



The Light of Reason and the Wonder of It All

by Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger

“The most beautiful and profound emotion we can experience is the sensation of the mystical. It is the sower of all true art and science... To know that what is impenetrable to us really exists, manifesting itself as the highest wisdom and the most radiant beauty...this knowledge, this feeling, is at the center of true religiousness.”

-ALBERT EINSTEIN

SOUND OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

“Lift Thine Eyes”
from “Elijah”, Op. 70, No. 28 (1846)
by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
Text: Psalm 121: 1-3

Treble Voices of the Adult Choir

Lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help.
Thy help cometh from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.
He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved, thy keeper will never slumber.

OPENING WORDS

by Rabbi Rami Shapiro

Andrew Van Praagh,
Worship Associate

CHALICE LIGHTING

***OPENING HYMN**

“Wake, Now, My Senses”

No. 298

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger

COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH Environmental Justice Committee (EJC)

***UNISON AFFIRMATION**

Love is the spirit of this church
And service is its law.
This is our great covenant:
To dwell together in peace,
To seek the truth in love,
And to help one another.

El amor es el Espíritu de esta Iglesia
y el servicio es su ley.
Este es nuestro gran pacto:
Vivir juntos en paz,
buscar la verdad en espíritu de amor,
y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

TIME FOR ALL AGES

“The Whale and the Teeny-Tiny Fish”

Rev. Jamie

†Children, youth, and their teachers are invited to depart for classes.

SINGING THE CHILDREN OUT

“Children’s Blessing”
by Jason Shelton

May your mind be open to new learning / May your lips bring truth into the world / May your heart know love, and your hands do the work of justice / as you go your way in peace, as you go your way in peace.

* Please rise in body or spirit

† If your family is new to our community, please accompany your child to their class to check in with their teachers before returning to the sanctuary.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Liz Connors & Liz Tohline

*This is the time in our service when you are invited to light a personal candle of joy or concern.
Please focus your thoughts and be brief.*

OFFERING

Andrew Van Praagh

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Text the word ‘give’ and the dollar amount to (833) 429-4774, e.g. “give \$10”*

OFFERTORY

“He Watching Over Israel”
From “Elijah”, No. 29
By Mendelssohn
Text: Psalm 121: 4

Adult Choir &
Sandra LaBarge-Neumann – organ

He watching over Israel slumbers not nor sleeps.
Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish, he will quicken thee.

READING

“My Help is in the Mountain”
by Nancy Wood

Andrew Van Praagh

SERMON

“The Light of Reason and the Wonder of It All”
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Rev. Jamie

*CLOSING HYMN

“Vine and Fig Tree”

No. 399

CLOSING WORDS

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POSTLUDE

Reformation Chorale
From the 5th Symphony in D, Op. Posth. 107 (1832)
By Mendelssohn, arr. E.J. Lorenz

Sandra LaBarge-Neumann
& Brad Conner – piano



Focal Point donated in memory of our mothers by Wendy Innis.

*Article II discussion hosted by the Adult Sub-Group of the Faith Development committee in the Bacon Room.
Sandwiches and snacks provided.*

After services join us for coffee, tea, and fellowship in the Common Room.

If you are visiting today, Welcome!

*Fill out a blue card (end of pews) or use the “connect” QR code to fill online and you’ll
receive our newsletter, the Parishioner. Drop the card in the usher bag or bring to the
welcome table outside the Common Room. During community hour look for someone from
the Membership Committee holding the RED COFFEE MUG and say hello!*



A WARM THANK YOU TO SUNDAY’S VOLUNTEERS

TECH TEAM – Bob Bass, Paul Bradford, Cecile Mercado & Alfie Van Praagh

COFFEE – Moriah Tumbleson-Shaw, Thalia Tumbleson-Shaw, Linda Pollitz, & Gene Kalb

USHERS – Rich Suval

WELCOME TABLE GREETERS – Mary and Tony Van der Mude

FLAGS AND WAYSIDE PULPIT – *Please volunteer*

Sign up to volunteer or donate a focal point with “volunteer” QR code.

EVENTS AT FIRST PARISH THIS WEEK

SUNDAY – 4/28

11:30 AM ARTICLE II DISCUSSION
5:30 PM COMING OF AGE (COA)

MONDAY – 4/29

3:45 PM SENIOR YOUTH CHOIR

TUESDAY – 4/30

7:00 PM MEDITATION GROUP

WEDNESDAY – 5/1

3:30 PM FD ARRIVAL & SNACK
4:00 PM JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP (JYG)
4:00 PM GAMES CLUB (GRADE 3-5)
4:00 PM KIDSING
7:00 PM SOCIAL REponsIBILITY

THURSDAY – 5/2

9:30 AM SHORT STORY GROUP
7:30 PM ADULT CHOIR

FRIDAY – 5/3

4:00 PM JUNIOR YOUTH CHOIR
6:00 PM POTLUCK DINNER

SATURDAY – 5/4

2:00 PM ELLEN AND RICH'S WEDDING

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