



LA JOLLA  
UNITED METHODIST

# Call to Worship

Worship with Rejoicing

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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# WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

**Gathering Music**

*Widmung (Dedication)*

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## Call to Worship

One: Welcome! Welcome to the baggage we carry, the joys we share, the griefs we bear, and the worries we hold.

**All: Come! Let us worship!**

One: The voice of God is calling us to come with all that we are and all that we carry to worship.

**All: Come! Let us worship!**

One: God calls us to gather, to receive grace in our gathering, and to reorient us again to the ways of God.

**All: Come! Let us worship!**

One: So, come, members of the family of God! Bring all that you are to be molded by grace, refocused toward Love, and woven together as community in Christ.

**All: Come! Let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Introit**

*Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*

W & S 3176

**Welcome**

**† Opening Hymn**

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

UMH 203

1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.
2. He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.
3. He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;  
love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.  
Before him, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go,  
and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

4. To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.  
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;  
his name shall stand forever; that name to us is love.

## **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**

2 Samuel 7:1-14a (NRSVue)

Now when the king was settled in his house and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind, for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, "Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel, and I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a

place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place and be disturbed no more, and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel, and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

### Scriptural Response

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

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

**Anthem**

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

Arr. Ed Lojeski

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**Message**

*Call to Worship*

Rev. Bob Rhodes

## WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

**Response to the Word**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory**

*Peaceful Piano #18*

Mark Hayes

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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: **Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love. For we know our sins which are always in front of our eyes. We have not loved you as deeply as our own heartbeat. We have failed to care for your body and for the whole of creation. Forgive**

**us. According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions and cleanse us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain in us a willing spirit. Free us to know joy and gladness and to live our days in praise.**

One: As members of the household of God, Christ calls us to be the dwelling place for the Lord of hosts. In Christ, we become a new humanity, loved and made whole by the Lord of life. 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**

*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, henceforth forevermore.

† **Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Jupiter (from The Planets)*

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