



Pacific Beach

United Methodist Church

SUNDAY WORSHIP

JANUARY 7, 2024 10:00 AM

WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Greeting

Christmastide Song of Praise

“There’s a Song in the Air” #249 Vs 1 & 3

**There’s a song in the air! There’s a star in the sky!
There’s a mother’s deep prayer and a baby’s low cry!
And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!**

**In the light of that star lie the ages impearled;
And that song from afar has swept over the world.
Every hearth is aflame, and the beautiful sing
In the homes of the nations that Jesus is King!**

Christmastide Song of Love and Commitment

“Here I Am Lord” #593 Vs 1 & 3

**I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

Refrain:

**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.**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?**

Repeat refrain

Welcome

Call to Worship

Susie Virgilio

One: There are some days when I need the reminder that I belong to God. Do you ever feel that way?

All: Yes. We do. The world can be a harsh place; we often need that reminder.

One: Well then, let us care for one another. Let us speak the truth we each need to hear. Church, you belong to God. You are God’s beloved.

All: Friend, you belong to God. You are God’s beloved.

**Please stand as you are able*

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One: Let us worship the God who knows our names.

All: Let us worship the God who calls us beloved. Amen.

*Opening Hymn #444

“O Young and Fearless Prophet” Vs 1, 3 & 5

**O young and fearless Prophet of ancient Galilee,
Thy life is still a summons to serve humanity;
To make our thoughts and actions less prone to please the crowd,
To stand with humble courage for truth with hearts uncowed.**

**O help us stand unswerving against war’s bloody way,
Where hate and lust and falsehood hold back Christ’s holy sway;
Forbid false love of country that blinds us to his call,
Who lifts above the nations the unity of all.**

**O young and fearless Prophet, we need thy presence here,
Amid our pride and glory to see thy face appear;
Once more to hear thy challenge above our noisy day,
Again to lead us forward along God’s holy way.**

Thanksgiving for Church Leaders

Opening Prayer

Susie Virgilio

Beloved God, through the pages of scripture, you have sprinkled your love for us like an echoed refrain. Despite its repeated truth, we too often allow that good news to roll off of us like water, barely allowing it to touch us. Make today different. As we read your Word aloud, let the truth of your love for creation seep into our bones. May we hear your echos of “beloved” deep within us and respond with overflowing joy. We are here. We are listening. Amen.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ #2186

“Song of Hope”

**May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.**

Refrain-Sing twice

**Praying, let us work for peace;
Singing, share our joy with all;
Working for a world that’s new,
Faithful when we hear Christ’s call.**

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Children’s Time

Pastor Lori

Music to Lift our Spirits

Scripture:

Luke 3:21-22

Susie Virgilio

Message:

We Trust Our Belovedness

Rev. Lori Leopold

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE

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Affirmation of Faith

I believe that the God I see in scripture is a God of love. I believe that God created me and delights in that creation. I believe the psalmist who says, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made." I believe that, just as God called Jesus "beloved," God extends this same term of endearment to us. I believe that no matter our earthly challenges, nothing could strip me of that sacred title. I could fail every test, miss every goal, drop every ball, and I would still be God's beloved. Therefore, I cling to this promise like a rock in the storm. I anchor myself with this good news, allowing the anxiety of the day to roll over me as best I can, because I know where I belong. I am a child of God. I am beloved. I strive to live this way. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism and Reaffirmation of our Faith

Aiden Camuel Peterson-Hodge, Candace Jane Peterson-Hodge, Phillip Harvey Spence
Congregational responses on pages 40 and 43 of hymnal and on screen.

Song of Prayer #599

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

**Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
As thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for thee, O Living Word!**

**Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
As thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.**

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/Offertory

*Doxology

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

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*Prayer of Dedication

Susie Virgilio

**Be in the gifts we bring before you, O God, as you are ever in the gift of our baptism.
Renew your people through this offering, as you have renewed us with your presence this
day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*Closing Hymn #422

“Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love” Vs 1, 2 & 4

**Jesus, thine all victorious love shed in my heart abroad;
Then shall my feet no longer rove, rooted and fixed in God.**

**O that in me the sacred fire might now begin to glow;
Burn up the dross of base desire and make the mountains flow!**

**Refining fire, go through my heart, illuminate my soul;
Scatter thy life through every part and sanctify the whole.**

*Benediction

*On 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.**



**Please consider an altar flower dedication to honor a loved one or a loved one's memory.
Please contact the church office for more information, admin@pbumc.org.**

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

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