



# Pacific Beach

United Methodist Church

SUNDAY WORSHIP

AUGUST 27, 2023 10:00 AM

## WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Prelude  
Greeting  
Introit  
Welcome

Call to Worship

Sean Spence

One: While around us the song of fear calls us to march to the tune of self-protection,

**All: We choose to dance to the rhythms of life;**

One: While around us the music of greed entices us to join its frenzied drivenness,

**All: We choose to dance to the rhythms of life;**

One: While around us the drums of fashion seek to beat us into conformity and desire,

**All: We choose to dance to the rhythms of life;**

One: While around us so many are crippled by a Sabbath-less existence, are in bondage to the forces that drive our world,

**All: We praise you, God, for your healing touch, for Sabbath-rest and Sabbath-inspired work, for daily manna and the freedom of sharing, for joyful “enough-ness” and comfortable justice.**

One: May we learn to dance to your Sabbath-rhythms, a little more each day,

**All: And may our dancing bring healing and freedom, to all those who receive our invitation to join us in the rhythms of life. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn #261

“Lord of the Dance” Refrain & Vs. 1

**Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.**

**And I’ll lead you all wherever you may be, and I’ll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

**I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.**

*Sing twice:*

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**And I’ll lead you all wherever you may be, and I’ll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

\*Opening Prayer

Sean Spence

It’s a familiar call, Jesus  
a whisper almost unheard  
but persistent and unfailing  
“Come,” it says.

*\*Please stand as you are able*

*Credit for liturgical elements:* <https://sacredise.com/rhythms-of-life/>; <https://sacredise.com/the-offer-the-longing-and-the-fear/>;

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"Come to me, and I will give you rest."

We long for what you offer, Jesus;  
we yearn for the still calm of wholeness  
And yet we fear...  
What if we are disappointed?  
What if we never find what we so desperately desire?  
But the call remains – "Come to me..."

And so, in relief that our doubts do not silence your invitation;  
in faith that all who answer are filled  
– even though your gift may surprise us  
may be other than we expected;  
in honest admission of our reticence and uncertainty  
We come. Amen.

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ #2215      *Sing through twice*

"Cares Chorus"

**I cast all my cares upon you,  
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet,  
And anytime that I don't know what to do,  
I will cast all my cares upon you.**

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

Children's Time

Jesse Hodge

Music to Lift Our Spirits

Scripture: Mark 2:23-28 and Mark 6:31-34

Sean Spence

Message: How We Measure (Up)

Rev. Lori Leopold

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

Song of Prayer #2086

"Open Our Eyes Lord"

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,  
To reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.  
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

#### **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.  
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**

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## Offertory

### \*Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Allelulia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Allelulia! Allelulia! Allelulia!**

### \*Prayer of Dedication

Sean Spence

**Loving God, what we have received from you is immeasurable. As a sign of our gratitude, we offer these gifts, along with a portion of our time and talent, as we live into the rhythms of life to which you call us. Amen.**

### \*Closing Hymn #664

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

**Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The service is ended, O now be extended  
The fruits of our worship in all who believe.  
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
God’s grace did invite us, and love shall unite us  
To work for God’s kingdom and answer the call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,  
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
Embracing God’s children of each tribe and race.  
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.**

### \*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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**This Sunday we are blessed with two altar arrangements. One is in honor of Dave and Patty Smith's 59<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 1964! Congratulations!**

**Our second arrangement is celebrating Diane Nelson's Birthday Week from Doc Nelson!**

Thank you for worshipping with PBUMC today! You make this gathering richer, brighter, and better by your participation. **All** are welcome at PBUMC!

**PB UMC offers a three week "Belonging Class" for those who are interested in church membership and for others for who seek deeper involvement in the life of the church.**

**Class 1: What's a United Methodist?**

**Class 2: Connected and Involved**

**Class 3: Next Steps to Church Membership**

**Our next Belonging Class will be held on Sundays, September 10th, 17th and 24th following church with a light lunch provided. If you are interested in attending or have other questions related to church membership, please contact Pastor Lori.**

For pastoral support or spiritual conversation, please contact Pastor Lori at the church office or via the [website](#). Want to know what's happening at PB UMC? Sign up for our weekly emails! We have several different categories you can sign up for: there's the weekly news with a rundown of that week's sermon and events happening soon, a weekly email with prayer requests, a monthly email with a link to our Beach Breeze newsletter, as well as youth/Sunday school emails and memorial notifications. Whether you'd like to sign up for one or sign up for all, visit <https://pbumc.flocknote.com/>! To financially support the ministries of PBUMC in this community and beyond, please go to [pbumc.org/give](http://pbumc.org/give) or scan the QR code.



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