



Pacific Beach
United Methodist Church
LEARNING AND LIVING GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL
SUNDAY WORSHIP - THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 23, 2025 10:00 AM

WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Greeting
Introit
Welcome

Call to Worship

Drew Damme

One: Worship is a place to rest.

All: We breathe deeply here.

One: We still our aching bones.

All: We sit in the quiet.

One: We surround ourselves with music.

All: Worship is a place to rest.

One: Worship is a place to grow.

All: We listen for God's word.

One: We invite it to challenge us.

All: We lean in with curiosity.

One: We ask questions.

All: Worship is a place to grow.

One: So come into this space. Come rest and grow here.

All: For where two or more are gathered, God is always there. Let us worship our gracious God.

*Opening Hymn

"Let Us Build a House" Vs 1, 2, 4

**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;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: Refrain**

**Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger: Refrain**

**Please stand as you are able*

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Prayer of Confession

Leader: Holy God, there are days when we fail to rest.

People: We stretch ourselves too thin. We say “yes” to every invitation. We run a million miles a minute. We ignore your command to rest.

Leader: There are also days when we fail to act.

People: We wait for someone else. We take the easy road. We find excuses and justify our inaction.

Leader: God, forgive our imbalance.

People: Remind us that birds rest, and they also fly. Show us how to do the same. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Leader: Family of faith, I have good news! Our God does not keep score. Our God does not hold grudges. Our God does not assume the worst about us. No, our God offers grace, and endless second chances, and boundless love. So join me in proclaiming the good news of the gospel:

People: God’s grace is deeper than the ocean. God’s love is wider than the sky. We are seen. We are claimed. We are forgiven. May this realization change and inspire us. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

“Have a Little Talk with Jesus”

**I once was lost in sin but Jesus took me in, and then a little light from heaven filled my soul;
It bathed my heart in love and wrote my name above, and just a little talk with Jesus made me whole.**

**Refrain: Now let us have a little talk with Jesus, let us tell him all about our troubles, hear our faintest cry, and he will answer by and by;
Now when you feel a little prayer wheel turning, and you know a little fire is burning, find a little talk with Jesus makes it right, makes it right.**

**I may have doubts and fears, my eyes be filled with tears, but Jesus is a friend who watches day and night;
I go to him in prayer, he knows my every care, and just a little talk with Jesus makes it right. Refrain**

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Children’s Time

Patty Riddle

Music to Lift Our Spirits

Scripture:

Luke 13:6-9

Message:

Everything In Between: Rest and Growth

Rev. Lori Leopold

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in a God who loves and tends to us like a gardener. We believe that like the trees, some seasons are for growth, and some seasons are for rest. Some days require pruning, and some require planting. Fortunately, we believe that our green-thumbed God

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sees us and cultivates the sweetest fruit. So may we plant roots, reach for the sky, grow where we can, and rest when we need, for we believe there is holiness in the pruning and in the planting. And we do not grow alone. Thanks be to God, amen.

Song of Prayer

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you, I want to see you. (*Sing twice*)**

**To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love as we sing. Holy, holy, holy.**

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: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Prayer of Dedication

**Loving God, you have set the table before us and given us every good thing.
In gratitude for your kindness and mercy, receive our gifts and our offerings.
Accept our hearts into your keeping, that our lives may bear good fruit and that we may enter into your glory. Amen.**

*Closing Hymn #133

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

Please refer to the red hymnal in the pew back or see the screen in front.

*Benediction

**As you leave this place, may you find God in every messy middle.
May you know that the world is bigger than two sides.
May you trust that you are made in the image of God,
and therefore, you contain multitudes.
So may you move through this world with an open heart,
with a curious mind, and with the confidence that you do not go alone.
God is with you in the mountains, in the valleys, and everywhere in between.**

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Believe that good news, and 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.**

Assisting in Worship Today

Worship Leader: Drew Damme

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Coffee Hour Coordinator: Dick Ver Steeg



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

**Today's altar flowers are in honor of Tim Adams' mother, Lois.
We celebrate her 97th birthday!**

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