



**LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST**

**Sunday, June 20, 2021
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**



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Prelude: “Jesus, My Happy Home” Arr. George Shearing

Musician: Bob Wuertz

Welcome

Opening Music: “This Is My Father’s World” UMH 144

Musicians: Joyce Theilacker, Lisa Corpron, Jayson Coleman, Randy Seward, Bob Wuertz

1. This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.
2. This is my Father’s world, the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker’s praise.
This is my Father’s world: he shines in all that’s fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.
3. This is my Father’s world. O let me ne’er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

Prayers of the People

A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying.

A time of silence will indicate when you may share one name or very short phrase to add.

Pastoral Prayer

Blessing for Children

Scripture: Mark 9:35-38 CEB

He sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be least of all and the servant of all.” Jesus reached for a little child, placed him among the Twelve, and embraced him. Then he said, “Whoever welcomes one of these children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me isn’t actually welcoming me but rather the one who sent me.”

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone throwing demons out in your name, and we tried to stop him because he wasn’t following us.”

Message: “What Does it Mean to be CALLED by God?”

Response to the Word

Confession, Assurance, and Peace

Liturgist: Forgiving God, we live in a world, O God, that looks for wisdom and understanding in all the wrong places. You teach us that charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting, yet we strive for these things above the virtues of industry, mercy, gentleness, and service. When we strive for worldly recognition and the accolades of power and wealth, forgive us. When we allow ourselves to be blown around like tumbleweeds in the wind, plant us by the waters of your mercy and grace. When we follow the advice of the wicked and sit in the seat of scoffers, lead us back to the paths of life, through Christ, our guide and guardian.

Pastor: When we draw near to God, God draws near to us. God blesses us with humility, gentleness, mercy, wisdom, and understanding. Draw near to God, and touch inexhaustible love. 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: “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)” Arr. by Bryan Sharpe

Musicians: Joyce Theilacker, Lisa Corpron, Bob Wuertz, Jayson Coleman, Randy Seward

Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

Communion elements have been placed on chairs before the beginning of Worship for in-person participants, and online participants may select from your home to include bread (or similar) and juice (or similar). Please wait until directed before receiving your elements.

Closing Music: “Be Thou My Vision” UMH 451

Musicians: Joyce Theilacker, Lisa Corpron, Jayson Coleman, Randy Seward, Bob Wuertz

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
3. Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Benediction

Postlude: “Fugue on the Kyrie” by Françoise Couperin

Musicians: Bob Wuertz

Liturgists: Cam Rhodes

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