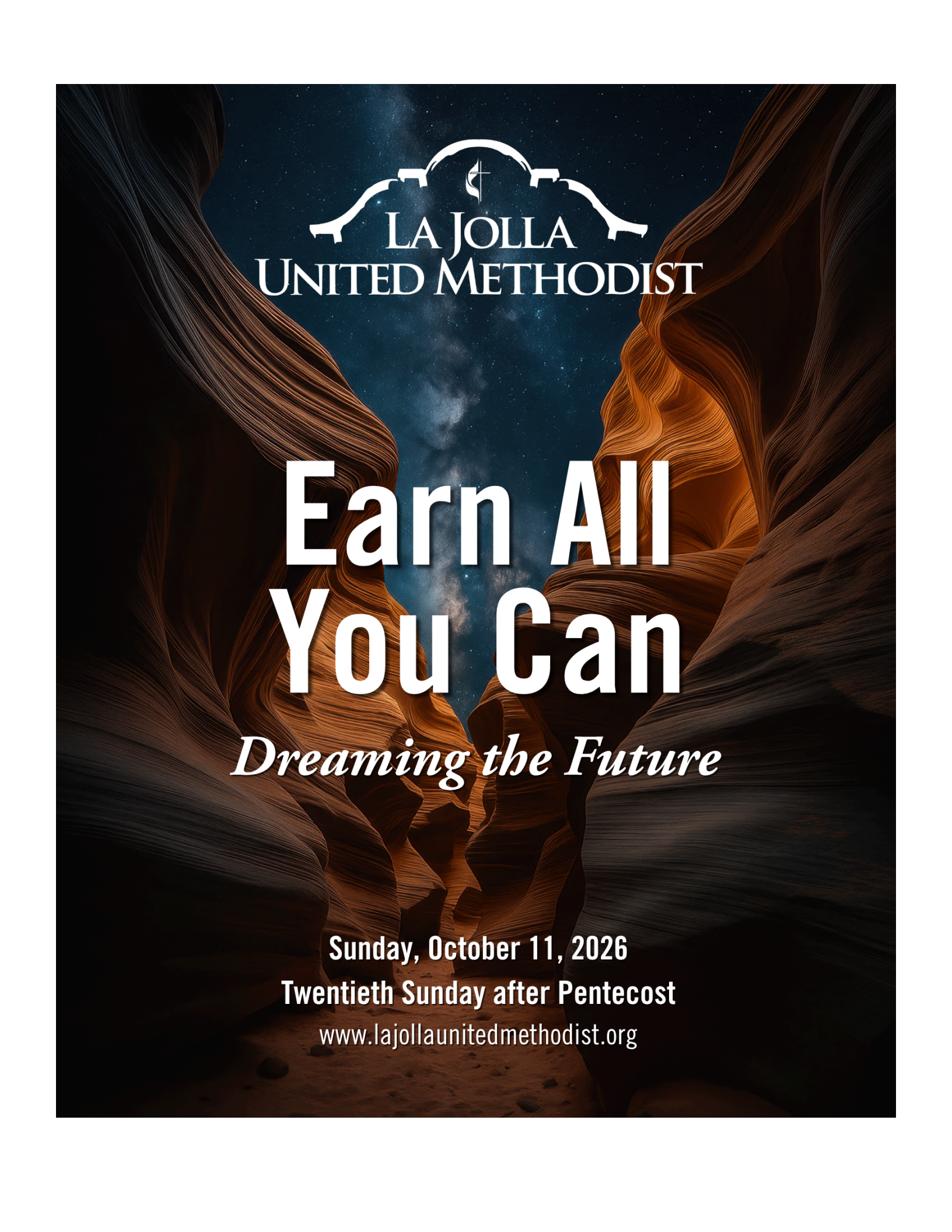




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WE IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Gathering Music

Memory

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Call to Worship

One: Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.

All: We gather to worship with joy and in hope.

One: Come, let us worship the one who calls us to our work, in offices and classrooms,
in kitchens and hospitals, at home and in our neighborhoods.

All: We offer God our work and our service.

One: Whoever is faithful with little is also faithful with much. We cannot serve both God
and wealth.

All: We come to serve one God with all that we have and all that we are.

One: Come, let us worship, and bring all our work before God in prayer.

**All: Prosper for us the work of our hands. We bring our gifts and our service to God.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Congregational Introit

Covenant Prayer

W & S 3115

1. Lord, I am not mine, but yours alone. Let your will be done and not my own.
Put me where you will, and let me serve; in everything I do, let me endure.

Refrain

This is my prayer, Lord, to you.
My promise and my vow, strong and true.
And the covenant I make on earth,
let it be fulfilled in heaven. Amen.

Bridge

Let me be employed for you, laid aside for you, lifted high for you or brought low.
Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things or nothing.

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Welcome

† Opening Hymn

Take My Life, and Let It Be

UMH 399

1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
2. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.
3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Blessing for Young Hearts

Elementary aged children will be excused for a time of teaching.

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, 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.

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can, in all the places you can,
at all the times you can, to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.

WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture

Luke 16:1-13 (NRSVue)

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

Scriptural Response

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

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

Anthem

O Jesus, I Have Promised

John Carter

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Message

Earn All You Can

Deborah Butera

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response to the Word

Choose one ordinary workday (whatever “work” looks like for you) this week and pray before it starts, perhaps beginning with: “God, I’m yours in this work today” (or feel free to use your own words). Throughout the day, pay attention to where your time and skills already serve other people: a coworker, a classmate, a neighbor, a family member. At the end of the day, write down one place where you could serve a little more intentionally, whether that’s a task done with care, an hour of volunteering, or a financial gift toward something you believe in. Later in the week, talk with a trusted spiritual partner about what caught your attention, and where you feel inspired to do more.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

For the Beauty of the Earth

Arr. J.B. Taylor

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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: Lord Jesus Christ, we call you Lord, and it is easy for us to serve other masters: long hours, wealth, and the approval of others. We chase more than we need, and we forget who we serve. Forgive us. Help us seek your kingdom first. Make us faithful with little and with much, so that our work becomes service to you and to our neighbors. Amen.

One: Hear the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are given a new way to live. Christ calls us friends and sends us to serve with joy. 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

Jesus Calls Us

UMH 398

1. Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me!"
2. As of old the apostles heard it by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.
3. Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more!"
4. In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these!"
5. Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

† Benediction

Postlude

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Mary Ann Kim

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