



LA JOLLA  
UNITED METHODIST

**Not to  
be Served**

Walking with Jesus

Sunday, October 20, 2024

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

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## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Gathering Music

*Fugue*

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### Call to Worship

One: Welcome all who long to encounter Jesus, the one who loves, tends, sustains, and saves us.

**All: Jesus said, “the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve.”**

One: Welcome all who walk the halls of power, who feel pushed and pulled to fight for position, status, and authority.

**All: Jesus said, “the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve.”**

One: Welcome all who feel burned out, who have given more than they have day in and day out and long for someone to notice that you, too, need help and support.

**All: Jesus said, “the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve.”**

One: Welcome, followers of Christ, who came to serve and show God’s abundant love and grace among us.

**All: We come to worship Jesus who shows us that serving is the fruit of our love and being served by one another is the source of our power as the Body of Christ. Amen.**

### Congregational Introit

*He Has Made Me Glad*

TFWS 2270

1. I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart,  
I will enter his courts with praise. I will say,  
“This is the day that the Lord has made.”  
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.

Refrain

He has made me glad, he has made me glad.  
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.  
He has made me glad, he has made me glad.  
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.

### Welcome

† Opening Hymn

*Jesu, Jesu*

UMH 432

*Refrain*

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them.

*Refrain*

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.

2. Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors and black and white,  
neighbors are near and far away.

*Refrain*

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.

3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you.

*Refrain*

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.

4. Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves,  
this is the way we should live with you.

*Refrain*

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.

5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet,  
this is the way we should live with you.

*Refrain*

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.

## **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

*Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

Arr. Donald Moore  
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## WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

### Scripture

Mark 10:35-45 (CEB)

James and John, Zebedee's sons, came to Jesus and said, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask."

"What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

They said, "Allow one of us to sit on your right and the other on your left when you enter your glory."

Jesus replied, "You don't know what you're asking! Can you drink the cup I drink or receive the baptism I receive?"

"We can," they answered.

Jesus said, "You will drink the cup I drink and receive the baptism I receive, but to sit at my right or left hand isn't mine to give. It belongs to those for whom it has been prepared."

Now when the other ten disciples heard about this, they became angry with James and John. Jesus called them over and said, "You know that the ones who are considered the rulers by the Gentiles show off their authority over them and their high-ranking officials order them around. But that's not the way it will be with you. Whoever wants to be great among you will be your servant. Whoever wants to be first among you will be the slave of all, for the Human One didn't come to be served but rather to serve and to give his life to liberate many people."

### Scriptural Response

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

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

Anthem

*The Servant Song*

TFWS 2222

Message

*Not to be Served*

Rev. Bob Rhodes

## WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

### Stewardship Moment

### Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*A Child's Prayer*

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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: Great and mighty God, create us anew this day. When we pose as greater and mightier than we are, help us be humble and of service in your name. When pride causes us to stumble, strengthen our faith. When fear and shame cause us to shrink, remind us that we are made in your image. Teach us that true greatness comes from humble service. Show us how to roll up our sleeves, dig in, and lend a hand; even when no one else will. Preoccupy us with humility, so that greatness can come when we least expect it. Give us the grace to live as humble servants. In your great and gracious love, we pray. Amen.**

One: Christ's love and mercy are greater than our sins, reconciling us to God and to one another. 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

*Ye Servants of God*

UMH 181

1. Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name;  
the name all victorious of Jesus extol, his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.
2. God ruleth on high, almighty to save, and still he is nigh, his presence we have;  
the great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.
3. "Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!" Let all cry aloud and honor the Son;  
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.
4. Then let us adore and give him his right, all glory and power, all wisdom and might;  
all honor and blessings with angels above, and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

### † Benediction

#### Postlude

*Overture*

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