



**LA JOLLA  
UNITED METHODIST**

**Sunday, September 26, 2021  
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



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## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

**Prelude**

*Livre d'orgue I, Ton 5*

Jacques Boyvin

**Welcome**

**Choral Introit**

*Seek Ye First*

UMH 405

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!
2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find;  
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!

**† Opening Music**

*Be Thou My Vision*

UMH 451

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.

**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

Matthew 13:45-46 (CEB)

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls. When he found one very precious pearl, he went and sold all that he owned and bought it.

### Scriptural Response

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

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### Anthem

*Let the Whole Creation Cry*  
Chancel Choir

Robert Leaf

### Message

*The Pearl of Great Price*

Rev. Derek Nguyen

## WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

### Response in the World

### Invitation to the Offering

### Offertory

*Ave Verum Corpus, K618*

W.A. Mozart

### Confession, Assurance, and Peace

**All: Loving God, you search our hearts to see all the good, all the challenges, and all the obstacles in our lives. You remember the times we have turned away from you—the times we have forgotten we are your beloved children. Forgive us when we do not act as your faithful followers. Remind us we are a part of your family. May your Son, Jesus Christ, intercede in our lives to bring us grace and healing. Help us be your servants and share your story with the world. In your precious name, we pray. Amen.**

Liturgist: Beloved children of God, nothing in this life can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Receive the forgiveness of God, and go forth to be the loving community of faith. 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**

*Come, We That Love the Lord*

UMH 732

1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;  
join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne.
2. Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;  
but children of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad.
3. The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets  
before we reach the heavenly fields, or walk the golden streets.
4. Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;  
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground, to fairer worlds on high.

### **Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Fugue in D*

William Selby

**Liturgist:** Lisa Corpron

**Organist:** Jennifer Lai

**Ushers:** Gail Chatfield, Leigh Kramer, Janet Lind and Betsy Witt

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

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### **LJUMC Ministry Team**

Rev. Bob Rhodes, Lead Pastor; Rev. Derek Nguyen, Pastor of Spiritual Development;  
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