



Pacific Beach
United Methodist Church
LEARNING AND LIVING GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL

SUNDAY WORSHIP
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 9, 2025 10:00 AM

WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Greeting
Introit
Welcome

Call to Worship

Isaac Spence

One: Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

All: Who is my neighbor? How can I help? What do I have to learn? Where is God in it all?

One: Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

All: So may we listen. May we learn. May we stay curious, and may we look for God.

This is our invitation to lean in. Let us worship our holy God.

*Opening Hymn #428

“For the Healing of the Nations” Vs 1-3

**For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;
For a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word,
Help us rise and pledge our word.**

**Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,
That, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase,
Fear will die and hope increase.**

**All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned;
Pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span,
May we hallow life's brief span.**

Call to Confession

Pastor Lori

Prayer of Confession

Congregation

Holy God, you have told us to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we get tripped up on logistics. We want to know: who is our neighbor? Do we have to love the stranger? Must we have compassion for our enemy? Forgive our human tendency to create exceptions in the face of love. Rewire our hearts so that we might see the face of a neighbor in every stranger we pass. With hope we pray, amen.

Words of Forgiveness

**Please stand as you are able*

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One: Family of faith, when we set limits on love,

All: God loves extravagantly.

One: When we forget that we are neighbors,

All: God claims us as God's own.

One: When we judge, hold back, or harm,

All: God surrounds us with grace.

One: There is nothing we can do or leave undone that could separate us from the love of God.

All: This is the good news of the gospel. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ #174

“His Name Is Wonderful”

**His name is wonderful, his name is wonderful, his name is wonderful,
Jesus, my lord.**

**He is the mighty King, Master of everything; his name is wonderful, Jesus, my
Lord.**

He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, almighty God is he;

Bow down before him, love and adore him, his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time

Wesley Dwaine

Music to Lift Our Spirits

Scripture:

Luke 10:25-37

Message:

Everything In Between: Stranger and Neighbor

Rev. Lori Leopold

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

Affirmation of Faith

One: Church, if God asked you, “Who is your neighbor?” what would you say?

All: We would say, every child, every person, every weeping willow, and every morning lark. Every freckled face, every wrinkled pair of hands, every tail-wagging dog, and every crisp ripe apple. We would say, we are connected—to one another, to all of God's creation. There are no strangers in God's house. We are all family here.

One: I think God would delight in that answer. For it is said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,

All: with all your soul,

One: with all your strength,

All: with all your mind,

One: and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

All: We believe. Help our unbelief. Amen.

Song of Prayer #3109

Voices of Praise

“Living Spirit, Holy Fire”

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.

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**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/Offertory

*Doxology

**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 Dedication

God of abundance, we offer these gifts, along with our praise and thanksgiving. You generously pour out your love and the gifts of this good earth to us, each and every day. Bless the gifts we return to you now, that they may bring abundant love and sustenance to many in need of your blessing. With grateful hearts, we pray. Amen.

*Closing Hymn #347

“Spirit Song”

**O let the son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.**

Refrain:

**Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
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**O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
O give him all your tears and sadness; give him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. *Refrain.***

*Benediction

**As you leave this place, may you find God in every messy middle.
May you know that the world is bigger than two sides.
May you trust that you are made in the image of God,
and therefore, you contain multitudes.
So may you move through this world with an open heart,
with a curious mind, and with the confidence that you do not go alone.
God is with you in the mountains, in the valleys, and everywhere in between.
Believe that good news, and go in peace.**

*On Eagle's Wings #143

**And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,**

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**Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of God's hand.**

Assisting in Worship Today

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