


**LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST**

**Sunday, August 22, 2021
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



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Prelude: “Andante in E” - Felix Mendelssohn

Musician: Jennifer Lai

Welcome

Opening Music: “God of Love and God of Power” UMH 578

Musicians: Joyce Theilacker, Jennifer Lai

1. God of love and God of power,
grant us in this burning hour
grace to ask these gifts of thee,
daring hearts and spirits free.

God of love and God of power,
thou hast called us for this hour.

2. We are not the first to be
banished by our fears from thee;
give us courage, let us hear
heaven’s trumpets ringing clear.

God of love and God of power,
thou hast called us for this hour.

3. All our lives belong to thee,
thou our final loyalty;
slaves are we whene’er we share
that devotion anywhere.

God of love and God of power,
thou hast called us for this hour.

4. God of love and God of power,
make us worthy of this hour;
offering lives if it’s thy will,
keeping free our spirits still.

God of love and God of power,
thou hast called us for this hour.

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 6:10-20 (CEB)

Finally, be strengthened by the Lord and his powerful strength. Put on God's armor so that you can make a stand against the tricks of the devil. We aren't fighting against human enemies but against rulers, authorities, forces of cosmic darkness, and spiritual powers of evil in the heavens. Therefore, pick up the full armor of God so that you can stand your ground on the evil day and after you have done everything possible to still stand. So stand with the belt of truth around your waist, justice as your breastplate, and put shoes on your feet so that you are ready to spread the good news of peace. Above all, carry the shield of faith so that you can extinguish the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is God's word.

Offer prayers and petitions in the Spirit all the time. Stay alert by hanging in there and praying for all believers. As for me, pray that when I open my mouth, I'll get a message that confidently makes this mystery of the gospel known. I'm an ambassador in chains for the sake of the gospel. Pray so that the Lord will give me the confidence to say what I have to say.

Message: "Personal Protective Equipment"

Response to the Word

Confession, Assurance, and Peace

Liturgist: You equip us for every trial, O God, yet we forsake the protection you afford. Even as we pledge our fidelity and trust, we act contrary to your ways. Even as we celebrate the faithful witness of our foremothers and forefathers, we act ignorant of their example. Even as we confess you with our lips, we deny you in our words and deeds. Forgive us this day, Merciful One, and make us ambassadors of Christ, who gives us the strength to lift up our needs in prayer. Amen.

Pastor: The One who is our protector and shield is our source of joy and happiness. The One who guards us from the forces of darkness is our hope and salvation. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: “My Tribute (To God Be the Glory)” by Andre Crouch

Musicians: Joyce Theilacker, 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: “Soldiers of Christ Arise” UMH 513

Musicians: Joyce Theilacker, Jennifer Lai

1. Soldiers of Christ, arise,
and put your armor on,
strong in the strength which God supplies
thru his eternal Son;

strong in the Lord of Hosts,
and in his mighty power,
who in the strength of Jesus trusts
is more than conqueror.
2. Stand then in his great might,
with all his strength endued,
but take to arm you
for the fight the panoply of God;

that having all things done,
and all your conflicts passed,
ye may o’ercome through Christ alone
and stand entire at last.
3. Pray without ceasing, pray,
(your Captain gives the word)
his summons cheerfully obey
and call upon the Lord;

to God your every want
in instant prayer display,
pray always, pray and never faint,
pray, without ceasing pray.

4. From strength to strength go on,
wrestle and fight and pray,
tread all the powers of darkness down
and win the well-fought day.

Still let the Spirit cry
in all his soldiers, "Come!"
till Christ the Lord descends from high
and takes the conquerors home.

Benediction

Postlude: "Postlude Op. 87, No. 3" - Simon Sechter

Musician: Jennifer Lai

Liturgist: Ann Davis

Ushers: Millenni-X (Young Adults) and Youth

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