



**LA JOLLA  
UNITED METHODIST**

**Sunday, October 24, 2021  
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**



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## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

**Prelude**

*Andante*

G. F. Handel

**Welcome**

† **Choral Introit**

*Enter Into His Gates*

I.H. Meredith

† **Opening Music**

*For the Healing of the Nations*

UMH 428

1. For the healing of the nations,  
Lord, we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing  
of the things that earth affords;

to a life of love in action  
help us rise and pledge our word,  
help us rise and pledge our word.

2. Lead us forward into freedom;  
from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.

Show us how through care and goodness  
fear will die and hope increase,  
fear will die and hope increase.

3. All that kills abundant living,  
let it from the earth be banned;  
pride of status, race, or schooling,  
dogmas that obscure your plan.

In our common quest for justice  
may we hallow life's brief span,  
may we hallow life's brief span.

4. You, Creator God, have written  
your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness  
bring the life of Christ to mind,

that by our response and service  
earth its destiny may find,  
earth its destiny may find.

**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*

Mark Dorian

## WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

### Scripture

Luke 18:1-8 (CEB)

Jesus was telling them a parable about their need to pray continuously and not to be discouraged. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him, asking, 'Give me justice in this case against my adversary.' For a while he refused but finally said to himself, I don't fear God or respect people, but I will give this widow justice because she keeps bothering me. Otherwise, there will be no end to her coming here and embarrassing me." The Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. Won't God provide justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he be slow to help them? I tell you, he will give them justice quickly. But when the Human One comes, will he find faithfulness on earth?"

### Scriptural Response

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

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

### Anthem

*There Is a Redeemer*  
Chancel Choir

Benjamin Harlan

### Message

*The Widow and the Judge*

Rev. Bob Rhodes

## WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

### Stewardship Moment

### Invitation to the Offering

### Offertory

*Rondo a capriccio in G*  
Zishan Ding, Piano

Beethoven

**Confession, Assurance, and Peace** (*based on Jeremiah 31*)

**All:** Everlasting God, we need your hand to guide us. You watch over us and help us chart the seasons of our lives. Instruct us when it is time to pluck up and when it is time to break down. Teach us when it is time to build and when it is time to tear down. Show us when it is time to sow and when it is time to reap. Make a new covenant with us and put your teachings in our hearts. Be our God, that we may be your people—a people who know you and who keep your ways.

Liturgist: In the new covenant of Christ Jesus, grace and forgiveness are ours. Rejoice and live into the hope and freedom that are ours. 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**

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

UMH 121

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in God's justice,  
which is more than liberty.
2. There is welcome for the sinner,  
and more graces for the good!  
There is mercy with the Savior;  
there is healing in his blood.
3. For the love of God is broader  
than the measure of our mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.
4. If our love were but more simple,  
we should rest upon God's word;  
and our lives would be illumined  
by the presence of our Lord.

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Allegretto Cantabile*

Flor Peeters

**Liturgist:** Lon Showley

**Organist:** Bob Wuertz

**Pianist:** Zishan Ding

**Ushers:** Wain Fishburn, Steve Gray, Dan Martin, Don Rushing, Lon Showley, Russell Toppi

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