



**LA JOLLA  
UNITED METHODIST**

**Sunday November 15, 2020  
2nd Sunday of Extended Advent**



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## Welcome

## Announcements

## Call to Worship

One: How shall we enter the house of the Lord?

**All: With songs of great praise and rejoicing!**

One: How shall we prepare ourselves to receive the blessings?

**All: With hearts, minds, and spirits that are open.**

One: Come, let us worship the Lord and bow down.

**All: Let us offer our praise to God who has redeemed us. Amen.**

**Opening Music:** “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” UMH 203

**Musician:** Robert Wuertz, Organist

1. Hail to the Lord’s Anointed, great David’s greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.
2. He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.
3. He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;  
love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.  
Before him, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go,  
and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.
4. To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.  
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;  
his name shall stand forever; that name to us is love.

## Morning Prayer

Everlasting God, you are our dwelling-place from generation to generation, our shield from anguish and distress. You arm us as children of light with the hope of salvation, and you protect us by your love. Give us grace, today and every day, to build up and encourage one another as we seek wisdom and abundant life in the strength of your Word and the assurance of your Spirit. Amen.

## Children’s Time – Advent Blessing

## Joys and Concerns

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

**All: Merciful One, there are times we are insensitive to the world around us, and to your promptings within us. Forgive us our ignorance and apathy, and keep us alert and awake, especially when it is easier to fall asleep.**

One: We are the children of clarity amid the fog, armed with faith, love and hope in Christ. 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 5:1-11

**Message:** "Uncertainty & Preparedness"

### **Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory:** "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" J.S. Bach

**Musicians:** Robert Wuertz, Organist

**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

**Generous God, we offer our gifts to you as tokens of our hope. Bless us, and these gifts, to be builders and encouragers of each other and your reign on earth, we pray in the name of the one who saves us. Amen.**

**Closing Music:** “Awake, O Sleeper” UMH 551

**Musician:** Robert Wuertz, Organist

1. Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,  
and Christ shall give you light;  
so learn his love, its length and breadth,  
its fullness, depth, and height.
2. To us on earth he came to bring  
from sin and fear release,  
to give the Spirit’s unity,  
the very bond of peace.
3. There is one body and one hope,  
one Spirit and one call,  
one Lord, one faith, and one baptism,  
one Father of us all.
4. Then walk in love as Christ has loved,  
who died that he might save;  
with kind and gentle hearts forgive  
as God in Christ forgave.
5. For us Christ lived, for us he died,  
and conquered in the strife.  
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,  
and Christ shall give you life.

## Benediction

**Postlude:** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” Arr. John A. Behnke

**Musician:** Robert Wuertz, Organist

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