



LA JOLLA  
UNITED METHODIST

# Out of Their Abundance

Truth Telling

Sunday, November 10, 2024

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

### Gathering Music

*Allemande*  
The Del Mar Flute Ensemble

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### Call to Worship

One: Children of God, take a deep breath. Breathe in the goodness of God's abundance all around you.

**All: God's abundance is enough for all that we need.**

One: Think of all the things our society calls abundance. Ever-growing bank accounts, possessions galore, status and notoriety—what are these things compared to God's abundance?

**All: God's abundance is enough for all that we need.**

One: God's abundance notices the poor, the downtrodden, those whose labor and unmet needs fill the coffers of corporations and those who are wealthy beyond measure.

**All: God's abundance is enough for all that we need.**

One: How, then, will you offer yourself up to God? Like the Pharisees or the widow?

**All: We will give as people who trust in God's provision, because God's abundance is enough for all that we need.**

### Introit

*Bless Thou the Gifts*

Arr. Donald Moore  
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### Welcome

### † Opening Hymn

*What Gift Can We Bring*

UMH 87

1. What gift can we bring, what present, what token?  
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?  
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,  
what song can we offer in honor and praise?
2. Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,  
who planted and watered so dreams could come true.  
Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship,  
for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.
3. Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,  
for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,  
the Word is our promise always, forever;  
we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.

4. This gift we now bring, this present, this token,  
these words can convey it, the joy of this day!  
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,  
this song we now offer in honor and praise!

### **Blessing for Young Hearts**

Celebration of Holy Baptism

Jones Takoda Halsey

### **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**

*Grant Us, Lord, the Grace of Living*

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## **WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST**

### **Scripture**

Mark 12:38-44 (CEB)

As he was teaching, he said, "Watch out for the legal experts. They like to walk around in long robes. They want to be greeted with honor in the markets. They long for places of honor in the synagogues and at banquets. They are the ones who cheat widows out of their homes, and to show off they say long prayers. They will be judged most harshly."

Jesus sat across from the collection box for the temple treasury and observed how the crowd gave their money. Many rich people were throwing in lots of money. One poor widow came forward and put in two small copper coins worth a penny. Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I assure you that this poor widow has put in more than everyone who's been putting money in the treasury. All of them are giving out of their spare change. But she from her hopeless poverty has given everything she had, even what she needed to live on."

## Scriptural Response

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

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

## Anthem

*Now Thank We All Our God*

Arr. Benjamin Harlan  
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## Message

*Out of Their Abundance*

Rev. Bob Rhodes

## WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

### Response to the Word

### Invitation to the Offering

## Offertory

*Rose Cottage*

Catherine McMichael  
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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: Holy Seer, we long to perceive ourselves as you see us. We yearn to look through your eyes and envision who you created us to be. Help us love ourselves, that we may truly love others. Help us give freely from our bounty, that we may rejoice in the gifts of others, even when they seem small by comparison. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

One: Even the smallest gift is precious to God when we share what little we have to give. Even the smallest gesture is holy in God's sight when it is offered with great love. Rejoice, God is building us into a spiritual house, a house of infinite worth. 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

*We All Are One in Mission*

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1. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single great commission compels us from above  
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.
2. We all are called for service, to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same.  
To touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,  
so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.
3. Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

### † Benediction

#### Postlude

*Now Thank We All Our God*

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**Tech Team:** AJ Prat, Cam Rhodes

**Special Guests:** The Del Mar Flute Ensemble

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