



**LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST**

**Sunday, October 17, 2021
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**



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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Prelude

Prelude in C

John Stanley

Welcome

† **Choral Introit**

Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord

TFWS 2131

Humble thyself in the
sight of the Lord.
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sight of the Lord.

and he shall lift you up,
higher and higher,
and he shall lift you up

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† **Opening Music**

All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord, Vs.1-3,6

UMH 554

1. All praise to our redeeming Lord,
who joins us by his grace,
and bids us, each to each restored,
together seek his face.
2. He bids us build each other up;
and, gathered into one,
to our high calling's glorious hope
we hand in hand go on.
3. The gift which he on one bestows,
we all delight to prove,
the grace through every vessel flows
in purest streams of love.
6. And if our fellowship below
in Jesus be so sweet,
what height of rapture shall we know
when round his throne we meet!

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

Hear Our Prayer

WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture

Matthew 20:1-16 (CEB)

“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. After he agreed with the workers to pay them a denarion, he sent them into his vineyard.

“Then he went out around nine in the morning and saw others standing around the marketplace doing nothing. He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I’ll pay you whatever is right.’ And they went.

“Again around noon and then at three in the afternoon, he did the same thing. Around five in the afternoon he went and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you just standing around here doing nothing all day long?’

“‘Because nobody has hired us,’ they replied.

“He responded, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’

“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the workers and give them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and moving on finally to the first.’ When those who were hired at five in the afternoon came, each one received a denarion. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more. But each of them also received a denarion. When they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ‘These who were hired last worked one hour, and they received the same pay as we did even though we had to work the whole day in the hot sun.’

“But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I did you no wrong. Didn’t I agree to pay you a denarion? Take what belongs to you and go. I want to give to this one who was hired last the same as I give to you. Don’t I have the

right to do what I want with what belongs to me? Or are you resentful because I'm generous?' So those who are last will be first. And those who are first will be last."

Scriptural Response

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

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

Blessed Are You
Chancel Choir

Craig Courtney

Message

The Laborers in the Vineyard

Rev. Derek Nguyen

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Stewardship Moment

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Wie schon leuchtet der Morgenstern BWV 223

Dietrich Buxtehude

Confession, Assurance, and Peace

All: God of infinite patience, oh how we love to complain: the journey is too long, we are hungry, we are thirsty, we are tired and want to go home, life isn't fair, this isn't what we signed up for... You've heard it all before, faithful One; you'll hear it all again. Yet, do not forsake us in our grumbling, but shower us with your blessings of old, for we are weary of our own complaining and long to make a fresh start. Open our lips to sing songs of gratitude and we will be reborn. Open our minds to the glories of your love and we will shine like the sun.

Liturgist: Heed the words of the psalmist: "Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice." Rejoice, sisters and brothers in Christ! Show gratitude in all things and you will find peace. 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**

Jesus, United by Thy Grace, Vs. 1-4

UMH 561

1. Jesus, united by thy grace
and each to each endeared,
with confidence we seek thy face
and know our prayer is heard.

2. Help us to help each other, Lord,
each other's cross to bear;
let all their friendly aid afford,
and feel each other's care.
3. Up unto thee, our living Head,
let us in all things grow;
till thou hast made us free indeed
and spotless here below.
4. Touched by the lodestone of thy love,
let all our hearts agree,
and ever toward each other move,
and ever move toward thee.

Benediction

Postlude

Postlude in G

Samuel Jackson

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