



# Pacific Beach

## United Methodist Church

Sunday Worship  
JULY 4, 2021

### We Gather Together Praising God

Prelude

Introit

“We Magnify Your Name, O Lord”

Welcome and Announcements

Music Meditation

“The Journey of a Mountain Stream”

Call to Worship

Joan Foster

One: We are from north and south.

**All: We are from tiny apartments and expansive homes.**

One: We are from this city and from others far away.

**All: We are from big families and dinners made for one.**

One: We are from stages of grief and stages of love.

**All: We are from hot summers and cold winters.**

One: We are from kitchens with passed down recipes, and front porches with old, familiar swings.

**All: We are from the dust of the earth and the stars of the sky.**

One: We are from a lot of places, but today we are here.

**All: Today we are together.**

One: Holy God, gather us in.

Hymn #697

“America (My Country Tis of Thee)”

**My country, 'tis of thee,  
sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;  
land where my fathers died,  
land of the pilgrims' pride,  
from every mountainside let freedom ring!**

**My native country, thee,  
land of the noble free, thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills,  
thy woods and templed hills;  
my heart with rapture thrills, like that above.**

**Let music swell the breeze,  
and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song;  
let mortal tongues awake;  
let all that breathe partake;  
let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.**

Dedication of Little Library

Sharing the Peace of Christ (*safely pass the peace as we sing song #2010 "Praise Ye The Lord" v. 1*)

**Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah!  
Everybody praise the Lord.**

**Praise God with the sound of the trumpet, praise God with the lute and the harp;  
praise God with timbrel and dancing,  
Praise God wherever you are.**

**Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah!  
Everybody praise the Lord.**

#### **We Listen for the Word of God**

Children in Ministry  
Music to Lift Our Spirits

Erich Grimm-Schmitt  
"America the Beautiful"

Scripture: Genesis 2:4b-15; John 1: 35-51

Message: "I've Been Meaning to Ask...Where Are You From?" Pastor Lori Leopold

#### **We Respond to God's Love**

Song of Prayer (*we pray for God's guidance as we sing #593 "Here I am Lord"*)

**Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart. (Repeat)**

Prayers of the People

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

One: When people heard that Jesus was from Nazareth, they asked, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?"

**All: We confess, God of beginnings, that we have asked the same question.**

One: Can anything good come from that side of town?

**All: From a school with poor test scores?**

One: From a criminal history?

**All: From the opposite political party?**

One: From a history of addiction?

**All: From a faith with doubt?**

One: From a church with faults?

**All: Holy God, forgive us for doubting that you are in all things at all times. Open our eyes to see your goodness, not as something that resides here or there, but as the expansive grace that it is.**

One: Can anything good come from there?

**All: Yes. Always yes. Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

Thanksgiving and Communion

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing...

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

One: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

One: Pour out your Holy Spirit...

...Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn #698

"God of the Ages" (v. 1, 2, 4)

**God of the ages, whose almighty hand  
leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.**

**Thy love divine hath led us in the past;  
in this free land with thee our lot is cast;  
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,  
thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.**

**Refresh thy people on their toilsome way;  
lead us from night to never-ending day;  
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.**

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.



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