



**LA JOLLA  
UNITED METHODIST**

**Sunday, November 21, 2021  
Reign of Christ Sunday**



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## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

**Prelude** *Sheep May Safely Graze* J.S. Bach

### Welcome

† **Choral Introit** *Sing to the Lord of Harvest* John S. B. Monsell

† **Opening Music** *We Gather Together* UMH131

1. We gather together  
to ask the Lord's blessing;  
he chastens and hastens  
his will to make known.

The wicked oppressing  
now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to his name;  
he forgets not his own.

2. Beside us to guide us,  
our God with us joining,  
ordaining, maintaining  
his kingdom divine;

so from the beginning  
the fight we were winning;  
thou, Lord, wast at our side,  
all glory be thine!

3. We all do extol thee,  
thou leader triumphant,  
and pray that thou  
still our defender wilt be.

Let thy congregation  
escape tribulation;  
thy name be ever praised!  
O Lord, make us free!

### 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 Us as We Pray to Thee*

Felix Mendelssohn

## WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

### Scripture

John 18:33-37 (NRSV)

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"

Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?"

Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."

Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?"

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

### Scriptural Response

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

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

### Anthem

*Lord, You Have Been Our Dwelling Place*  
Chancel Choir  
Sue Boles, Sally Strobl, Flute

Hal H. Hopson

### Message

*Everyone Who Belongs*

Rev. Bob Rhodes

## WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

### Response in the World

### Invitation to the Offering

### Offertory

*Portions of Sonata in B Minor*

Franz Liszt

### Confession, Assurance, and Peace

**All:** God of Grace, we feel threatened by forces that seem greater than ourselves. As Pontius Pilate taunted Jesus, daring him to spar over earthly power, we are tempted to lower ourselves to compete and compare with one another. Forgive us when we forget that we belong, above all, to your way and your truth. When we feel inclined to fight or flee, let us instead seek refuge in your wisdom and your grace. Guide us not to react badly, but to respond faithfully. Inspire us to answer insult with creative acts of love. Let us trust not in our own power, but in the strength of your love, which reigns in the heavens and on the earth forevermore.

Liturgist: "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord, the one who loves us and frees us. 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

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

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1. Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne.  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save.

His glories now we sing,  
who died, and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.

3. Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a scepter sways

from pole to pole that wars may cease,  
and all be prayer and praise.

His reign shall know no end,  
and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.

4. Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
those wounds, yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified.

All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise and glory shall not fail  
throughout eternity.

### **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

*Our Father in Heaven Who Art*

J.S. Bach

**Liturgist:** Ann Davis

**Organist:** Bob Wuertz

**Pianist:** Zishan Bing

**Ushers:** Rod Betts, Don Lincoln, Peter McCreight, Don Rushing

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