



**LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST**

Sunday, July 18, 2021

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



La Jolla United Methodist Church

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Prelude: “Prelude in C” - John Stanley

Musician: Jennifer Lai

Welcome

Opening Music: “O Church of God, United” UMH 547

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

1. O church of God, united to serve one common Lord,
proclaim to all one message, with hearts in glad accord.
Christ ever goes before us; we follow day by day
with strong and eager footsteps along the upward way.
2. From every land and nation the ordered ranks appear;
to serve one valiant leader they come from far and near.
They chant their one confession, they praise one living Lord,
and place their sure dependence upon his saving word.
3. Though creeds and tongues may differ, they speak, O Christ, of thee;
and in thy loving spirit we shall one people be.
Lord, may our faithful service and singleness of aim
proclaim to all the power of thy redeeming name.
4. May thy great prayer be answered that we may all be one,
close bound, by love united in thee, God’s blessed Son:
to bring a single witness, to make the pathway bright,
that souls which grope in darkness may find the one true light.

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

Ephesians 2:11-22 (CEB)

So remember that once you were Gentiles by physical descent, who were called “uncircumcised” by Jews who are physically circumcised. At that time you were without Christ. You were aliens rather than citizens of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of God’s promise. In this world you had no hope and no God. But now, thanks to Christ Jesus, you who once were so far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Christ is our peace. He made both Jews and Gentiles into one group. With his body, he broke down the barrier of hatred that divided us. He canceled the detailed rules of the Law so that he could create one new person out of the two groups, making peace. He reconciled them both as one body to God by the cross, which ended the hostility to God.

When he came, he announced the good news of peace to you who were far away from God and to those who were near. We both have access to the Father through Christ by the one Spirit. So now you are no longer strangers and aliens. Rather, you are fellow citizens with God’s people, and you belong to God’s household. As God’s household, you are built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. The whole building is joined together in him, and it grows up into a temple that is dedicated to the Lord. Christ is building you into a place where God lives through the Spirit.

Message: “What’s the Household of God?”

Response to the Word

Confession, Assurance, and Peace

Liturgist: Guiding, guardian God, we do not want to be like sheep without a shepherd, or strangers wandering alone in the world. We want to know your presence, and trust that you dwell within us. We yearn for conviction that your Spirit flows in and through us. Fill us when we are empty. Forgive us when we are wrong. Guide us when we are lost. Comfort us when we are tired. Reconcile us when we are disconnected, and guard our lives with your indwelling Spirit. In your loving name, we pray. Amen.

Pastor: Christ is our peace, reconciling us with God and with one another. In our very lives, Christ dwells, full of mercy and grace to draw us to the heart of God. 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: “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” UMH 559

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

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: “In Christ There Is No East or West” UMH 548

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

1. In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north;
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.
2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.
3. In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek,
and neither slave nor free;
both male and female heirs are made,
and all are kin to me.
4. In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

Benediction

Postlude: “Postlude in G” - L. Mourlan

Musician: Jennifer Lai

Liturgists: Lisa Corpron

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