



**LA JOLLA  
UNITED METHODIST**

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21st Sunday After Pentecost**



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## Welcome

## Announcements

## Call to Worship

One: Let us speak of mercy and justice.

**All: For these are the things suitable for our God.**

One: Let us follow the ways of mercy and justice, for they are the ways of peace and community.

**All: Let us lift up our hearts in conviction and our voices in commitment and praise to the Lord of peace and the God of justice; the hope and healing of humanity.**

**Opening Music:** “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” UMH 581

**Musicians:** Jenny Lai, Organist

1. Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy’s perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart, consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.
2. Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.
3. As we worship, grant us vision, till your love’s revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.
4. Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.

## Morning Prayer

O God of light, your searching Spirit reveals and illumines your presence in creation. Shine your radiant holiness into our lives, that we may offer our hands and hearts to your work: to heal and shelter, to feed and clothe, to break every yoke and silence evil tongues. Amen.

## Children’s Time

## Stewardship Moment

## Joys and Concerns

## **Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance**

**All:** God of justice and compassion, you have shown your love in works of healing, forgiveness, and justice, and in your call for us to follow your example in Christ and other prophets and teachers. Yet we are slow to love and to serve; we seek to have our own needs met before caring for the needs of others; we fail to give of ourselves and choose instead to preserve our safety, our comfort and our privilege. Forgive us, heal us, and teach us to worship you by sharing your love, mercy, and care with the ones who need it most.

**One:** God calls us to the true fast of justice and compassion, and has promised to be with us as we give ourselves for others. 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 58:5-12

**Message:** "Respond"

### **Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory:** "Seek Ye First" UMH 405

**Musicians:** Jenny Lai, Organist

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!
2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
seek and ye shall find;  
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!

**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**

**God of promise, we thank you for your generosity in all you have given us. Help us, in turn, to be generous with ourselves and our resources, that we too may live into the promise of abundance that you have made. We give thanks in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**Closing Music:** “Take My Life and Let It Be”UMH 399

**Musicians:** Lea Booth and Bob Rhodes

1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.
3. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.
4. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

**Benediction**

**Postlude:** Largo in Eb by Edward Bunnett

**Musician:** Jenny Lai

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