



**LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST**

**Sunday, September 19, 2021
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**



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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue BWV 533

Dieterich Buxtehude

Welcome

Choral Introit

Surely the Presence

UMH 328

† Opening Music

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

UMH 110

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.
2. Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.
3. And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.
4. That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

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 13:33 (CEB)

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast, which a woman took and hid in a bushel of wheat flour until the yeast had worked its way through all the dough.”

Scriptural Response

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

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken
Chancel Choir

Arr. by Douglas E. Wagner

Message

The Kingdom of Heaven is Like Yeast

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response in the World

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

The Rejoicing

G. F. Handel

Confession, Assurance, and Peace

All: Eternal God, waiting is hard—waiting for justice, waiting for peace, waiting for love, waiting for your presence to heal us. Give us the patience and passion of Jacob, to work for the deepest desire of our hearts. Give us the perseverance of Abraham, to keep going when all hope seems lost. Transform our hope into action, that we may help build your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

Liturgist: Nothing can separate us from the love of God: Not death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come. No power in heaven or under the earth can separate us from the love of Christ: Not height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation. 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**

Forward Through the Ages

UMH 555

1. Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine;
gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,
manifold the service, one the sure reward.

Refrain

Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

2. Wider grows the kingdom, reign of love and light;
for it we must labor, till our faith is sight.
Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified,
poets sung its glory. heroes for it died.

Refrain

Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

3. Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall;
in each loss or triumph lose or triumph all.
Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole,
move we on together to the shining goal.

Refrain

Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

Benediction

Postlude

Courant in A Minor

J.P. Sweelinck

Liturgist: Ann Gonsalves

Organist: Jennifer Lai

Ushers: Gail Chatfield, Janet Lind, Carolyn Showley

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