



LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST

I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry

God Is in the Radio

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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Gathering Music

10,000 Reasons

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Arr. Victor Labenske

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Call to Worship

One: Even when the heavens feel silent, listen, for the voice of God comes near!

All: Listen, for God's voice is not obtrusive.

One: We come to worship the God who became one of us,

All: Who calls us by name,

One: Who is Love Incarnate,

All: Who is!

One: Even when the night feels long, let us gather together in hope —

All: Let us worship the God of Love!

Congregational Introit

Surely the Presence

UMH 328

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel his mighty power and his grace.

I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;

surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Welcome

† Opening Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

UMH 529

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say that to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;

for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4. “When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.
5. “The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”

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

Jesus, Lord, Hear Our Prayer

Arr. Donald Moore

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WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture

Psalm 22:1-11 (NRSVue)

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?
O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
and by night but find no rest.
Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our ancestors trusted;
 they trusted, and you delivered them.
 To you they cried and were saved;
 in you they trusted and were not put to shame.
 But I am a worm and not human,
 scorned by others and despised by the people.
 All who see me mock me;
 they sneer at me; they shake their heads;
 “Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver—
 let him rescue the one in whom he delights!”
 Yet it was you who took me from the womb;
 you kept me safe on my mother’s breast.
 On you I was cast from my birth,
 and since my mother bore me you have been my God.
 Do not be far from me,
 for trouble is near,
 and there is no one to help.

Scriptural Response

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

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

Anthem

Let It Be

Lennon/McCartney

Arr. Roger Emerson

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Message

I’m So Lonesome I Could Cry

Rev. Bob Rhodes

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140

† 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! Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession

All: O God, we confess that sometimes the silence feels louder than your presence. We cry out by day, and we hear no answer—and by night, we find no rest. Like the robin who weeps when the leaves begin to die, we have lost the will to sing. We have buried our prayers in fear and turned away from your nearness, wondering—when we feel as though the stars have fallen silent—if you have turned away from us. We have acted as if sorrow disqualifies faith—as if joy were the only sign of your love. We have tried to push through on our own, instead of leaning on you and one another.

Forgive us, O God. Hold our questions with tenderness. Receive our cries with compassion. And if we cannot yet sing a new song, help us breathe through our aching until your grace finds us again. Amen.

One: Even when we cannot feel it, God's love remains. The One who heard the psalmist's lament hears us now—and responds with mercy that will never turn away. 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

When We Are Called to Sing God's Praise

TFWS 2216

1. When we are called to sing your praise with hearts so filled with pain that we would rather sit and weep or stand up to complain, remind us, God, you understand the burdens that we bear; you, too, have walked the shadowed way and known our deep despair.
2. When we are called to sing your praise and cannot find our voice, because our losses leave us now no reason to rejoice, remind us, God, that you accept our sad laments in prayer; you, too, have walked the shadowed way and known our deep despair.
3. When we are called to sing your praise and life ahead looks grim, still give us faith and hope enough to break forth in a hymn, a thankful hymn, great God of Love, that you are everywhere; you walk the shadowed way with us and keep us in your care.

† **Benediction**

Postlude

Good, Good Father

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