



LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST

Call to Confession

Worship with Rejoicing

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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Gathering Music

O Had I Jubal's Lyre

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Call to Worship

One: Children of God, you are welcome here. All of who you are—even your regrets and failings—is welcome here.

All: We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God.

One: Many of us find it easy to recognize our goodness and difficult to notice our sins.

All: We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God.

One: Others of us live under a shroud of guilt and shame, believing we can never be good enough to receive the fullness of God's love.

All: We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God.

One: However you enter this place, know this: you are loved, accepted, and called. May God's love draw us to honest confession; God's acceptance assures us of the work of grace in our lives, and God's call compels us to live in grace.

All: We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God who loves us, accepts us, and calls us. Amen.

Introit

Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord

TFWS 2131

Welcome

† Opening Hymn

I Want a Principle Within

UMH 410

1. I want a principle within of watchful, godly fear,
a sensibility of sin, a pain to feel it near.
I want the first approach to feel of pride or wrong desire,
to catch the wandering of my will, and quench the kindling fire.
2. From thee that I no more may stray, no more thy goodness grieve,
grant me the filial awe, I pray, the tender conscience give.
Quick as the apple of an eye, O God, my conscience make;
awake my soul when sin is nigh, and keep it still awake.
3. Almighty God of truth and love, to me thy power impart;
the mountain from my soul remove, the hardness of my heart.
O may the least omission pain my reawakened soul,
and drive me to that blood again, which makes the wounded whole.

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

UMH 897

WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture

2 Samuel 11:1-15 (NRSVue)

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived, and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house to eat and to drink and to lie with my wife? As you live and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained

in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk, and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, “Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die.”

Scriptural Response

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

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

Anthem

Give Me Jesus

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Message

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Rev. Bob Rhodes

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Basse Et Dessus De Trompette

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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

One: Merciful God, we hear the story of David and wonder how he could so abuse his power—serving his own interests in such a selfish way. How different from the way Jesus used his power—serving, healing, and nurturing others.

All: Forgive us when our actions reflect those of David more than those of Jesus.

One: The account of David shows someone yielding to temptation by feeding his own particular hunger with disastrous results, whilst Jesus took time to feed the crowds with miraculous results.

All: Forgive us the times when we have yielded to the temptation of feeding our own interests to the detriment of others around us.

One: David demonstrated how things can get out of control when God's rules are not followed, while Jesus demonstrates how God's power can bring peace even into the stormiest situations.

All: We acknowledge and confess that the way of the world reflects more the way of David than the way of Jesus, and we pray that we may be powerfully strengthened by the Holy Spirit to witness to Jesus' love and compassion in and through all we do and say. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

One: Through the power of the Holy Spirit within us, God is able to accomplish far more than all we can ask or imagine. So, hear and believe this good news: 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

It's Me, It's Me, O Lord

UMH 352

Refrain

It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.
It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

1. Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.
Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.

Refrain

It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.
It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

2. Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer
Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer

Refrain

It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.
It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

3. Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.
Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.

Refrain

It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.
It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

† **Benediction**

Postlude

Variations on Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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