



Pacific Beach

United Methodist Church

SUNDAY WORSHIP

AUGUST 25, 2024 10:00 AM

WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Greeting

Introit #277

“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” Vs 1

**Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;
Things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:
Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.**

Welcome

Call to Worship

Drew Damme

One: In defiance of corruption and falsehood, we commit to truth and integrity

All: and we pray for honesty and uprightness to increase in our world.

One: In defiance of apathy and hatred, we choose to be proactive in love

All: and we pray for understanding and peace to increase in our world.

One: In defiance of skepticism and cynicism, we embrace the mystery of faith

All: and we pray for humility and wonder to increase in our world.

One: In defiance of self-interest and human arrogance we celebrate God's salvation

All: and we pray for compassion and faith to increase in our world.

One: In defiance of all that would oppose God's purpose among us we choose again to follow Christ,

All: and we continue to pray, not just now, but at all times. Amen.

*Opening Hymn #555

“Forward Through the Ages”

**Forward through the ages, God in us align,
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine;
Gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,
Manifold the service, one the sure reward.**

Refrain:

**Forward through the ages, God in us align,
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine.**

**Brighter grow the heavens, reign of love and light;
For it we must labor, till our faith is sight.
Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified,
Poets sung its glory, heroes for it died. *Refrain***

**Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall;
In each loss or triumph lose or triumph all.
Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole,
Move we on together to the shining goal. *Refrain***

**Please stand as you are able*

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Opening Prayer

God of glory and grace, shine upon our worship with your presence. Shine in our hearts with your love. Shine in our lives with your grace, that we may arise with confidence and go forth to bring your justice and love to all. Amen.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ #2148

“Over My Head” Vs 1 & 3

Refrain:

**Over my head, I hear music in the air; over my head, I hear music in the air;
Over my head, I hear music in the air; there must be a God somewhere.**

Solo: Oh, when the world is silent, **ALL: I hear music in the air;**
Oh, when the world is silent, I hear music in the air;
Oh, when the world is silent, I hear music in the air;
There must be a God somewhere. Refrain

Solo: Now when I think on Jesus, **ALL: I hear music in the air;**
Now when I think on Jesus, I hear music in the air;
Now when I think on Jesus, I hear music in the air;
There must be a God somewhere. Refrain

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Children’s Time

Louis Perez

Music to Lift Our Spirits

“Where Could I Go?”

Trio sings Verse 1 & 2; **Congregation joins in Verse 3:**
Life here is grand with friends I love so dear,
Comfort I get from God’s own Word;
Yet when I face the chilling hand of death,
Where could I go but to the Lord?

Refrain:

Where could I go, O where could I go, seeking a refuge for my soul?
Needing a friend to help me in the end, where could I go but to the Lord?

Scripture:

Ephesians 6:10-20

Message:

Gird Your Loins!

Rev. Lori Leopold

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE

Song of Prayer #2203

“In Your Time” Vs 1 Trio, Vs 2 Cong.

Congregation:

In your time, in your time, Lord;
You make all things beautiful in your time.
Lord, my life in you I bring; may each song I have to sing
Be to you a lovely thing in your time.

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.

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**Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering/Offeratory

*Doxology

**Gladly we praise you and bless you, Creator, O God of life.
Christ, we adore you and thank you, Compassion of God, our light.
Great Holy Spirit, by you we are born from above.
Alleluia! Praise the God of blessing!
Alleluia! Bless the God of love!**

*Prayer of Dedication

Restorer of divided hearts, bless our gifts this morning. Make our offering a path to holy living and action. May our very lives reflect the truth of our faith and our commitment to your world. With generous hearts, we pray. Amen.

*Closing Hymn *sung to the tune The Church's One Foundation #545* "In Heavenly Love Abiding"

**In heav'nly love abiding, no change my heart shall fear;
And safe is such confiding, for nothing changes here.
The storm may roar without me, my heart may low be laid,
But God is round about me, and can I be dismayed?**

**Wherever He may guide me, no want shall turn me back;
My Shepherd is beside me, and nothing can I lack,
His wisdom ever waketh; His sight is never dim.
He knows the way He taketh, and I will walk with Him.**

**Green pastures are before me which yet I have not seen.
Bright skies will soon be o'er me, where darkest clouds have been.
My hope I cannot measure; my path to life is free.
My Savior has my treasure, and He will walk with me.**

*Benediction

*On Eagle's Wings #143

**And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of God's hand.**

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Thank you for worshipping with PBUMC today! You make this gathering richer, brighter, and better by your participation. **All** are welcome at PBUMC!

Our altar flowers today are in honor of Michael's birthday, from David.

PB UMC offers a three week "Belonging Class" for those who are interested in church membership and for others for who seek deeper involvement in the life of the church.

***September 15th, Class 1: What's a United Methodist?
September 22nd, Class 2: Connected and Involved
September 29th, Class 3: Next Steps to Church Membership***

Our Belonging Class sessions are held on Sundays following church with a light lunch provided. If you are interested in attending or have other questions related to church membership, please contact Pastor Lori.

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