Representing 10 pledges and the participation of 14 CCLJ members. Please email office@lajollaucc.org to report



Andy Warhol, Roll of Bills, 1962
Collection of MoMA