



**LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST**

**Sunday, November 7, 2021
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**



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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Prelude

As the Deer

setting by Joel Raney

Cathy Blickenstaff, flute & Zishan Ding, piano

Welcome

† Choral Introit

Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above

† Opening Music

For All the Saints, vs. 1, 2, 4, 6

UMH 711

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
4. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessing for Children

Prayers of the People

*A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying.
A time of silence will indicate when you may share one name or very short phrase to add.*

Pastoral Prayer

WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture

Mark 12:38-44 (CEB)

As he was teaching, he said, “Watch out for the legal experts. They like to walk around in long robes. They want to be greeted with honor in the markets. They long for places of honor in the synagogues and at banquets. They are the ones who cheat widows out of their homes, and to show off they say long prayers. They will be judged most harshly.”

Jesus sat across from the collection box for the temple treasury and observed how the crowd gave their money. Many rich people were throwing in lots of money. One poor widow came forward and put in two small copper coins worth a penny. Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I assure you that this poor widow has put in more than everyone who’s been putting money in the treasury. All of them are giving out of their spare change. But she from her hopeless poverty has given everything she had, even what she needed to live on.”

Scriptural Response

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

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

I Am the Vine

Allen Pote

Chancel Choir

Cathy Blickenstaff, flute & Zishan Ding, piano

Message

Everything She Had

Rev. Bob Rhodes

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response in the World

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Trillium (from “Floris”)

Catherine McMichael

Cathy Blickenstaff, flute & Zishan Ding, piano

Confession, Assurance, and Peace

All: Gracious God, when we are cautious with our time, we miss the chance to give of ourselves to those in need. When we are protective of our hearts, we miss the chance to make meaningful connections with those in pain. Teach us to truly live and to fully love. Let our faith be greater than our fears. Guide us in your way, dear Christ, until we discover the abundant life that you desire for every person, and for every creature of the earth.

Liturgist: As a loving parent, God loves us completely. God forgives us entirely. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

Communion elements have been placed in the pews before the beginning of Worship for in-person worshipers. Online worshipers are invited to select elements including bread and juice (or similar). Please wait until directed before receiving your elements.

Remembering the Saints We Have Lost This Year

Gene Blickenstaff
Fred Kerth

Betty Cooper
Jesse Wingfield

Virginia Isherwood
Myron Wingfield

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.

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

† **Closing Music**

Sing With All the Saints in Glory

UMH 702

1. Sing with all the saints in glory,
sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
to the former days belong.

All around the clouds are breaking,
soon the storms of time shall cease;
in God's likeness we, awaking,
know the everlasting peace.

2. O what glory, far exceeding
all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts, for ages pleading,
never that full joy conceived.

God has promised, Christ prepares it,
there on high our welcome waits.
Every humble spirit shares it;
Christ has passed th'eternal gates.

3. Life eternal! heaven rejoices:
Jesus lives, who once was dead.
Join we now the deathless voices;
child of God, lift up your head!

Patriarchs from the distant ages,
saints all longing for their heaven,
prophets, psalmists, seers, and sages,
all await the glory given.

4. Life eternal! O what wonders
crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
when, amidst earth's closing thunders,
saints shall stand before the throne!

O to enter that bright portal,
see that glowing firmament;
know, with thee, O God Immortal,
"Jesus Christ whom thou has sent!"

Benediction

Postlude

Great Is the Lord

setting by Peggy Bettchev

Liturgist: Sal Butera

Organist: Bob Wuertz

Pianist: Zishan Ding

Ushers: Rod Betts, Steve Gray, Dan Martin, Peter McCreight, Lon Showley

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