



**LA JOLLA  
UNITED METHODIST**

# Sent Out

**Worship with Rejoicing**

**Sunday, August 25, 2024**

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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# WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

## Gathering Music

### Call to Worship

One: Disciples of Christ, why have you gathered today?

**All: To worship God, who lives among us.**

One: God lives among us all the time, so why have you gathered today?

**All: To remind one another that God lives among us as we worship.**

One: When you scatter from this place, what will you take with you?

**All: Hearts open to recognize God living among us.**

One: Then, come! Let us worship together!

**All: We come to *worship with rejoicing* the Triune God who lives, loves, and moves among us as we gather and as we are sent from this place! Amen.**

### Congregational Introit

*Surely the Presence*

UMH 328

### Welcome

### † Opening Hymn

*Come We That Love the Lord*

UMH 732

1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne.
2. Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God; but children of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad.
3. The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets before we reach the heavenly fields, or walk the golden streets.
4. Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry; we're marching through Emmanuel's ground, to fairer worlds on high.

### 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.

## WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

### Scripture

1 Kings 8:1,6,10-11, 22-30, 41-43 (NRSV<sup>ue</sup>)

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion.

Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim.

And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly of Israel and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love with your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed that you promised to your servant my father David.

"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today, that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; hear and forgive.

"Likewise when foreigners, who are not of your people Israel, come from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when foreigners come and pray toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place and do whatever the foreigners ask of you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do

your people Israel, and so they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

### Scriptural Response

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

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

### Special Music

*The Heart of Worship*  
Randy Seward

Matt Redman  
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### Message

*Sent Out*

Rev. Bob Rhodes

## WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

### Response to the Word

### Invitation to the Offering

### Offertory

### † 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: Spirit of God, we confess that we put on airs more often than we put on the armor of God. We are guilty of girding ourselves with lies instead of the truth. We try to protect ourselves with arrogance, superstition, and self-reliance instead of righteousness, faith, and your gift of salvation. Our footsteps do not follow your path of peace. And we are quick to use your Word to attack one another, instead of striking out against the sins we personally commit. Forgive us, Holy God. Gift us with the wisdom and strength to change our ways, so that we may live as your faithful ambassadors of the Good News. Amen.**

One: The Psalmist writes, “No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.”  
Brothers and Sisters, receive God’s forgiveness and dwell in love and grace. 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**

*Go Forth for God*

UMH 670

1. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;  
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,  
in God’s good Spirit daily to increase,  
till in the kingdom we see face to face.  
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.
2. Go forth for God, go to the world in love;  
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;  
help the afflicted; richly from above  
God’s love supplies the grace and power we seek.  
Go forth for God, go to the world in love.
3. Go forth for God, go to the world in strength;  
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;  
render to no one evil; Christ at length  
shall overcome all darkness with his light.  
Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.
4. Go forth for God, go to the world in joy;  
to serve God’s people every day and hour,  
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,  
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit’s power.  
Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

† **Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Flowers:** from Tom and Cherie Huse in celebration of their 35th Wedding Anniversary  
**Liturgist:** Kathy Dombrowski  
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