



LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST

**The Body of Christ:
Many Gifts**

Sunday, January 16, 2022,
2nd Sunday after Epiphany
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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Prelude

“Holberg Suite” op.40-2 Sarabande

Edvard Grieg

Welcome

† Opening Music

We All Are One in Mission

TFWS 2243

1. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ’s love.
2. We all are called for service, to witness in God’s name.
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same.
To touch the lives of others by God’s surprising grace,
so every folk and nation may feel God’s warm embrace.
3. Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God’s redeeming Word.
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our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

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.

WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (CEB)

Brothers and sisters, I don’t want you to be ignorant about spiritual gifts. You know that when you were Gentiles you were often misled by false gods that can’t even speak. So I want to make it clear to you that no one says, “Jesus is cursed!” when speaking by God’s Spirit, and no one can say, “Jesus is

Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit. There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; and there are different ministries and the same Lord; and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good. A word of wisdom is given by the Spirit to one person, a word of knowledge to another according to the same Spirit, faith to still another by the same Spirit, gifts of healing to another in the one Spirit, performance of miracles to another, prophecy to another, the ability to tell spirits apart to another, different kinds of tongues to another, and the interpretation of the tongues to another. All these things are produced by the one and same Spirit who gives what he wants to each person.

Scriptural Response

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

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Special Music:

O Nobilissima Viriditas
Julia Rahm, Solo

Hildegard von Bingen

Message

Many Gifts

Rev. Bob Rhodes

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response in the World

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Change Time

Heather Hammond

Confession, Assurance, and Peace

All: Loving God, it is easy to feel superior to others, that our gifts make us better somehow. Center us in your love, so that we may rejoice in the gifts of others. Ground us in your peace, so that we may use your precious gifts to build a community of healing and hope, where justice is found, and where all know of your infinite love. Amen.

Liturgist: God’s steadfast love fills the cosmos. It beckons us to take refuge, and comforts us in difficult and scary times. So draw near. Even Worshipping from different locations or at different times, we are in the right place. We are in the arms of love! 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**

Many Gifts, One Spirit

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1. God of change and glory, God of time and space,
when we fear the future, give to us your grace.
In the midst of changing ways
give us still the grace to praise.

Refrain

Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways.
In our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise
one Giver, one Lord, one Spirit, one Word known in many ways, hallowing our days.
For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

2. God of many colors, God of many signs,
you have made us different, blessing many kinds.
As the old ways disappear,
let your love cast out our fear.

Refrain

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In our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise
one Giver, one Lord, one Spirit, one Word known in many ways, hallowing our days.
For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

3. Freshness of the morning, newness of each night,
you are still creating endless love and light.
This we see, as shadows part,
many gifts from one great heart.

Refrain

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one Giver, one Lord, one Spirit, one Word known in many ways, hallowing our days.
For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

Benediction

Postlude

Pure Imagination

Anthony Newley

Pianist: Zishan Ding

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

Liturgical elements from *The Abingdon Worship Annual*

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