



# Pacific Beach

## United Methodist Church

ONLINE WORSHIP  
MARCH 21, 2021  
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

### WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Introductions and Invitations

Welcome & Welcoming Music

Call to Worship

One: Every week is a new week, another chance to say:

**All: "Here I am. Use me."**

One: Every day is a new day, another chance to say:

**All: "Thank you for yesterday. Thank you for tomorrow."**

One: Every hour is a new hour, another chance to say:

**All: "Again and again, make me new."**

One: We do not come to this place to stay the same.

**All: We come to this place to be changed.**

One: So let us worship holy God, Who created yesterday, will create tomorrow, and even now is creating something new.

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

Hymn #154

"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" (v. 1, 2, 4)

Call to Confession:

In the gospel of John, a group of Greek people approach the disciples and say,  
"We would like to see Jesus."

It's a brief, beautiful moment that the text doesn't spend a lot of time on,  
And yet, it always catches my eye.

It catches my eye, because the phrase, "I want to see Jesus,"

Feels like it should be my constant prayer.

Help me see Jesus.

I'd like to see Jesus.

Bring me closer to Jesus.

In the prayer of confession,

We take a moment to recognize how much space exists between us and those  
words,

Trusting that even when we forget to seek out God,

God is seeking us out.

So join me in the prayer of confession today as we take one step closer to the  
Divine . . .

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,**

**We want to see you.**

**We want to be known as the people who looked for Jesus;**

**But not only that, we want to be people who have your covenant written on our hearts.**

**Why do we feel so far away from that at times?**

**What went wrong?**

**Where did we lose our way?**

**Could you, would you, once again, write on our fragile hearts?**

**We would be so grateful.**

**Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness:

One: Friends, despite our wonderings, despite our distractions, despite wrong turns time and time again, we are known and loved by God. Like a lighthouse keeper by the sea, God will never stop waving us home. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

**All: Our fragile bones are held by the Great Creator. Our fragile hearts are loved by the Great Creator. Our tender spirits are forgiven by the Great Creator.**

One: Today is a new day.

**All: Again and again, we are forgiven; Again and again, we are reformed.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ (*greet fellow worshipers in the live chat as we sing song #2031 "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"*)

### **WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

Children In Ministry

Madison Rowe

Music to Lift Our Spirits

Scripture: John 12:17-33

Message: "Life Interrupted"

Adam Marshall-Lopez

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE**

Song of Prayer (*we pray for God's guidance as we sing #2025 "As the Deer"*)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offering of Gifts (*followed by*)

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication (*we read and pray aloud together*)

**Generous and all-loving God, grant us the wisdom to know you more completely. Give us the hope to live as your people. Inspire us to give of our spirits more fully, in the faith that your promise is already within us. As we give our gifts and tithes today, we recommit ourselves to your service and to the service of your people. May we do so in response to your unending call that beckons us and leads us home. We pray as followers of the glorified Christ, Amen.**

Hymn #140

“Great is Thy Faithfulness” (v. 1 & 3)

Benediction

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.

**All are invited to share in virtual coffee time online  
via Zoom (*may require app download*).**