



Pacific Beach

United Methodist Church

HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY WORSHIP

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

JANUARY 5, 2025 10:00 AM

WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Greeting

Introit

Welcome

Call to Worship

Joan Foster

One: How did you get here?

Street Side of the room: **I walked, eyes looking up, following the star.**

Courtyard Side of the room: **I ran, lunging for a love that is bigger than me.**

Street Side of the room: **I tumbled and fell, tender step after tender step.**

Courtyard Side of the room: **I ambled like a river, caught up in God's flow.**

All: I crawled, kissing the earth below me.

One: Tell me again. How did you get here?

All: I am here by God's grace and love's pull.

One: Welcome home. This is God's house. There is room for you here.

All: Let us worship our gracious God.

*Opening Hymn #674

"See The Morning Sun Ascending" Vs 1-3

See the morning sun ascending, radiant in the eastern sky;

Hear the angel voices blending in their praise to God on high!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high!

So may we, in lowly station, join the choristers above;

Singing with the whole creation, praising thee for thy great love.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God above!

For thy loving-kindness ever shed upon our earthly way;

For thy mercy, ceasing never, for thy blessing day by day:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God alway!

Thanksgiving for Church Leaders

*Sharing the Peace of Christ #2032

"My Life Is in You, Lord"

My life is in you, Lord, my strength is in you, Lord; my hope is in you, Lord;

In you, it's in you.

My life is in you, Lord, my strength is in you, Lord; my hope is in you, Lord;

In you, it's in you.

I will praise you with all of my life,

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**I will praise you with all of my strength;
With all of my life, with all of my strength. All of my hope is in you.**

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Music to Lift Our Spirits

Prayer for Illumination

God of starlight, We long to follow you. Like the Magi, we want to pick up the hems of our robes and run in your direction. Like the Magi, we want to kick up dust with our feet and make a joyful ruckus following your guiding star. Unfortunately, the stars can be hard to see from here. Your still, small voice can be hard to hear from here. So just as you guided the Magi, guide us. Draw our attention to your Word. Reveal what it is you want us to hear today, so that we can follow you. With hope in our hearts we pray, Amen.

Scripture: Isaiah 43:16-21 and Matthew 2:1-12

Message: The Road Isn't Straight

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

Generous God, thank you for the gift of Jesus. Thank you for the gifts of Christmas. Thank you for inviting us to bring gifts to your world. Bless the gifts we bring, that they may become vessels of Christ's light and love in the world. 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:

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.

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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 #438

"Forth in Thy Name, O Lord" Vs 1-3

**Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my daily labor to pursue;
Thee, only thee, resolved to know in all I think or speak or do.**

**The task thy wisdom hath assigned, O let me cheerfully fulfill:
In all my works thy presence find, and prove thy good and perfect will.**

**Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes mine in-most substance see,
And labor on at thy command, and offer all my works to thee.**

*Benediction

*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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