



The Worship of God
Seventh Sunday of Easter
 May 12, 2024

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May 12, 2024 · 10:45 am · Sanctuary and Facebook Livestream

Welcome, guests! We would like to offer you a welcome bag; these are located at the sanctuary entrances. We also invite you to fill out a guest card; cards are available next to the welcome bags as well as in the back of the pew in front of you. Completed guest cards may be given to an usher or placed in the offering plate. Thank you!

Children & Worship: Children are always welcome in worship!

- Worship supplies are on the blue cart at the front of the sanctuary (organ side).
- Childcare for ages 4 and younger is available in room 102 during worship.
- Younger elementary-age children (approximately ages 5-8) may be dismissed after the children's sermon to join the younger children in room 102 for faith learning activities.

Prelude

Welcome and Invocation

Jennifer Rygg

Call to Worship

How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord arr. Charles Callahan

*As the candles are lit, we welcome the presence of God's Holy Spirit into our worship.
 The Bible is placed on the altar table as we prepare to read and reflect on Scripture.*

Passing of the Peace

Peace be with you.
And also with you.

Jennifer Rygg

++Hymns of Praise **No. 278**
No. 268

We Are Travelers on a Journey
The Bond of Love

BEACH SPRING
 SKILLINGS

We are one in the bond of love;
We are one in the bond of love.
We have joined our spirits with the Spirit of God,
We are one in the bond of love.

Parent/Child Dedication (see insert)

Jorge John "Jordy" León III, son of Jorge and Jennifer León

Scripture Reading

1 John 5:1-6

Kay Thomas

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**Dedication of Jorge John “Jordy” León III
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Pastor: We are here today to celebrate the gift of this child, Jorge John León III and to offer our blessings for him and his parents, Jorge and Jennifer. They have come today to present Jordy to the church and to dedicate him to God.

Parents: *We bring our child to be dedicated to God.*

Affirmation of Child and Affirmation of Faith

Pastor: What can we affirm about Jordy?

All: He is made in the image of God and is a child of God by creation.

Pastor: How can we show Jordy that he is a child of God?

All: We welcome him to our church family, and we give thanks to God for him.

Pastor: Jennifer and Jorge have been in a season of transition over the past year as they have been preparing for Jordy’s arrival, welcoming him into their family, while also building a house and preparing for a move. In the midst of these transitions, they have sought out this opportunity to affirm their faith and to express their desire and intention to share their faith with their son.

Their hope is that this day of dedication will be an introduction for Jordy to what will guide his life for years to come: a deep relationship with Jesus Christ, a closeness with God, and connection with a church community.

What stories do we hope Jordy will hear as he grows into childhood?

All: May he hear about Abraham, the father of our faith; about Sarah, the mother of Isaac; about Moses, who led our ancestors out of bondage; about Ruth and her example of faithfulness; about the Jewish hope for a Messiah; about Mary and Joseph's openness to mystery; about Jesus Christ the Savior; and about the history of the church as the joyous people of God boldly proclaiming God’s Word.

Pastor: What are our hopes for Jordy?

All: We look to the day when he will come to a personal commitment to God's will through Jesus Christ, follow Jesus in baptism, sit with us at Christ’s table, and serve God through a life of loving, joyful, and sacrificial obedience.

Charge to the Parents and Family

Pastor: Do you, Jorge and Jennifer, assume your primary responsibility for teaching Jordy that he is made in the image of God, for nurturing and loving him as God loves you, and for helping him discover that he is loved by our Savior Jesus Christ who desires for Jordy to follow him and to give Jordy life and life abundantly?

Jorge y Jennifer, prometen Ustedes asumir su responsabilidad de enseñar a Jordy que él está hecho a la imagen de Dios, cuidarlo y amarlo como Dios los ama a Ustedes, y para ayudarlo a descubrir que él es amado por nuestro Salvador Jesucristo quien desea que Jordy lo siga y darle a él vida y vida abundante.

Parents: *With God's help we do. Con la ayuda de Dios, lo prometemos.*

Pastor: Do you, Jordy’s extended family, assume your responsibilities for encouraging, supporting, and assisting Jennifer and Jorge as they strive to keep these commitments?

Family: *With God’s help, we do, for they belong to us as well.*

Charge to the Congregation

Pastor: Church family, may we also offer our prayers, support, and love to Jorge and Jennifer as they strive to keep these commitments. As Jesus welcomed the little children, may we too welcome Jordy. May he experience the presence and love of God among our community of faith. Our church motto, based on Ephesians 3:17, offers an appropriate blessing for this occasion:

Congregation: **May you be rooted in faith and growing in love.**

All: **Amen.**

Charge to the Child

Prayer of Dedication

Presentation of Gift