



LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST

Let me See

Walking with Jesus



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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Gathering Music

O Perfect Love

Arr. Hal Hopson
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Call to Worship

One: Come and listen for the One who calls us by name.

All: At the sound of our name, we remember it is God who provides.

One: When life is difficult, when life is glorious, God sustains us and loves us.

All: We celebrate this love, and give thanks and praise to the One who walks with us.

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

Open the Eyes of My Heart

W & S 3008

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you, I want to see you.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you, I want to see you.

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love as we sing.
Holy, holy, holy.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you, I want to see you.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;
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Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy. I want to see 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

O Thou Who Hearest Every Heartfelt Prayer

Arr. Donald Moore

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WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture

Mark 10:46-52 (NRSVue)

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here."

And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.

Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?”

The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.”

Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Scriptural Response

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

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

Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

Arr. Tom Fettke
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Message

Let Me See

Rev. Bob Rhodes

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Stewardship Moment

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Peace

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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: When we want to be a church ever-reforming, yet cling to comfortable ways:

All: Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!

One: When we want to honor your “still speaking voice,” but are fearful of insights which challenge old assumptions:

All: Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!

One: When we want to live into Jesus’ dream of oneness, but fail to listen to voices of difference:

All: Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!

One: Take heart, get up; Jesus is calling to us! We trust in the one who has guided the church for two millennia. Through Christ, God forgives us our failings, and continues to call us into a community of mutual love and forgiveness. 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**

The Voice of God Is Calling

UMH 436

1. The voice of God is calling its summons in our day;
Isaiah heard in Zion, and we now hear God say:
“Whom shall I send to succor my people in their need?
Whom shall I send to loosen the bonds of shame and greed?
2. “I hear my people crying in slum and mine and mill;
no field or mart is silent, no city street is still.
I see my people falling in darkness and despair.
Whom shall I send to shatter the fetters which they bear?
3. We heed, O Lord, your summons, and answer: Here are we!
Send us upon your errand, let us your servants be.
Our strength is dust and ashes, our years a passing hour;
but you can use our weakness to magnify your power.
4. From ease and plenty save us; from pride of place absolve;
purge us of low desire; lift us to high resolve;
take us, and make us holy; teach us your will and way.
Speak, and behold! we answer; command, and we obey!

† **Benediction**

Postlude

Sonata in G, Opus 49, No. 2 1st Movement

Beethoven
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