



**LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST**

Sunday November 8, 2020
1st Sunday of Extended Advent



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Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship (*based on Josh 24, Ps 78, 1 Thess 4*)

- One: Our ancestors have led us here.
All: We are witnesses of their faith.
One: The wisdom of the ages has called us here.
All: We are children of its call.
One: The choice to follow God lies before us.
All: We are heirs of its promise.
One: The Lord of life has called us here.
All: We are here to worship the Lord.

Opening Music: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" UMH 140

Musician: Jennifer Lie, Organist

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions,
they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

- Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Morning Prayer

Promise of the ages, we come to you this day to choose the way you set before us. Strengthen our convictions and grant us patience in our waiting, as we watch for signs of your coming kingdom. Help us teach our children your ways, that we may pass on a better world to the generations to come. We pray in anticipation of your glorious light. Amen.

Children's Time – Advent Blessing

Joys and Concerns

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

All: When our courage wears thin, O God, strengthen our resolve to choose you each day. When we grow weary in our waiting, steel us for the long watches of the night— for we long to be found ready when you appear in your glory. Fill our lamps with your grace, that we might share your light with our children and with the generations that follow. Amen.

One: We worship a God of mercy and love. Hold onto these words of hope: “We will be with the Lord forever.” 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: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Message: “Starting with Why”

Invitation to Offering

Offertory: “The Heart of Worship” by Matt Redman

Musicians: LJUMC Praise Band: Bob Wuertz, Director

Rebecca Cosford, Emilio Valente, Mike Gray, Jayson Coleman, Lisa Corpron
Joyce Theilacker, Bob Rhodes

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 (*based on Josh 24*)

We dedicate these gifts to you, Eternal One, as symbols of our choice to follow you. Receive these gifts of love as celebrations of your presence in our lives. Hold us to our promises, that we might share your blessings and wisdom with the world. We pray seeking the light of Christ. Amen.

Closing Music: “Blessed Assurance” UMH 369

Musician: Jennifer Lie, Organist

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;

angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Benediction

Postlude: “The Gift of Love” arr. by Lloyd Larson

Musician: Jennifer Lie, piano

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