



LA JOLLA  
UNITED METHODIST

# Called to Be One

Sunday, July 30, 2023  
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
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## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

### Prelude

*Sonatina in D (1st Movement) Op. 36*

Clementi

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### Introit

*We Are the Body of Christ*

TFWS 2227

### Welcome

### † Opening Hymn

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*

UMH 549

1. Where charity and love prevail,  
there God is ever found;  
brought here together by Christ's love,  
by love are we thus bound.
2. With grateful joy and holy fear  
true charity we learn;  
let us with heart and mind and strength  
now love Christ in return.
3. Forgive we now each other's faults  
as we our faults confess;  
and let us love each other well  
in Christian holiness.
4. Let strife among us be unknown,  
let all contention cease;  
be Christ the glory that we seek,  
be ours his holy peace.
5. Let us recall that in our midst  
dwells God's begotten Son;  
as members of his body joined,  
we are in him made one.
6. Love can exclude no race or creed  
if honored be God's name;  
our common life embraces all  
whose Maker is the same.

### Blessing for Young Hearts

### Prayers of the People

*A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying.  
Online Worshipers may type prayer requests in the Live Chat, taking care for privacy.*

### 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*

UMH 898

## WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

### Scripture

John 17:20-26 (CEB)

“I’m not praying only for them but also for those who believe in me because of their word. I pray they will be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. I pray that they also will be in us, so that the world will believe that you sent me. I’ve given them the glory that you gave me so that they can be one just as we are one. I’m in them and you are in me so that they will be made perfectly one. Then the world will know that you sent me and that you have loved them just as you loved me.

“Father, I want those you gave me to be with me where I am. Then they can see my glory, which you gave me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

“Righteous Father, even the world didn’t know you, but I’ve known you, and these believers know that you sent me. I’ve made your name known to them and will continue to make it known so that your love for me will be in them, and I myself will be in them.”

### 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; Sue Boles, Flute

Melody Green/Arr. Benjamin Harlin  
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and Birdwing Music

### Message

*“Called to Be One”*

Rev. Bob Rhodes

## WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

### Response to the Word

### Invitation to the Offering

**Offertory**

*Praeludium 21 in Bb Major*

J.S. Bach  
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† **Doxology**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 94

**Prayer of Confession**

**All:** O God, your Son remained with his disciples after his resurrection, teaching them to love all people as neighbors. Open our hearts to your power moving around us and between us and within us, until your glory is revealed in our love of both friend and enemy, in communities transformed by justice and compassion, and in the healing of all that is broken. Guide us in the path of discipleship, so that, as you have blessed us, we may be a blessing for others, bringing the promise of the kingdom near by our words and by our deeds. Amen.

One: Sisters and brothers in Christ, God invites us to bring our doubts and fears, our joys and concerns, our petitions and praise, and offer them for the earth and all its creatures. 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 Hymn**

*The Gift of Love*

UMH 408

1. Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain,  
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
2. Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin.
3. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
by this we worship, and are freed.

† **Benediction**

**Postlude**

*The Prince of Denmark's March* Jeremiah Clark/Arr. Hal H. Hopson  
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Liturgical elements from *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* and *The United Methodist Hymnal*

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