



# Pacific Beach

United Methodist Church

SUNDAY WORSHIP

*EASTER SUNDAY - HE IS RISEN*

APRIL 9, 2023 10:00 AM

## WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Prelude

Greeting

Introit

“Lift Your Voice and Sing”

*Congregation joins in when signaled:*

**Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!**

**Loud praise to Christ, our King: Alleluia! Amen!**

**Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice.**

**Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!**

**Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!**

**Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!**

**On heaven’s blissful shore, His goodness we’ll adore,**

**Singing for evermore: Alleluia! Amen!**

Video Announcements

Welcome

Call to Worship

Julie Cox

One: What are you looking for?

**All: The light before dawn.**

One: What are you looking for?

**All: A reason to hope.**

One: What are you looking for?

**All: Joy after grief and flowers after winter.**

One: What are you looking for?

**All: A place to belong.**

One: What are you looking for?

**All: We are looking for the Messiah.**

One: Good news! Come in. Love is alive!

**All: Surely God is in this place.**

\*Opening Hymn #302

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” Vs. 1, 3 & 4

**Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!**

**Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!**

**Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!**

**Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!**

**Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!**

**Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!**

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**Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!**

**Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

Call to Confession

Julie Cox

Prayer of Confession

**God of resurrection, we confess, like a dog with a bone, we run aimlessly.  
We chase our tails, looking for things that provide answers to the suffering of the world,  
looking for comfort to our longest nights. You meet us in the darkness before dawn, but  
we mistake you for the gardener. Forgive us for seeking after worldly things.  
Forgive us for forgetting to seek you. Speak to us. Call us by name, that we might recognize  
you in our midst. With hope and gratitude we pray, amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

One: Family of faith, no matter how many times we lose sight of God, God never loses sight of us.  
We might spend our whole days seeking, but we are always found. So hear and believe the good  
news of the gospel, the good news proclaimed in resurrection:

**All: What once was lost is found. We are held in God's loving embrace: forgiven, claimed,  
and sent to serve. Alleluia! Amen.**

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ #2034

"Blessed Be the Name of the Lord"

**Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, most high. (Sing twice)**

**The name of the Lord is a strong tower,  
The righteous run into in and they are saved. (Sing twice)**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, most high. (Sing twice)**

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

Children's Time

Dart Rhoades

Music to Lift Our Spirits

Scripture: John 20:1-18

Julie Cox

Message: Who Are You Looking For?

Rev. Lori Leopold

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

Affirmation of Faith

One: We believe in resurrection—

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**All: Mysterious, beyond our understanding, and yet, like tulips after the snow: real.**

One: We believe in Easter morning—

**All: In the promise of a God who would roll back every stone to return to us.**

One: We believe in Jesus—

**All: Who calls us by name and asks, “Who are you looking for?”**

One: So we look—

**All: For justice, for mercy, for God in our midst.**

One: And as we look, we sing, “Alleluia!”

**All: Amen.**

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

Jorge Raymond Novoa-Kelly

Song of Prayer #2249

“God Claims You” Vs 1 & 3

***Refrain:* Jorge, Jorge, God claims you, God helps you, protects you and loves you too.**

**We this day do all agree a child of God you’ll always be. *Refrain***

**We are here to say this day that we will help you on your way. *Refrain***

Prayers of the People

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.**

**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

**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

Julie Cox

**Mighty God of Resurrection and Redemption, we offer our gifts alongside our alleluias! We long for Easter to fill us and soak into our bones like those who were confronted in a graveyard by angels announcing, “He is not here, he is risen!” May we run from here, not walk, because we and every corner of the world so desperately need to hear the news the angels share! Before we speak a word, may others see in our faces that the world has been turned upside down. You win; death loses. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**

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\*Closing Hymn #431

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

**Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God our creator, children all are we.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.**

\*Benediction

\*Eagle’s Wings

**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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