



LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST

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Call & Response

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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Gathering Music

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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Call to Worship

One: God is our refuge and our fortress.

All: In God, we place our trust.

One: When we are weary,

All: God lifts us up on wings like eagles.

One: Come before the Lord with joy and longing.

All: God is our hope and our salvation.

Congregational Introit

I Will Call Upon the Lord

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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.

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.

The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock;
and let the God of my salvation be exalted.
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and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

Welcome

† Opening Hymn

God Will Take Care of You

UMH 130

1. Be not dismayed, whate'er betide, God will take care of you;
beneath his wings of love abide; God will take care of you.

Refrain

God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way;
he will take care of you, God will take care of you.

2. Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;
when dangers fierce your path assail, God will take care of you.

Refrain

God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way;
he will take care of you, God will take care of you.

3. All you may need he will provide, God will take care of you;
nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you.

Refrain

God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way;
he will take care of you, God will take care of you.

4. No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you;
lean, weary one, upon his breast, God will take care of you.

Refrain

God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way;
he will take care of you, God will take care of you.

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 91:1-6, 14-16 (NRSVue)

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
 who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress;
 my God, in whom I trust.”
For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter
 and from the deadly pestilence;
he will cover you with his pinions,
 and under his wings you will find refuge;
 his faithfulness is a shield and defense.
You will not fear the terror of the night
 or the arrow that flies by day
or the pestilence that stalks in darkness
 or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

Those who love me, I will deliver;
 I will protect those who know my name.
When they call to me, I will answer them;
 I will be with them in trouble;
 I will rescue them and honor them.
With long life I will satisfy them
 and show them my salvation.

Scriptural Response

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

Anthem

There Is a Redeemer
Chancel Choir, Sue Boles, Flute

Arr. Benjamin Harlan
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Message

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Rev. Bob Rhodes

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Fairest Lord Jesus

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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 Lord, You have examined our hearts and know everything about us. You know when we sit down or stand up. You know our thoughts from afar. You see when we walk or lie down, You know every detail of our conduct. You even know what we are going to say before we say it. Such knowledge is too wonderful for us, too great for us to understand.

Cleanse us from hidden faults. Keep us from deliberate sins. Don't let them control us. Then we will be free of guilt, and innocent of serious wrongdoing.

One: All who love the Lord, God will deliver. All who call on the Lord, God will answer. God satisfies the faithful with long life and the blessings of salvation. 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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

UMH 110

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

- For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.
2. Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.
 3. And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.
 4. That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

† **Benediction**

Postlude

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by Franz Joseph Hayden
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