



LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST

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Third Sunday of Easter

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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Gathering Music

Peaceful Piano #10

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Call to Worship

One: Come, let us put away all things that divide us and love one another.

All: For we are members of one another.

One: Come; let us not be divided from one another by gender, race, color, or status.

All: For we are members of one another.

One: Come; let us put away lies, anger, stealing, and corrupt words.

All: For we are members of one another.

One: Come; let us put away bitterness, wrath, clamor, and malice.

All: For we are members of one another.

One: Come, let us be the people of God we are called to be.

All: For we are members of one another. Amen.

Introit

Confession

W & S 3138

Welcome

† Opening Hymn

Lord, Speak to Me

UMH 463

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
in living echoes of thy tone;
as thou hast sought, so let me seek thine
erring children lost and lone.
2. O strengthen me, that while I stand
firm on the rock, and strong in thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand
to wrestlers with the troubled sea.
3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious things thou dost impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.
4. O fill me with thy fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

5. O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as thou wilt, and when, and where,
until thy blessed face I see,
thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.

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

Let the Words of My Mouth

Arr. Donald Moore
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WE HEAR THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture

Ephesians 4:29 (NRSV)

Let no evil talk come out of your mouths but only what is good for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.

James 3: 8-11 (NRSV)

... but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse people, made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth comes a blessing and a curse. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water?

Scriptural Response

One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: **Thanks be to God! Amen**

Anthem

Word of God, Speak

W & S 3184

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Deep Within

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† Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

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

One: Eternal One, whose message to us has always been that our relationship to you is inextricably related to how we treat our sisters and brothers, bend low your spirit this day and touch us with your power.

All: Wean us from our tendency to nurture perceived slights and to put hot coals to our anger.

One: Wean us from all tendencies to take advantage of others for personal gain.

All: Wean us from negativity and from becoming bitter whether or not we think we are justified in our feelings.

One: Wean us from the all too human and common tendency to gossip about others and to slander them in any way.

All: Give us a consistent kindness and compassion for others. Keep us always tender hearted even when the world delivers difficult blows and setbacks to us.

One: And indelibly remind us that we are among your forgiven and beloved community. 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

Take Time to Be Holy

UMH 395

1. Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
abide in him always, and feed on his word.

- Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,
forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.
2. Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;
spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be;
thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see.
 3. Take time to be holy, let him be thy guide,
and run not before him, whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,
and, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.
 4. Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,
each thought and each motive beneath his control.
Thus led by his spirit to fountains of love,
thou soon shall be fitted for service above.

† **Benediction**

Postlude

Variations on "Jesus Shall Reign"

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