



LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST

Into the Deep

Sunday, February 9, 2025
Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany
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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Gathering Music

Adagio

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Call to Worship

One: Beloved, the Savior calls to you. Will you follow?

All: God, help us leave everything and follow.

One: Christ's call persists through the clouds of doubt, fear, and worry that descend on our path.
Will you follow?

All: God, help us leave everything and follow.

One: Jesus calls us into the deep, to leave behind the baggage of prejudice and the grasping for position so we can truly love God and our neighbors well. Will you follow?

All: God, help us leave everything and follow.

One: Beloved, receive this good news: you are not alone! Today we answer Christ's call together!

All: God, help us leave everything and follow your path of Love everywhere we go! Amen.

Introit

O Worship the Lord

Arr. Donald Moore
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Welcome

† Opening Hymn

Rise Up, Ye Saints of God

UMH 576

1. Rise up, Ye Saints of God! Have done with lesser things.
Give heart and mind and soul and strength to serve the King of kings.
2. Rise up, Ye Saints of God! The kingdom tarries long.
Bring in the day of servanthood and end the night of wrong.
3. Rise up, Ye Saints of God! The church for you doth wait,
her strength unequal to her task; rise up, and make her great!
4. Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod.
As servants of the Son of Man, rise up, O men of God!

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 My Prayer, O Lord

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WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture

Luke 5:1-11 (NRSVue)

Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Scriptural Response

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

All: Thanks be to God! Amen

Anthem

I Am the Vine
Chancel Choir, Sue Boles, Flute

Allen Pote
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Message

Into the Deep

Rev. Bob Rhodes

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Helen Lemmel/Arr. Bullington
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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: O Lord, forgive us when we fail to respond to your call with faith.

All: Through your Spirit, we rest in the assurance of your acceptance.

One: Forgive us when we are shackled by our narrow understandings of discipleship and our clouded sense of purpose.

All: Through your Spirit, we are drawn into the illumination of your empowering love.

One: Forgive us when we are frightened of the future or pull back from the demand of your calling. Forgive us when we fail to sense your presence in our past, to acknowledge your grace in the present moment, and to trust you for our future.

All: Through your Spirit, we offer ourselves in discipleship. We come together as your disciples. We seek renewed and renewing faith. Touch us now with your Spirit, Lord. Touch us now with your Spirit.

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

† Closing Hymn

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

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1. I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus
no turning back, no turning back.

2. The world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me
no turning back, no turning back.

3. Though none go with me, still I will follow,
though none go with me, still I will follow,
though none go with me, still I will follow
no turning back, no turning back.

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I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus
no turning back, no turning back.

† Benediction

Postlude

Fugue

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