




LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST

Whole Faith

Standing on the Shoulders of Giants

Sunday, October 12, 2025
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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Gathering Music

There is a Fountain

Mark Hayes

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Call to Worship

One: Make a joyful noise to God.

All: Let us sing God's praises!

One: God has led us through fire and water, even as we carry heavy burdens on our backs.

All: But now God leads us out into a spacious place.

One: Rejoice in the Lord! Shout the glories of our God.

All: Let us worship in gratitude and praise this day.

Congregational Introit

God Will Make a Way

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God will make a way Where there seems to be no way
He works in ways we cannot see He will make a way for me

He will be my guide Hold me closely to His side
With love and strength For each new day
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Welcome

† Opening Hymn

Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom

UMH 508

1. Faith, while trees are still in blossom, plans the picking of the fruit;
faith can feel the thrill of harvest when the buds begin to sprout.
2. Long before the dawn is breaking, faith anticipates the sun
Faith is eager for the daylight, for the work that must be done.

3. Long before the rains were coming, Noah went and built an ark.
Abraham, the lonely migrant, saw the light beyond the dark.
4. Faith, uplifted, tamed the water of the undivided sea,
and the people of the Hebrews found the path that made them free.
5. Faith believes that God is faithful: God will be what God will be!
Faith accepts the call, responding, "I am willing, Lord, send me."

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 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	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,
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WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture

Ruth 4:9-17 (NRSVue)

Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, “You are witnesses today that I have acquired from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon. I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, the wife of Mahlon, to be my wife, to maintain the dead man’s name on his inheritance, in order that the name of the dead may not be cut off from his kindred and from the gate of his native place; today you are witnesses.” Then all the people who were at the gate, along with the elders, said, “We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your house like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you produce children in Ephrathah and bestow a name in Bethlehem; and, through the children that the Lord will give you by this young woman, may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah.”

So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin, and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.” Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Luke 17:11-19 (CEB)

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with skin diseases approached him. Keeping their distance from him, they raised their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, show us mercy!”

When Jesus saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” As they left, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw that he had been healed, returned and praised God with a loud voice. He fell on his face at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus replied, “Weren’t ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? No one returned to praise God except this foreigner?” Then Jesus said to him, “Get up and go. Your faith has healed you.”

Scriptural Response

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

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

Anthem

Lord, Speak to Me

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Message

Whole Faith

Rev. Bob Rhodes

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Nocturne

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† Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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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: Gracious God, there are times in our lives when we turn away from you, when we mess up, when we push aside the needs of our community, and when we ignore your presence in our lives. It is during these times that we cry out, “Have mercy on us!” In your loving, forgiving way, you reach out to heal us, forgive us, and renew us. May your everlasting faith strengthen our resolve to follow Christ’s ways. Amen.

One: Brothers and sisters, siblings in Christ, hear the words Jesus spoke to the leper: “Your faith has made you well.” 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

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 than 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."

† **Benediction**

Postlude

Sonatina, Opus 36, No 5

Clementi

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