



LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST

Nostalgia

The Days are Surely Coming

Sunday, November 9, 2025
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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Gathering Music

Laudate Dominum

W.A. Mozart

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Call to Worship

One: Even though we don't always feel it, God is with us.

All: The darkness and doubt of the world can threaten to consume us.

One: Yet God is with us.

All: All around us, there is fear and hopelessness.

One: God brings to us hope and peace. We place our trust in God's abundant love.

All: Let us freely and without fear open our hearts to God's healing words of hope. Amen.

Congregational Introit

We Are the Body of Christ

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One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise you, we are the body of Christ.

One goal, one vision: To see you exalted. We are the body of Christ.

And to this we give our lives to see you glorified.

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Welcome

† Opening Hymn

God of Love and God of Power

UMH 578

1. God of love and God of power, grant us in this burning hour
grace to ask these gifts of thee, daring hearts and spirits free.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.
2. We are not the first to be banished by our fears from thee;
give us courage, let us hear heaven's trumpets ringing clear.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.
3. All our lives belong to thee, thou our final loyalty; slaves are we
whene'er we share that devotion anywhere.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.
4. God of love and God of power, make us worthy of this hour;
offering lives if it's thy will, keeping free our spirits still.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

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	
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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

Haggai 2:1-9 (CEB)

¹On the twenty-first day of the seventh month, the Lord's word came through Haggai the prophet:
²Say to Judah's governor Zerubbabel, Shealtiel's son, and to the chief priest Joshua, Jehozadak's son, and to the rest of the people: ³Who among you is left who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Doesn't it appear as nothing to you? ⁴So now, be strong, Zerubbabel, says the Lord. Be strong, High Priest Joshua, Jehozadak's son, and be strong, all you people of the land, says the Lord. Work, for I am with you, says the Lord of heavenly forces. ⁵As with our agreement when you came out of Egypt, my spirit stands in your midst. Don't fear. ⁶This is what the Lord of heavenly forces says: In just a little while, I will make the heavens, the earth, the sea, and the dry land quake. ⁷I will make all the nations quake. The wealth of all the nations will come. I will fill this house with glory, says the Lord of heavenly forces. ⁸The silver and the gold belong to me, says the Lord of heavenly forces. ⁹This house will be more glorious than its predecessor, says the Lord of heavenly forces. I will provide prosperity in this place, says the Lord of heavenly forces.

Scriptural Response

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

All: Thanks be to God! Amen

Anthem

Lord, Lord

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Message

Nostalgia

Rev. Bob Rhodes

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

The Timeless Canon
Dorian Bells

Arr. Sandra Eithun
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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: God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, we barely remember all that has gone before. Our memories of former glory are filtered through so many experiences, through joy and through pain. Our today is blurred by our anxieties and our fears, and we cannot always see what you are doing in our midst. Forgive our shortsightedness. Forgive our focus on a misremembered history. Forgive our reluctance to embrace what you are bringing to life among us. Help us to take courage and know that you are with us, that your spirit abides among us. Remind us that you abide not in buildings but in the people who call on your name. Help us trust in the splendor that will come as we continue to build up the body and to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

One: Whether under moonlight or during the day, the steadfast grace of God delivers us from the brokenness stirring within us. May the eternal comfort and hope of our Creator fill our hearts with peace and courage for the road ahead. 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

God of the Ages

UMH 698

1. God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.
2. Thy love divine hath led us in the past; in this free land with thee our lot is cast; be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay, thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.
3. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be thy strong arm our ever sure defense; thy true religion in our hearts increase; thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.
4. Refresh thy people on their toilsome way; lead us from night to never-ending day; fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

† Benediction

Postlude

"Nachspiel"

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