



LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST

THE GRACE OF
Les Misérables
Escape Into Grace

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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Prelude

I Dreamed A Dream

Claude-Michel Schonberg
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Introit

Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Arr. Donald Moore
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Welcome

† Opening Music

How Can We Name a Love

UMH 111

1. How can we name a Love
that wakens heart and mind,
indwelling all we know
or think or do or seek or find?

Within our daily world,
in every human face,
Love's echoes sound and God is found,
hid in the commonplace.

2. If we awoke to life
built on a rock of care
that asked no great reward but firm,
assured, was simply there,

we can, with parents' names,
describe, and thus adore,
Love unconfined, a father kind,
a mother strong and sure.

3. When people share a task,
and strength and skills unite
in projects old or new, to make
or do with shared delight,

our Friend and Partner's will
is better understood,
that all should share,
create, and care, and know that life is good.

4. So in a hundred names,
each day we all can meet
a presence, sensed and shown at work,
at home, or in the street.

Yet every name we see,
shines in a brighter sun:
In Christ alone is Love full grown
and life and hope begun.

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.

Prayer Response

Amen

John Stainer
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WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture

Luke 6:32-38 (CEB)

“If you love those who love you, why should you be commended? Even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, why should you be commended? Even sinners do that. If you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, why should you be commended? Even sinners lend to sinners expecting to be paid back in full. Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend expecting nothing in return. If you do, you will have a great reward. You will be acting the way children of the Most High act, for he is kind to ungrateful and wicked people. Be compassionate just as your Father is compassionate.

“Don’t judge, and you won’t be judged. Don’t condemn, and you won’t be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good portion—packed down, firmly shaken, and overflowing—will fall into your lap. The portion you give will determine the portion you receive in return.”

Scriptural Response

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

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

On My Own
Chancel Choir, Jayson Coleman, Soloist

Claude-Michel Schonberg
Arr. Ed Lojeski
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Message

Escape Into Grace

Rev. Bob Rhodes

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response in the World

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Morning Has Broken

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† Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

Confession, Assurance, and Peace

All: Teacher of hard truths, it is difficult to let go of our anger toward those who prosper through deceit and unscrupulous ways; it is not easy to make ourselves believe that the meek will inherit the earth, when they are being crushed by the unjust systems stacked against them. We long to see the vindication of the righteous and the prosperity of those who work selflessly to bring your realm here on earth. We yearn for the day when all people will treat one another as they wish to be treated. Help us live into that day, Holy One, even when it is difficult, that your love might shine like the sun through our lives and our ministries. Amen.

Liturgist: When we treat others as we would have them treat us, Jesus calls us beloved children of the Most High. If God is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked, how much more will God be kind to those who love the Lord and seek to live the Golden Rule? Rest in this assurance and be at 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 Song

Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love

UMH 422

1. Jesus, thine all-victorious love
shed in my heart abroad;
then shall my feet no longer rove,
rooted and fixed in God.

2. O that in me the sacred fire
might now begin to glow;
burn up the dross of base desire
and make the mountains flow!
3. O that it now from heaven might fall
and all my sins consume!
Come, Holy Ghost, for thee I call,
Spirit of burning, come!
4. Refining fire, go through my heart,
illuminate my soul;
scatter thy life through every part
and sanctify the whole.

† **Benediction**

Postlude

Rondo in C

John Bull
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