



**LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST**

**Sunday, September 12, 2021
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



La Jolla United Methodist Church

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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Prelude

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Lyndell Leatherman

Welcome

Introit

Surely the Presence

UMH 328

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
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† Opening Music

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH 384

Verse 1

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Verse 2

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Verse 3

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Verse 4

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Blessing for Children

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

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.

Choral Response

Amen

WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture

Luke 10:25-37 (CEB)

A legal expert stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to gain eternal life?"

Jesus replied, "What is written in the Law? How do you interpret it?"

He responded, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself."

Jesus said to him, "You have answered correctly. Do this and you will live."

But the legal expert wanted to prove that he was right, so he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus replied, "A man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He encountered thieves, who stripped him naked, beat him up, and left him near death. Now it just so happened that a priest was also going down the same road. When he saw the injured man, he crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. Likewise, a Levite came by that spot, saw the injured man, and crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. A Samaritan, who was on a journey, came to where the man was. But when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. The Samaritan went to him and bandaged his wounds, tending them with oil and wine. Then he placed the wounded man on his own donkey, took him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day, he took two full days' worth of wages and gave them to the innkeeper. He said, 'Take care of him, and when I return, I will pay you back for any

additional costs.' What do you think? Which one of these three was a neighbor to the man who encountered thieves?"

Then the legal expert said, "The one who demonstrated mercy toward him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Scriptural Response

Liturgist: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

Order My Step
Chancel Choir

Arr. by Jack Schrader

Message

Hospitality: The Good Samaritan

Rev. Bob Rhodes

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response in the World

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

I Need Thee Every Hour

Arr. Amy Potter

Confession, Assurance, and Peace

All: Gracious God, you offer us love and mercy, grace and forgiveness, yet we often turn away from you. We live our lives according to what we want, not according to what you want for us. We forget to care for one another. We neglect your invitation to join you in relationship. We fail to place you at the center of our lives. We do not live our lives in response to your love and your grace. Forgive us, O God. Help us put you first in all that we do, that we may dwell in your mercy and love, all the days of our lives. Amen.

Liturgist: Sisters and brothers, we are offered forgiveness and mercy through Christ. Accept this gift of forgiveness and go forth bearing the fruits of God's Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

† **Closing Music**

Where Charity and Love Prevail

UMH 549

Verse 1

Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love,
by love are we thus bound.

Verse 2

With grateful joy and holy fear
true charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and strength
now love Christ in return.

Verse 3

Forgive we now each other's faults
as we our faults confess;
and let us love each other well
in Christian holiness.

Verse 4

Let strife among us be unknown,
let all contention cease;
be Christ the glory that we seek,
be ours his holy peace.

Verse 5

Let us recall that in our midst
dwells God's begotten Son;
as members of his body joined,
we are in him made one.

Verse 6

Love can exclude no race or creed
if honored be God's name;
our common life embraces all
whose Maker is the same.

Benediction

Postlude

Postlude in D

Samuel Priestly Taylor

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