



**LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST**

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18th Sunday After Pentecost**



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Welcome

Announcements

Call to worship

One: In the wilderness of our daily lives, a voice cries out: Prepare the way of the Lord.

All: Let us hear what God is saying.

One: God has shown us favor by restoring our fortunes.

All: Let us rejoice in what God is doing.

One: God rules this world with tenderness and might.

All: Let us share what God is offering.

One: The glory of the Lord will be revealed. Let all people see it and turn their hearts to God.

All: Let us proclaim what God is bringing.

One: In the wilderness of our daily lives, a voice cries out:

All: Prepare the way of the Lord!

Opening Music: “Cuando El Pobre (When the Poor Ones)” UMH #434

Musicians: Jayson Coleman, Joyce Theilacker, Bob Wuertz

1. When the poor ones who have nothing share with strangers,
when the thirsty water give unto us all,
when the crippled in their weakness strengthen others,

Refrain

then we know that God still goes that road with us,
then we know that God still goes that road with us.

2. *(Soloist will sing in Spanish; English translation shown)*
When at last all those who suffer find their comfort,
when they hope though even hope seems hopelessness,
when we love though hate at times seems all around us,

Estrillo

va Dios mismo en nuestro mismo caminar,
va Dios mismo en nuestro mismo caminar.

3. When our joy fills our cup to overflowing,
when our lips can speak no words other than true,
when we know that love for simple things is better,

Refrain

then we know that God still goes that road with us,
then we know that God still goes that road with us.

4. When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance,
when we learn how to make peace instead of war,
when each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor,

Estribillo

va Dios mismo en nuestro mismo caminar,
va Dios mismo en nuestro mismo caminar.

Morning Prayer: Chee Chow (Cantonese)

Lord God, in this season of reimagining, remind us that we have always been your people— a people you created, called, and redeemed. Having love for all people, we thank you for your favor. Remembering our sacred story, may we look for your presence in the world today. Surely salvation is at hand for those who turn to you in love. Surely your glory dwells with us here, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Knowing your presence among us now, may we remember that we are people invited into your creativity and who long to join in the building of your kingdom. Prepare us, O Lord, that we may become your instruments of grace and mercy in the world! Amen.

Children's Time

Joys and Concerns

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of endless mercy, hear our prayer: You have comforted us, you have cared for us tenderly, and you have restored our losses. Yet we wither like grass when winter winds blow upon it. We fade like cut flowers in a vase, beautiful but for a few short days. You speak peace to us and call us to be faithful, yet we turn away from you. You are patient with us, yet we accuse you of apathy and neglect. Forgive us, we pray. Make us mindful of our salvation through Jesus Christ, who was, and is, and is to be—the one who is eternally transforming us through the power of your Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven

Words of Assurance

One: God desires that all may live in fullness of life. God longs for all people to come to repentance, that they may see the glory of God revealed in our savior Jesus Christ. And so, God speaks tenderly with us and hurries to comfort us. Be assured of God's favor. 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

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11

Message: “Reveal” - Pastor Bob Rhodes

Invitation to offering

Offertory: “Draw the Circle Wide” by Gordon Light

Musicians: Jim & Jean Strathdee

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!

Holy Communion

The Lord’s Prayer: Grace Chow (Cantonese)

**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.**

Prayer After Receiving

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.
Prepare our hearts to accept your vision and call in our lives. Grant that we may go into the
world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others. in the name of Jesus Christ
our Lord.**

Closing Music: “We Are Singing” TFWS #2235-a (*English, Zulu, Spanish*)

Musicians: Jayson Coleman, Joyce Theilacker, Bob Wuertz

We are singing for the Lord is our light,
we are singing for the Lord is our light.

We are singing for the Lord is our light,
we are singing for the Lord is our light.

We are singing, (singing, we are singing,)
Oh (singing,) we are singing for the Lord is our light.
We are singing, (singing, we are singing,)
Oh (singing,) we are singing for the Lord is our light.

See yah hahm buh koo kah nigh nee kwen kohs.
See yah hahm buh koo kah nigh nee kwen kohs.

See yah hahm buh koo kah nigh nee kwen kohs.
See yah hahm buh koo kah nigh nee kwen kohs.

See yah hahm buh (hahm buh,see yah hahm buh,)
Oh (hahm buh,) see yah hahm buh koo kah nigh nee kwen kohs.
See yah hahm buh, (hahm buh, see yah hahm buh,)
Oh (hahm buh,) see yah hahm buh koo kah nigh nee kwen kohs.

Caminando en la luz de Dios,
caminando en la luz de Dios.

Caminando en la luz de Dios,
caminando en la luz de Dios,

Caminando (vamos, caminando)
Oh (vamos,) caminando en la luz de Dios.

Caminando (vamos, caminando,)
Oh (vamos,) caminando en la luz de Dios.

Benediction: Pastor Bob

Postlude: "Pièce d'Orgue in G"

Musicians: Jenny Lai

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