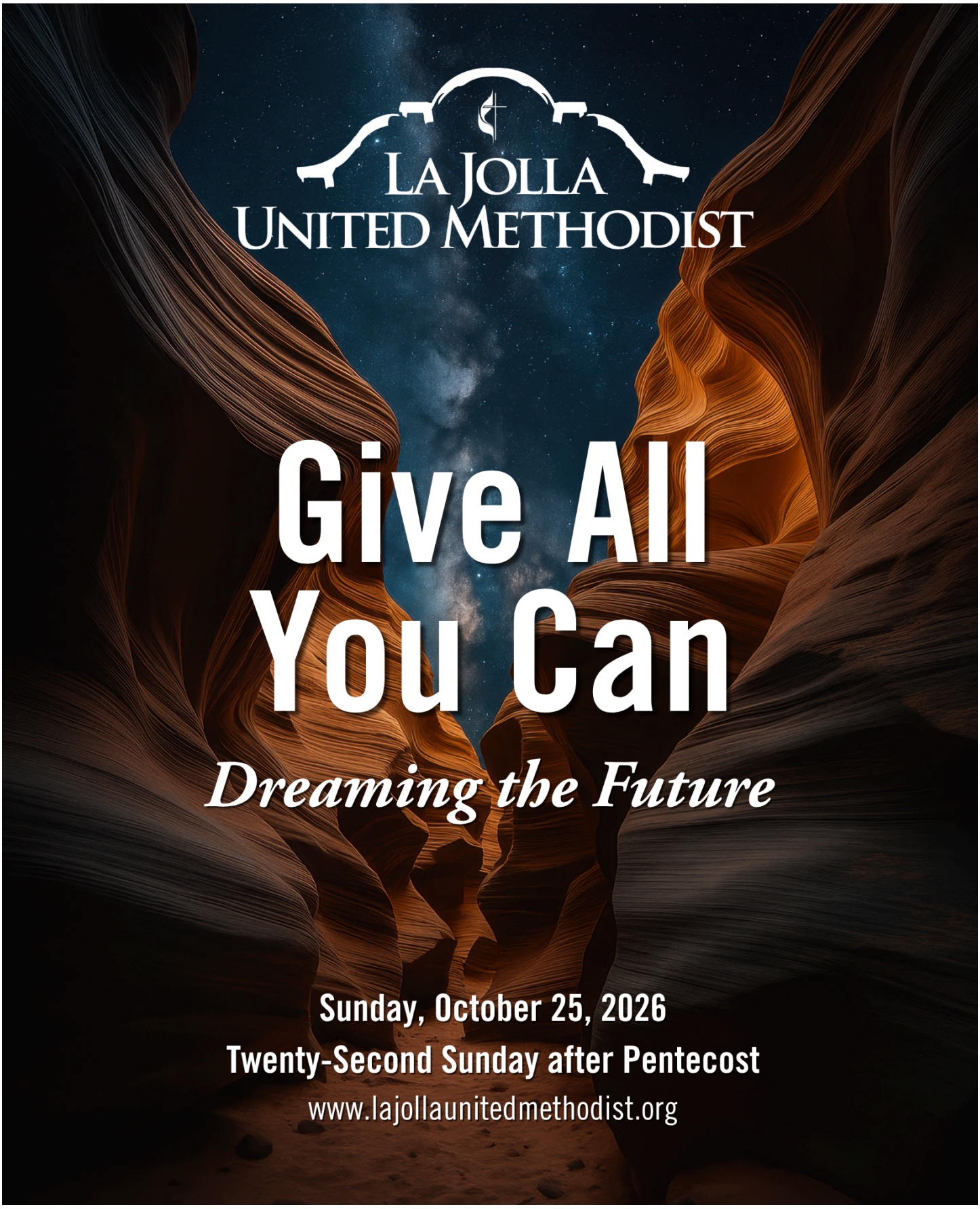

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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

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Call to Worship

One: Zacchaeus climbs a sycamore tree to see Jesus over the crowd.
All: We wish to see Jesus.

One: Jesus looks up and says, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today."
All: Jesus calls us by name, and we welcome him with joy.

One: In front of the whole crowd, Zacchaeus says, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor."
All: Christ comes to us first, and we answer with gladness.

One: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Come, let us worship God.
All: With our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, we answer God's grace. Prosper for us the work of our hands! 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.

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.

Welcome

† Opening Hymn *Stand Up and Bless the Lord* UMH 662

1. Stand up and bless the Lord, ye people of his choice;
stand up and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.

2. Though high above all praise, above all blessing high,
who would not fear his holy name, and laud and magnify?

3. O for the living flame from his own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire, and wing to heaven our thought!

4. God is our strength and song, and his salvation ours;
then be his love in Christ proclaimed with all our ransomed powers.

5. Stand up and bless the Lord; the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless his glorious name, hence forth forever more.

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 tresspasses, 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.

Prayer Response *Rule of Life* W & S 3117

WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture Luke 19:1-10 (NRSVue)

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not,

because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 (NRSVue)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust
and say, "Turn back, you mortals."
For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past
or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.

Turn, O LORD! How long?
Have compassion on your servants!
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us
and as many years as we have seen evil.
Let your work be manifest to your servants
and your glorious power to their children.
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us
and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!

Scriptural Response

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

Anthem *Give Me Jesus* Arr. Larry Shackley
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Message *Give All You Can* Rev. Bob Rhodes

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response to the Word

- Let's take a moment in quiet prayer;
- If you brought pledge card(s), have it out; if not, see an usher;
- Pray; Listen for God's wisdom/guidance/inspiration; fill out card if you haven't already;
- [20-30 seconds prayerful silence]
- When offering plates come by, place cards in plates;
- After offering/offertory, we'll sing Doxology (*doxa* is glory, *logos* is word); think of this Doxology (*word of glory*) as a prayer of thanksgiving.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Intermezzo* Mark Dorian
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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: Gracious God, we have stood in the crowd and grumbled when Jesus welcomed someone we had already judged. We have loved our jobs, our houses, and our possessions more readily than we love you. Help us remember that we are Zacchaeus,

and give us faith to hear you calling our name. Make us glad to give and bold to tell what you have done for us. Amen.

One: Hear the good news: just as Jesus found Zacchaeus in the tree, God finds us wherever we are and brings us home. Today salvation has come to this house. 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 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* UMH 400

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescued me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I"m constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

† Benediction

Postlude *Autumn (from The Four Seasons)* Antonio Vivaldi

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