

A background image showing two hands, one from the left and one from the right, with fingers pointing towards each other to form a heart shape. The hands are positioned in the center of the frame. The background is a soft, out-of-focus scene with warm, golden light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall tone is peaceful and hopeful.

  
LA JOLLA  
UNITED METHODIST

# Set Your Mind

Sunday, August 3, 2025  
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
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## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

### Gathering Music

*Sonata in D Major K. 288*

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### Call to Worship

One: Children of God, we gather as people who have received new life in Jesus Christ.

**All: We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.**

One: The world tries to distract us with anxious rumors, worrisome lies, and misleading half-truths.

**All: We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.**

One: In this place, we gather to remind, remember, and renew our commitment to dwell in the love of Christ.

**All: We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.**

One: Children of God, come! Let us worship God, who clothes us in new life and renews us in grace.

**All: Come, let us worship as we set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in 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

*Easter People, Raise Your Voices*

UMH 304

1. Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.  
Christ has brought us heaven's choicings; heavenly music, let it ring.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.
2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.  
For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.
3. Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.  
When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

### 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

### WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

#### Scripture

Colossians 3:1-11 (NRSVue)

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

#### Scriptural Response

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

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

#### Special Music

Message

*Set Your Mind*

Rev. Bob Rhodes

### WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

#### Response to the Word

#### Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*Peaceful Piano #22*

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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: God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. Forgive us, God. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and renew us once again with your Spirit, so that, as forgiven and renewed people, we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ into our world.**

One: Our God is a God of grace and mercy and love; know that our sins have been forgiven. May we be strengthened in all goodness. Since we have been raised with Christ, let us seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### **Thanksgiving and Holy Communion**      Musical Setting A

UMH 17

*Online worshipers are invited to select elements including bread and juice (or similar) from their homes to participate in Holy Communion. Please wait until directed before receiving your elements.*

### **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.

## Refrain

Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty!  
God will provide for all that we need here at the table of plenty.

1. O come and sit at my table where saints and sinners are friends.  
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely to share the cup of my love.

## Refrain

Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty!  
God will provide for all that we need here at the table of plenty.

2. O come and eat without money; come to drink without price.  
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit with faith and fullness of life.

## Refrain

Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty!  
God will provide for all that we need here at the table of plenty.

3. My bread will ever sustain you through days of sorrow and woe.  
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness to flood the depths of your soul.

## Refrain

Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty!  
God will provide for all that we need here at the table of plenty.

4. Your fields will flower in fullness; your homes will flourish in peace.  
For I, the giver of home and harvest, will send my rain on the soil.

## Refrain

Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty!  
God will provide for all that we need here at the table of plenty.

**Prayer After Communion****WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**† **Closing Hymn***In Christ There Is No East or West*

UMH 548

1. In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north;  
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.
3. In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek, and neither slave nor free;  
both male and female heirs are made, and all are kin to me.
4. In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;  
all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

† **Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Fugue*

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