



LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST

**The Last Week
Royal Entrance**

Sunday, February 18, 2024

First Sunday in Lent

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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Gathering Music

Lamb of God

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Call to Worship

One: O give thanks to our God, who is good.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: For Christ has opened the gates of righteousness, that we may enter.

One: He has emptied himself for love of us.

All: Christ took human form, that we might know we are known.

One: Holy One, you are our God,

All: and we give thanks to you.

One: We give thanks to our God, who is good.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Introit

A Charge to Keep I Have

UMH 413

Welcome

† Opening Hymn

God of Love and God of Power

UMH 578

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

Without Seeing You

TFWS 2206

WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture

Mark 11: 1-11

When Jesus and his followers approached Jerusalem, they came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives. Jesus gave two disciples a task, saying to them, "Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'Its master needs it, and he will send it back right away.'"

They went and found a colt tied to a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. Some people standing around said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them just what Jesus said, and they left them alone. They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes upon it, and he sat on it. Many people spread out their clothes on the road while others spread branches cut from the fields. Those in front of him and those following were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest!" Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. After he looked around at everything, because it was already late in the evening, he returned to Bethany with the Twelve.

Scriptural Response

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

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

Anthem

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty/Stuart Townend
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Message

Royal Entrance

Rev. Bob Rhodes

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Supplication

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† Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Prayer of Confession

All: Source of our hope and strength, when our bones are dried up, and we are tested beyond our endurance, we turn away. Forgive our wayward feet and our fickle hearts: when we are consumed with doubt, when we succumb to our weakness, when we give in to the impulse of betrayal, when we turn away in denial, when we confuse expedience with virtue. Teach us anew your ways of life and death, that we may not stumble and fall during the time of trial. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

One: God has opened the gates of righteousness and Christ has beckoned us to walk through. Sing with the children; throw your clothes upon the road, for the one who comes in the name of the Lord offers us salvation in his name. 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

Make Me a Captive, Lord

UMH 421

† Benediction

Postlude

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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