



LA JOLLA
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Call & Response

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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Gathering Music

Elevation

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Call to Worship

One: We come seeking refuge in a world where goodness and good news can feel far away.

All: God is our hope and our refuge.

One: We come searching for safety in a world that often calls foolishness wisdom and wisdom foolishness.

All: God is our hope and our refuge.

One: We come longing for rest in a world that bombards us with all the ways people work against the abundant life and flourishing of their neighbors.

All: God is our hope and our refuge.

One: Come, children of God, to find refuge and hope in God who delivers and restores us.

All: May God teach us and guide us to find refuge and be refuge with and for our neighbors today and every day.

Congregational Introit

I Will Call Upon the Lord

TFWS 2002

I will call upon the Lord **I will call upon the Lord**
who is worthy to be praised. **who is worthy to be praised.**
So shall I be saved from my enemies. **So shall I be saved from my enemies.**
I will call upon the Lord.

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**The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock;
and let the God of my salvation be exalted.
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Welcome – (*Welcome, attendance cards & prayer requests, flowers from Betsy del Pozo in celebration of Carlos del Pozo's 41st birthday*)

1. Let us plead for faith alone, faith which by our works is shown;
God it is who justifies, only faith the grace applies.
2. Active faith that lives within, conquers hell and death and sin,
hallows whom it first made whole, forms the Savior in the soul.
3. Let us for this faith contend, sure salvation is the end;
heaven already is begun, everlasting life is won.
4. Only let us persevere, till we see our Lord appear,
never from the Rock remove, saved by faith which works by love.

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 (*Sung responsively*)

Our Father **Our Father** who art in heaven, **who art in heaven,**
Hallowed be Thy name. **Hallowed be Thy name.**
Thy kingdom come, **Thy kingdom come,** thy will be done, **thy will be done,**
on earth **on earth** as it is in heaven. **As it is in heaven.**
Give us this day **Give us this day** the food we need **the food we need;**
And forgive our sins **And forgive our sins** as we forgive those **as we forgive those**
who sin against us all, **who sin against us all.**
And lead us not **And lead us not** into temptation **into temptation**
But deliver us **But deliver us** from evil **from evil**
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever
And ever **And ever** And ever **And ever**
Our Father **Our Father** who art in heaven, **who art in heaven,**
Hallowed be Thy name.

WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture

Psalm 14 (NRSVue)

Fools say in their hearts, “There is no God.”

They are corrupt; they do abominable deeds;
there is no one who does good.

The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind
to see if there are any who are wise,
who seek after God.

They have all gone astray; they are all alike perverse;
there is no one who does good,
no, not one.

Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers
who eat up my people as they eat bread
and do not call upon the Lord?

There they shall be in great terror,
for God is with the company of the righteous.

You would confound the plans of the poor,
but the Lord is their refuge.

O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!
When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

Scriptural Response

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

All: Thanks be to God! Amen

Anthem

Grace Us, O Lord

Joseph M. Martin

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Message

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WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Immortal, Invisible

Arr. Bill Wolaver
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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: O Most Patient God, we recognize how much we need you for life itself. But how often have we behaved as if we did not know or even care about you? How often have we become the ones who do not carry out justice? How often have we tried to dominate others, even as you stand with them? How often have we participated in the desolation of your creation by our treatment of the heavens, the earth, and its waters? Forgive us for these times when we have lost our way. All Loving God, we want to be among those whom you seek. Shower your mercy upon us. Find us and lead us safely home to faithfulness.

One: My friends, when we are lost, all is not lost. God is seeking us, ready to turn our lives around, gathering us in to the people of God. Let us rejoice in God's mercy! 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

We Believe in One True God

UMH 85

1. We believe in one true God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
Ever-present help in need, praised by all the heavenly host;
by whose mighty power alone all is made and wrought and done.

2. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's Son,
who descended from his throne and for us salvation won;
by whose cross and death are we rescued from sin's misery.

3. We confess the Holy Ghost, who from both fore'er proceeds;
who upholds and comforts us in all trials, fears, and needs.
Blest and Holy Trinity, praise forever be to thee!

† **Benediction**

Postlude

Fugue

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