



# Pacific Beach

United Methodist Church

HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY WORSHIP

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 1, 2024 10:00 AM

WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Greeting

Introit

Welcome

Call to Worship

Craig Roberts

One: God says,

**All: "Do not be afraid."**

One: God says,

**All: "I have called you by name."**

One: God says,

**All: "I will be with you."**

One: God says,

**All: "You are precious and honored in my sight."**

One: At the beginning of this season,

**All: at the start of this week,**

One: at the top of this hour,

**All: may we wrap ourselves in these words. May we begin again.**

One: Let us worship our Holy God!

\*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 of Hope

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

"Let Us Build a House" Vs 1

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;**

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**Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

**Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

Children's Time  
Music to Lift Our Spirits

Madison Rowe

Prayer of Illumination

**Affirming God, How often do you speak to us, and how often do we miss it? How often do you whisper blessings over us that we refuse to hear? Open our hearts. Create space in us to not only hear these words, but to believe the good news tucked between them. We are hungry for your wisdom, so speak to us now. With hope and curiosity, we listen. With hope and curiosity, we dare to begin again. Amen.**

Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-7 and Luke 1:26-38

Scripture Response #2218

*Sing twice*

"You Are Mine" Refrain

**Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.**

**Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.**

Message: You Are a Blessing

Rev. Lori Leopold

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE**

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

**We thank you, God, for the joy we feel this day. We are blessed by this community of love, this sanctuary of acceptance. We place our trust in you, knowing that you care for us.**

**With deep gratitude for all you provide to us, we offer our gifts to you. Centered our hearts during this season of giving. Amen.**

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

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:

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**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**

**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 #364

"Because He Lives"

**God sent his Son, they called him Jesus;  
He came to love, heal, and forgive:  
He lived and died to buy my pardon,  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.**

*Refrain: sing twice*

**Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;  
Because he lives, all fear is gone;  
Because I know he holds the future,  
And life is worth the living just because he lives.**

\*Benediction

**As you leave this place, may you have the wisdom to lean on one other. May you have the courage to hold onto hope, the compassion to do the good that is yours to do, and the confidence to trust that God sees you as a blessing. For in a world full of dead ends, Advent invites us to begin again. So start here. Start now. Start with love and begin again. In the name of Christ, our new beginning, go in peace.**

\*On Eagle's Wings #143

**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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