

# MANHATTAN BEACH COMMUNITY CHURCH

October 17, 2021

## CENTERING WORDS

“There can be no rebirth without a dark night of the soul,  
a total annihilation of all that you believed in and thought that you were.”  
~Hazrat Inayat Khan

**PRELUDE** “Meditation” Charles Marie Widor  
Lee Lassetter, organ

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. B. J. Beu

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Job was an upright man, blameless before God.

**Why then was he stricken?**

**And where does God go when calamity strikes?**

God’s ways are hard to understand.

**But God loved Job still?**

God never stopped loving Job and God never stops loving us  
when our lives fall apart.

**Why then are we stricken?**

God’s ways are hard to understand.

**May we be as faithful as Job when evil befalls us.**

\***HYMN #66** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

## OPENING PRAYER

**ANTHEM** “Mercy” Craig Courtney  
Pat Edwards, director; Evelyn Belt, accompanist

**SCRIPTURE READING** Job 23:1-9, 16-17

**TIME WITH CHILDREN** Rev. Sylvia Miller

**SERMON** “The Dark Night of the Soul” Rev. B. J. Beu

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER** Rev. B. J. Beu  
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**  
**Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,**  
**on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread**  
**and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**  
**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:**  
**For thine is kingdom, and the power,**  
**and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING** Rev. Matthew Baugh

**OFFERTORY** “Stand by Me” Ben E. King  
Cindal Langley, alto; Lee Lassetter, piano

\***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**  
**We give thee but thine own, whate’er the gifts may be**  
**All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

\***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Rev. Matthew Baugh  
**Elusive One, may our gifts reflect our faith**  
**that you are with us,**  
**even when we feel abandoned and alone.**  
**Bless these gifts with your sustaining love,**  
**that others may sense your presence**  
**and touch your healing love**  
**during their own dark night of the soul. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION** Rev. B. J. Beu

\***HYMN #576** “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

**POSTLUDE** “Finale” Andrew Carter

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR ON THE LOWER PATIO

\* **Indicates please rise**