



LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST

Love Rescue Me

God Is in the Radio

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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Gathering Music

Call to Worship

One: Welcome to the journey—the valleys we walk, the regrets we carry, the grace we seek, and the hope that calls us forward.

All: Come! Let us worship!

One: The voice of Love is calling us—through shadows and shame, through every stranger met on the road.

All: Come! Let us worship!

One: God calls us together to be guided, restored, and known by name.

All: Come! Let us worship!

One: So, come, beloved of God—bring your doubts, your weariness, your questions, and your longing. Love is here to rescue. Grace is here to restore.

All: Come! Let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

UMH 400

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.
2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

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 OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture

Psalm 23 (NRSVue)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

Scriptural Response

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

All: Thanks be to God! Amen

Anthem

The Greatest Love of All
Joyce Theilacker, soloist

Linda Creed/ Michael Masser
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Message

Love Rescue Me

Rev. Bob Rhodes

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Love Rescue Me

Bono & Bob Dylan
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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! Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession

All: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love. For we know our sins—they follow us like shadows on the road. We have not loved you as deeply as our own heartbeat. We have failed to care for your body and for the whole of creation. Forgive us. According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions and cleanse

us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain in us a willing spirit. Rescue us with your love. Free us to know joy and gladness, and to live our days in praise.

One: As members of the household of God, Christ calls us to be a dwelling place for grace. In Christ, we are made whole and called by name, rescued and restored. 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**

Trust and Obey

UMH 467

1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word, what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will, he abides with us still, and to all who will trust and obey.

Refrain

Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

2. Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil he doth richly repay;
not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey.

Refrain

Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

3. But we never can prove the delights of his love until all on the altar we lay;
for the favor he shows, for the joy he bestows, are for them who will trust and obey.

Refrain

Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

4. Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll walk by his side in the way;
what he says we will do, where he sends we will go; never fear, only trust and obey.

Refrain

Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

† **Benediction**

Postlude

Liturgical elements from *Discipleship Ministries (UMC)* and *The Abingdon Worship Annual*.

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