LA JOLLA UNITED METHODIST

Made New

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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Gathering Music

Air

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Call to Worship

C	One:	In the beginning was the Dream.			
A		And the Dream was with God and spoke for peace.			
C	One:	In the beginning was the Dream.			
A		And the Dream was with God and spoke for justice.			
	All:	In the beginning was the Dream. And the Dream was with God and longed for love. We come to worship the God of the Dream in a spirit of peace, justice, and love, longing to glimpse the promise of a holy dwelling place for all creation.			
Introit		Bless the Lord, O My Soul Arr. Donald Moore ©1994 Belwin-Mills Publishing Corp.			
Welcome					
† Opening Hymn		mn In the Midst of New Dimensions TFWS 2238			
1		In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways, who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?			
Refrain					
		God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.			
2		Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair, who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care?			
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God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.

3. As we stand a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes, grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams.

Refrain

God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.

4. We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young, each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung.

Refrain

God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.

5. Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain, may your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again.

Refrain

God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.

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 tresspasses, 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

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WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture

Revelation 21:1-6 (NRSVue)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Scriptural Response

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

Anthem

In All Things Love

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Message

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Melissa Tucker

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Peaceful Piano #22

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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; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession

- All: Teach our hearts to love, O God, as you would have us love. Train our eyes to see, Holy One, as you would have us see. You alone are worthy of our praise. You alone are worthy of our adoration. You alone are worthy of our love. Creator who makes all things new, renew our hearts and strengthen our resolve, that we may graciously receive what you have in store for us today.
- One: The One who made heaven and earth is with us, bringing love and life. The Lord our God is among us now, renewing us in faithful 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 Hy	nn Come, We That Love the Lord	UMH 732		
1.	Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throno	2		
2.	Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God; but children of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad.			
3.	The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets before we reach the heavenly fields, or walk the golden streets.			
4.	Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry; we're marching through Emmanuel's ground, to fairer worlds	on high.		
† Benediction				
Postlude	Rigaudon	Andre Campra/Edited Hopson		

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