



**LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST**

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5th Sunday after the Epiphany**



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Prelude: “Livre d’orgue I, Ton 5” - Jacques Boyvin

Musician: Jennifer Lai

Welcome

Opening Music: “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” UMH 731

Musicians: Lisa Corpron, Jayson Coleman, Randy Seward, Jennifer Lai

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation’s walls surrounded, thou mayst smile at all thy foes.
2. See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.
3. Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near!
Thus deriving from our banner light by night and shade by day,
safe we feed upon the manna which God gives us when we pray.
4. Blest inhabitants of Zion, washed in our Redeemer’s blood;
Jesus, whom our souls rely on, make us monarchs, priests to God.
Us, by his great love, he raises, rulers over self to reign,
and as priests his solemn praises we for thankful offering bring.

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Blessing for Children

Scripture: Revelation 1:4b-8; Revelation 21:1-6

Revelation 1:4b-8 Grace and peace to you from the one who is and was and is coming, and from the seven spirits that are before God’s throne, and from Jesus Christ—the faithful witness, the firstborn from among the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To the one who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, who made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father—to him be glory and power forever and always. Amen.

Look, he is coming with the clouds! Every eye will see him, including those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of him. This is so. Amen. “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “the one who is and was and is coming, the Almighty.”

Revelation 21:1-6 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne say, “Look! God’s dwelling is here with humankind. He will dwell with them, and they will be his peoples. God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” Then the one seated on the throne said, “Look! I’m making all things new.” He also said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “All is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will freely give water from the life-giving spring.

Message: “Revelation & Apocalypse”

Response to the Word

Confession, Assurance, and Peace

Liturgist: Teach our hearts to love, O God, as you would have us love. Teach our eyes to see, Holy One, as you would have us see. For we are constantly drawing distinctions, that separate others into friends and foes, insiders and outsiders. You would have us love without prejudice. You would have us accept without judgment. You would have us truly learn to love. Make your home among us, that we might be made one and whole.

Pastor: Christ quenches our thirst for mercy, and feeds our hunger for grace. In the love of the risen Christ, we are resurrected with forgiveness and compassion; we are new creatures in a love that never ends. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Liturgist: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: “Soon and Very Soon” UMH 706

Musician: Lisa Corpron, Jayson Coleman, Randy Seward, Jennifer Lai

1. Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King; (*Hallelujah!*)
soon and very soon, we are going to see the King; (*Hallelujah!*)
soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We’re going to see the King.

2. No more dying there, we are going to see the King; *(Hallelujah!)*
 no more dying there, we are going to see the King; *(Hallelujah!)*
 no more dying there, we are going to see the King.
 Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King.

3. No more crying there, we are going to see the King; *(Hallelujah!)*
 no more crying there, we are going to see the King; *(Hallelujah!)*
 no more crying there, we are going to see the King.
 Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King.

Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

Communion elements may be selected from your home to include bread (or similar) and juice (or similar). Please wait until directed before receiving your elements.

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.

Closing Music: "Marching to Zion" UMH 733

Musician: Lisa Corpron, Jayson Coleman, Randy Seward, Jennifer Lai

1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
 join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord
 and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur - round the throne.
thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur - round the throne.

Refrain

- We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zi - on,
 we're marching upward to Zi - on,
Zion, Zion,
 the beautiful city of God.
2. Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;
 but children of the heavenly King, but children of the heavenly King
 may speak their joys a - broad, may speak their joys a - broad,
speak their joys a - broad, may speak their joys a-broad.

Refrain

We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zi - on,
we're marching upward to Zi - on,
Zion, Zion,
the beautiful city of God.

3. The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heavenly fields, before we reach the heavenly fields,
or walk the gol - den streets, or walk the gold - en streets,
walk the gol - den streets. to walk the gold - en streets.

Refrain

We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zi - on,
we're marching upward to Zi - on,
Zion, Zion,
the beautiful city of God.

4. Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground, we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.
fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

Refrain

We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zi - on,
we're marching upward to Zi - on,
Zion, Zion,
the beautiful city of God.

Benediction

Postlude: "Lyric Piece" - Gustav Merkel

Musician: Jennifer Lai

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