



**LA JOLLA  
UNITED METHODIST**

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**15th Sunday After Pentecost**



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## Welcome

## Announcements

**Call to worship:** (*adapted from "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*)

One: Our God is a mighty fortress, one that never fails.

**All: Our God is a helper amid all that assails us.**

One: We do not have to rely on our own strength;

**All: God has sent his Son to stand beside us.**

One: We will not fear anything in this world,

**All: For we know it is God's will for Christ to triumph.**

One: God's spirit and God's gifts are ours!

**All: God's truth is eternal and God's kingdom is forever!**

**Opening Music:** "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know" UMH 163

**Performed by:** Bob Wuertz, Organ

1. Ask ye what great thing I know,  
that delights and stirs me so?  
What the high reward I win?  
Whose the name I glory in?  
Jesus Christ, the crucified.
2. Who defeats my fiercest foes?  
Who consoles my saddest woes?  
Who revives my fainting heart,  
healing all its hidden smart?  
Jesus Christ, the crucified.
3. Who is life in life to me?  
Who the death of death will be?  
Who will place me on his right,  
with the countless hosts of light?  
Jesus Christ, the crucified.
4. This is that great thing I know;  
this delights and stirs me so:  
faith in him who died to save,  
him who triumphed o'er the grave:  
Jesus Christ, the crucified.

## Morning Prayer

Holy God, in Jesus Christ you are the author and perfecter of our faith. We give thanks for the mercy you have shown us and for the grace you have freely offered us. Make us mindful of your great gifts rather than boastful of our own efforts, for nothing we do is apart from you. In Jesus's name, we pray. Amen.

## **Children's Time**

### **Joys and Concerns**

#### **Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**Merciful God, we confess that too often we do not act as if our lives have been transformed by the love and grace you have given us. We fall into the trap of believing that we are good, that we are changed, by our own efforts. Forgive us when we err, and help us to return again to your abundant care.**

#### **Words of Assurance:**

**One:** Our God's mercy is rich and his love is never-ending. He has loved us forever, and sent his Son to give his life to us when we were dead in sin. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All:** In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

**Scripture:** Ephesians 2:1-10

**Message:** God's Accomplishment

**Invitation to offering**

**Offertory:** "Amazing Grace" Arr. by Mark Dorian

**Performed by:** Mark Dorian, Piano

**Doxology:** UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)**

**Extravagant God, you have already given us everything we could have ever asked for in the gift of your Son. Help us to respond to your call to live as new creations, and use our gifts of treasure, time, and talents to transform the world, that your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Closing Music:** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" UMH 110

**Performed by:** Bob Wuertz, Organ

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.
2. Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,  
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.
3. And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.  
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.
4. That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

## **Benediction**

**Postlude:** "Adagio in G"

**Performed by:** Jenny Lai

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