



**LA JOLLA  
UNITED METHODIST**

**Sunday, July 4, 2021  
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**



**La Jolla United Methodist Church**

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**Prelude:** “Arioso” J.S. Bach

**Musician:** Bob Wuertz

## **Welcome**

**Opening Music:** “America” (My Country ‘Tis of Thee) UMH 697

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

1. My county, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty,  
of thee I sing;  
land where my fathers died,  
land of the pilgrim's pride,  
from every mountainside  
let freedom ring!
2. My native country, thee, land of the noble free,  
thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills,  
thy woods and templed hills;  
my heart with rapture thrills,  
like that above.
3. Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees  
sweet freedom's song;  
let mortal tongues awake;  
let all that breathe partake;  
let rocks their silence break,  
the sound prolong.
4. Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty,  
to thee we sing;  
long may our land be bright  
with freedom's holy light;  
protect us by thy might,  
great God, our King.

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **Blessing for Children**

**Scripture:** Romans 12:1-8 (CEB)

So, brothers and sisters, because of God’s mercies, I encourage you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice that is holy and pleasing to God. This is your appropriate priestly service. Don’t be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what God’s will is—what is good and pleasing and mature.

Because of the grace that God gave me, I can say to each one of you: don’t think of yourself more highly than you ought to think. Instead, be reasonable since God has measured out a portion of faith to each one of you. We have many parts in one body, but the parts don’t all have the same function. In the same way, though there are many of us, we are one body in Christ, and individually we belong to each other. We have different gifts that are consistent with God’s grace that has been given to us. If your gift is prophecy, you should prophesy in proportion to your faith. If your gift is service, devote yourself to serving. If your gift is teaching, devote yourself to teaching. If your gift is encouragement, devote yourself to encouraging. The one giving should do it with no strings attached. The leader should lead with passion. The one showing mercy should be cheerful.

**Message:** “What’s So Important About Community?”

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory:** “Many Gifts, One Spirit” UMH 114

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**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:** “We Are God’s People” TFWS 2220

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

1. We are God’s people, the chosen of the Lord,  
born of the Spirit, established by the Word.  
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in Christ we stand;  
O let us live transparently and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.
2. We are God’s loved ones, the Bride of Christ, our Lord,  
for we have known it, the love of God outpoured.  
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given;  
O let us share each joy and care and live with a zeal that pleases heaven.

3. We are the body of which the Lord is Head,  
called to obey Christ, now risen from the dead.  
God wills us be a family diverse, yet truly one;  
O let us give our gifts to God and so shall God's work on earth be done.
  
4. We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,  
formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace.  
We die alone, for on its own each ember loses fire;  
yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light and to inspire.

### **Benediction**

**Postlude:** "Postlude" Alexandre Boely

**Musician:** Bob Wuertz

**Liturgists:** Don Lincoln

**Ushers:** Mimi Mortensen, Ernie Mortensen, Sandy McCreight, Peter McCreight

**Audio Visual Team:** Dave Flores, Cam Rhodes

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