



# Pacific Beach

United Methodist Church

HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY WORSHIP

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 3, 2023 10:00 AM

## WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Greeting

Songs of Praise for Advent

"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" #277 Vs 1 & 2

**Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;  
Things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:  
Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,  
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.**

**First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,  
And I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;  
Words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,  
All in the lovelight of Jesus' face.**

"Thou Art Worthy" #2041 *Sing Twice*

**Thou art worthy, thou art worthy, thou art worthy, O Lord,  
To receive glory, glory and honor, glory and honor and power.  
For thou hast created, hast all things created;  
Thou hast created all things.  
And for thy pleasure they are created;  
Thou art worthy, O Lord.**

"Lead On, O God of Freedom" #2234 Vs 3

**Lead on, O God of freedom, and guide us on our way,  
And help us trust the promise through struggle and delay.  
We pray our sons and daughters may journey to that land  
Where justice dwells with mercy, and love is law's demand.**

Video Announcements

Welcome

Call to Worship

Martin Saunders

One: In God's house, we can be joyful.

**All: We can be grateful. We can be hopeful.**

One: In God's house, we can be weary.

**All: We can be anxious. We can be grieving.**

One: In God's house, we can be honest—

**All: inspired or tired, delighted or doubtful, connected or curious, and everything in between.**

One: This is God's house. You are welcome exactly as you are.

**All: Let us worship our loving God.**

*\*Please stand as you are able*

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\*Opening Hymn #196

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

Leader: How does a weary world hope?

**People: By telling stories of hope, by lighting candles in the night, and planting seeds in the winter that will bloom in the spring.**

Leader: By praying for children as they grow, and picking up trash on the sidewalk.

**People: By insisting that small acts can make a difference.**

Leader: There are a million ways to practice hope. So today we light the candle of hope as a reminder and a charge.

**People: With God's help, may we bring hope into a weary world. Amen.**

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ #3004

*Sing twice*

“Step by Step”

**O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.  
O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.  
I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways;  
And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.**

### WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time

Louis Perez

Music to Lift our Spirits

Scripture:

Psalms 80:1-7 & 17-19; Luke 1:1-23

Martin Saunders

Message:

We Acknowledge Our Weariness

Rev. Lori Leopold

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in a God who hears our prayers, who knows the shape and form of our weariness. We believe in a God who wants joy and delight for us, not just survival and existence. We believe in a God who looks ahead, who is not done dreaming for the world—a God who sends hope in the form of people and change, movements and Spirit. And so we return to this space. We bring our joy and our weariness like two sides of the same coin, and we trust that God is already at work. Yes, we believe in a God who hears our prayers. Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.**



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Song of Prayer

"I Love the Lord"

Pastoral Prayer

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

Martin Saunders

**Generous God, your love renews us and restores our strength. With gratitude, we offer you a portion of what you have given to us. Receive our gifts, our prayers, and our service, that your church may become a source of hope for the world. Amen.**

Holy Communion *Please refer to page 13 in our pew back hymnal or the screen for the liturgy*

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.**

\*Closing Hymn #2148

"Over My Head"

***Refrain:***

**Over my head, I hear music in the air; over my head, I hear music in the air;  
Over my head, I hear music in the air; there must be a God somewhere.**

**Solo: Oh, when the world is silent, ALL: I hear music in the air;  
Oh, when the world is silent, I hear music in the air;  
Oh, when the world is silent, I hear music in the air;  
There must be a God somewhere. *Refrain***

**Solo: And when I'm feeling lonely, ALL: I hear music in the air;  
And when I'm feeling lonely, I hear music in the air;  
And when I'm feeling lonely, I hear music in the air;  
There must be a God somewhere. *Refrain***

**Solo: Now when I think on Jesus, ALL: I hear music in the air;  
Now when I think on Jesus, I hear music in the air;  
Now when I think on Jesus, I hear music in the air;**

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**There must be a God somewhere. *Refrain***

**\*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.**



**Pacific Beach**  
United Methodist Church

**Our altar flowers celebrate Dorothy Johnson's 84<sup>th</sup> birthday today!**

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.

Our next Belonging Class session will be held on Sundays, January 28<sup>th</sup>, February 4<sup>th</sup>, and February 11<sup>th</sup> 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/>!

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