



**LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST**

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17th Sunday After Pentecost**



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Welcome

Announcements

Call to worship

One: With our whole being—heart, mind, soul, and strength— let us love and praise God!

All: With all of our being, we will love and praise God! For God is faithful forever, helping, freeing, loving, protecting!

One: Let us sing praises to God as long as we live!

All: Praise the maker of heaven and earth! Praise God who is faithful forever!

Opening Music: “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You” (Tune: *St. Theodulph*)

Performed by: Bob Wuertz

1. O Lord, how shall I meet you,
how welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you,
my hope, my heart's delight!

O kindle, Lord Most Holy,
your lamp within my breast
to do in spirit lowly
all that may please you best.

2. Love caused your incarnation,
love brought you down to me;
your thirst for my salvation
procured my liberty.

O love beyond all telling,
that led you to embrace,
in love all love excelling,
our lost and fallen race!

3. You come, O Lord, with gladness,
in mercy and goodwill,
to bring an end to sadness
and bid our fears be still.

In patient expectation
we live for that great day
when a renewed creation
your glory shall display.

Morning Prayer

God who is faithful forever, you are our God. We turn to you in praise, for when our hope rests in you, we find rest. We turn to you with our cares, for when we look to you for help, we find strength. We turn our hearts to you in worship, offering love for you and for our neighbor. We wait in hope. We bring our cares. We offer you our love in the name of Jesus, who teaches us to love, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, who inspires us to love. Amen.

Children's Time

Joys and Concerns

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

You alone are our God, our hope and help, but we do not always find it easy to love you with all our being. Our hearts, our minds, our strength do not always seek what is worthy of our trust and hope. Nor do we always find it easy to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. When we find ourselves far from your kingdom, draw us near. Forgive us when we fail and bring us home to you, One whose name is Love.

Words of Assurance:

One: Through the love and forgiveness of God in Jesus Christ, we are not far from the kingdom! We belong to this kingdom! Rejoice in the saving help of our God! 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: Ruth 1:8-16

Message: May It Please the Court -- Rev. John Fanestil

Invitation to offering

Offertory: "You Are Mine"

Performed by: Lisa Corporon, Jayson Coleman, Bob Wuertz

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)

Holy God, we know that our neighbors are young and old, from here and there, friends and strangers, Christians and nonbelievers. Our neighbor is the one we do not abandon, the one we refuse to be separated from, the one we love as God loves. We give so that our neighbor may have bread; that our neighbor may be free; that our neighbor who is bent over may stand up; that our neighbor who is orphaned or widowed or far from home and in a new land may know God's love through our love. God of compassion, use the gifts we offer to give bread to the hungry and to provide justice and protection to the vulnerable. Through our lives and our gifts, may your kingdom come near. Amen.

Closing Music: "Pass It On" UMH 572

Performed by: Bob Wuertz

1. It only takes a spark
to get a fire going,
and soon all those around
can warm up
in its glowing.

That's how it is
with God's love
once you've experienced it;
you spread his love
to everyone;
you want to pass it on.

2. What a wondrous
time is spring,
when all the trees are budding,
the birds begin to sing,

the flowers
start their blooming.

That's how it is
with God's love
once you've experienced it;
you want to sing,
it's fresh like spring,
you want to pass it on.

3. I wish for you, my friend,
the happiness
that I've found;
you can depend on him,
it matters not
where you're bound.

I'll shout it from
the mountaintop;
I want my world to know;
the Lord of love
has come to me,
I want to pass it on.

Benediction: Rev. John Fanestil

Postlude: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Performed by: Jenny Lai

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