



**LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST**

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18th Sunday After Pentecost



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Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Call on the name of God,

All: for God has called us by name.

One: Lift your eyes and see,

All: for Christ is in this place.

One: Know that God is near,

All: for the Spirit lives in each of us gathered here.

Opening Music: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" UMH #139 (*v1,3-4*)

Musician: Jennifer Lai, organist

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.
4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,
fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,
spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

Morning Prayer

Holy One, Creator God, renew our strength this day. Lift us up on your wings of love, and guide us with your ancient wisdom and truth. Empower us to be your people, that all may know the power of your love. Renew our spirits, that we might tell your story with passion and purpose. Guide, empower, and encourage us with your Spirit, as we seek to minister to the world. In the name of Christ, we pray.
Amen.

Children's Time

Joys and Concerns

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty God, we often forget the glory of creation and everything you have done for us. We ignore the beauty you place all around us. We brush aside the ways you strengthen us. We sing songs of lament instead of songs of praise and thanksgiving. We lose ourselves in the business of life, and forget that we are only found in you. Forgive us. Fill our hearts and our lips with your praises, and turn our lives toward you. Amen.

Words of Assurance

One: Don't you know? haven't you heard? God's love is more powerful than death. God's strength is unending and true. In God's powerful strength and love, you are renewed and restored to life. 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: Isaiah 40:21-31

Message: "Renew"

Invitation to offering

Offertory: "You Raise Me Up" Lovland/Graham

Musician: Dr. Pam Rosemier, Soloist

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

Everlasting God, you are kind and trustworthy. Every day you graciously provide what we need from your abundance. We are grateful that you bring healing and hope for our life as individuals and as a faith community. Accept these monetary gifts and offerings to strengthen our church's outreach to our neighbors. May more people come to know you and your love through our ministries. We ask this in the precious name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

Closing Music: "God of the Ages" UMH #698 (v1-2,4)

Musician: Jennifer Lai, organist

1. God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

2. Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
in this free land with thee our lot is cast;
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

4. Refresh thy people on their toilsome way;
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

Benediction

Postlude: "O God Our Help in Ages Past"

Musician: Jennifer Lai, organist

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