



**LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST**

**Sunday, October 3, 2021
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Prelude *French Suite V* J. S. Bach

Welcome

† **Choral Introit** *Seek Ye First* UMH 405

† **Opening Music** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* UMH 127

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

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

WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture Mark 4:30-32 (CEB)

He continued, "What's a good image for God's kingdom? What parable can I use to explain it? Consider a mustard seed. When scattered on the ground, it's the smallest of all the seeds on the earth; but when it's planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all vegetable plants. It produces such large branches that the birds in the sky are able to nest in its shade."

Scriptural Response

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

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

The Kingdom of God
Chancel Choir

Austin C. Lovelace

Message

The Mustard Seed

Rev. Derek Nguyen

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response in the World

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Sheep May Safely Graze

J. S. Bach

Confession, Assurance, and Peace

All: When death comes, we yearn for your grace and the healing you offer in the midst of our grief. When tragedy strikes, we long for your mercy and the blessed assurance you offer in the midst of our suffering. When trouble threatens, we look for your shelter and the confidence you offer in the midst of our confusion and doubt. Renew our trust in your resurrection, and revive our hope in new beginnings. Help us focus on life, listen to your voice, and follow where you lead.

Liturgist: As we allow God to shape the desires of our hearts, we live and move in concert with God's plans. Rejoice that in Christ we have become a new creation and agents to bring forth the reign of God. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

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 and juice (or similar). Please wait until directed before receiving your elements.

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

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

† **Closing Music**

How Firm a Foundation

UMH 529

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. “Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
3. “When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
4. “When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.
5. “The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”

Benediction

Postlude

Be of Good Courage

G. P. Telemann

Liturgist: Rebecca Smith and Chee Chow, Emilio Valente, Jayson Coleman, Rev. Derek Nguyen

Organist: Jennifer Lai

Ushers: Steve Gray, Don Lincoln, Peter McCreight

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

LJUMC Ministry Team

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