



# Pacific Beach

## United Methodist Church

ONLINE WORSHIP  
APRIL 18, 2021

### WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Introductions and Invitations

Welcome & Welcoming Music

Call to Worship

One: Come, children of God, to sing a new song; clap your hands and shout for joy.

**All: Jesus is our good news, our joy, our salvation.**

One: In steadfast love and faithfulness God has done marvelous things.

**All: God raised Jesus from the dead; Christ is alive and at work among us.**

One: God hears our prayers and answers when we call.

**All: God makes us dwell in safety and puts joy in our hearts.**

Hymn #159

“Lift High the Cross” (v. 1, 3, 4)

Opening Prayer

Holy God, we give thanks that you often reveal yourself to be different from our expectations. When we long for the love we have known in the past, our eyes are dimmed to the beauty you reveal to us now. As your first followers struggled to see how a suffering savior could be the messiah, we strain to recognize you still today. Come, Spirit, make yourself known in the study of scripture, in our songs of praise, and especially in the grace and love we offer one another, Make yourself known in every friend we have yet to meet in your good and blessed name. Amen. "

Sharing the Peace of Christ (*greet fellow worshipers in the live chat as we sing song #177 “He Is Lord”*)

### WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Children in Ministry

Erich Grimm-Schmitt

Music to Lift Our Spirits

Scripture: Luke 2:36b-48

Message: “The Peace of Christ”

Lori Leopold

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

Song of Prayer (*we pray for God's guidance as we sing #3103 “Purify My Heart” v. 1 & 2*)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offering of Gifts (*followed by*)

Doxology

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

**God of love, help us remember that Christ has no body now on earth but ours, no hands but ours, no feet but ours. Ours are the eyes to see the needs of the world. Ours are the hands to bless the people we meet. Ours are the feet to do**

*Liturgical elements from Abingdon Worship Annual and “Whispers of God” by Lavon Bayler*

**good in Christ's name. Bless, O God, the work of our hands and these offerings, that they may be Christ's work in the world. Amen.**

Hymn #304

"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

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*).**