



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LA JOLLA

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WELCOME TO THIS WEEK'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.

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.....

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

ENJOY NINA'S SOLO BY CLICKING ON AUDIO FILE TITLED "HERBERT INDIAN SUMMER" 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



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE LESSON

You can listen to Rev. Tim read this passage by clicking on the file marked "Scripture" in the email.

Deuteronomy 23

"No one who is emasculated or has his male organ cut off may enter the assembly of the Lord. No one of illegitimate birth may enter the assembly of the Lord; none of his *descendants*, even to the tenth generation, may enter the assembly of the Lord. No Ammonite or Moabite may enter the assembly of the Lord; none of their *descendants*, even to the tenth generation, may ever enter the assembly of the Lord, because they did not meet you with food and water on the way when you came out of Egypt, and because they hired against you Balaam the son of Beor from Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse you. Nevertheless, the Lord your God was unwilling to listen to Balaam, but the Lord your God turned the curse into a blessing for you because the Lord your God loves you. You shall never seek their peace or their prosperity all your days. "You shall not loathe an Edomite, for he is your brother; you shall not loathe an Egyptian, because you were a stranger in his land. The sons of the third generation who are born to them may enter the assembly of the Lord.

"When you go out as an army against your enemies, you shall be on guard against every evil thing."If there is among you any man who is unclean because of a nocturnal emission, then he must go outside the camp; he may not reenter the camp. But when evening approaches, he shall bathe himself with water, and at sundown he may reenter the camp.

"You shall also have a place *allocated* outside the camp, so that you may go out there *to relieve yourself*, and you shall have a spade among your tools, and it shall be when you sit down outside, you shall dig with it and shall turn and cover up your excrement. Since the Lord your God walks in the midst of your camp to save you and to defeat your enemies before you, your camp must be holy; so He must not see anything indecent among you or He will turn away from you.

"You shall not hand over to his master a slave who has escaped from his master to you. He shall live with you in your midst, in the place that he chooses in one of your towns where it pleases him; you shall not mistreat him.

"None of the daughters of Israel shall be a cult prostitute, nor shall any of the sons of Israel be a cult prostitute. You shall not bring the earnings of a prostitute or the money for a dog into the house of the Lord your God as *payment* for any vowed offering, because both of these are an abomination to the Lord your God.

"You are not to charge interest to your countrymen: interest on money, food, or anything that may be loaned on interest. You may charge interest to a foreigner, but to your countrymen you shall not charge interest, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all that you undertake in the land which you are about to enter to possess.

"When you make a vow to the Lord your God, you shall not delay to pay it, for the Lord your God will certainly require it of you, and it will be a sin [q]for you. However, if you refrain from making vows, it will not be a sin for you. You shall be careful and perform what goes out of your lips, since in fact you have vowed a]voluntary offering to the Lord your God, whatever you have promised.

"When you enter your neighbor's vineyard, you may eat grapes [u]until you are satisfied; but you are not to put any in your basket.

"When you enter your neighbor's standing grain, you may pluck the heads of grain with your hand, but you are not to use a sickle on your neighbor's standing grain.



CENTERING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS WITH MUSIC

ENJOY BRONWYN'S VOCAL SOLO BY CLICKING ON THE AUDIO FILE
TITLED "A SOWER CAME" IN THE ACCOMPANYING EMAIL

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE TO LIVE BY

To listen to Rev. Tim's message my clicking on the audio file marked "Message" in the email.



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:

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One of Melissa Melchor's commissioned illustrations for Blessing of the Animals

PREPARE TO GO OUT INTO AN *UNCERTAIN* WORLD

PLEASE CLICK ON THE FILE MARKED "TCHAIKOVSKY
AUTUMN" IN THE EMAIL.



Another of Melissa's illustrations made just for us!

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

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

PERFORMANCE NOTES

DO YOU HAVE A CAT? We have an impressive handful of dog sounds (barking, lapping water) and some birds, but no cats in our animal-sounds collection for our current bless-the-animals project. We'd love to include any animal sounds you can record. Please send to Nina **this week!** See instructions and address in the attached "How to" PDF.

PERFORMANCE NOTES

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

Two fall-based piano solos in honor of this week's equinox, and a parable hymn about the life cycle of a seed.

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, "October/Autumn," from *The Seasons*, 1876

From Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)'s suite of twelve piano pieces published in a cycle of monthly issues of the St. Petersburg music magazine *Nouvellist*. Such a weepy perspective! Perhaps this is how October felt in Russia, knowing a cold, dark winter was ahead.

A Sower Came

Words by Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., 1998

Music by John D. Horman, 2003

Victor Herbert, *Indian Summer*, 1919

Best known for operettas—especially *Babes in Toyland* and *Naughty Marietta*—Herbert (1859-1924) was a conductor, cellist and prolific composer. He was also one of the founders of ASCAP, an organization that protects the legal rights of composers and songwriters.

Originally a piano piece, *Indian Summer* became a jazz standard after Al Dubin added lyrics in 1939.