



LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST

Awe-Inspiring Presence

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Trinity Sunday

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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Gathering Music

Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise

arr. by Lloyd Larson
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Call to Worship

One: God, sometimes we show up to worship ready to encounter your presence.

All: We know you are always with us.

One: Sometimes we catch glimpses of you at home, work, or school—in a smile, in a gentle breeze, in the joy of being together.

All: We know you are always with us.

One: But God, we hesitate to encounter you in all of your glory, afraid to be overwhelmed by your love and holiness.

All: And yet, we know you are always with us in the fullness of your glory.

One: Ready our hearts today to encounter more of your glory, your love, holiness, and glory that is always present with us.

All: We come today to enter the dance of the all-consuming presence of the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit

We Believe in One True God

UMH 85

Welcome

† Opening Hymn

America the Beautiful

UMH 696

1. O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain;
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain!

America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.

2. O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life!

America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness,
and every gain divine.

3. O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law.

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, 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.

Prayer Response

Amen

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WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture

Isaiah 6:1-8 (CEB)

In the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw the Lord sitting on a high and exalted throne, the edges of his robe filling the temple. Winged creatures were stationed around him. Each had six wings: with two they veiled their faces, with two their feet, and with two they flew about. They shouted to each other, saying:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of heavenly forces!
All the earth is filled with God’s glory!”

The doorframe shook at the sound of their shouting, and the house was filled with smoke.

I said, “Mourn for me; I’m ruined! I’m a man with unclean lips, and I live among a people with unclean lips. Yet I’ve seen the king, the Lord of heavenly forces!”

Then one of the winged creatures flew to me, holding a glowing coal that he had taken from the altar with tongs. He touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips. Your guilt has departed, and your sin is removed.”

Then I heard the Lord’s voice saying, “Whom should I send, and who will go for us?”

I said, “I’m here; send me.”

Scriptural Response

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

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

Anthem

Blades of Grass & Pure White Stones

Hatch, Alexander, Nash
Arr. Keith Christopher
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Message

Awe-Inspiring Presence

Rev. Bob Rhodes

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Shenandoah

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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 power and might, we long to proclaim your glory with the seraphs and angels, yet your holiness is more than we can bear. We yearn to feel worthy of your calling, but often feel naked and lost when confronted with your majesty. Touch our mouths with coal from your sacred fire, for we are a people with unclean lips and long to be made clean. Above all, heal our hardened hearts, O God, that we may say with the prophet Isaiah, “Here I am, send me.” Amen.

One: Rejoice that God heals our fear with a spirit of strength and truth. Give thanks that we are God’s children and heirs with Christ. In our savior, we touch God’s glory and victory; and 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

Holy, Holy, Holy

UMH 64

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

† **Benediction**

Postlude

Armed Forces of America Medley

by Peggy Duquesnel

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