



Pacific Beach
United Methodist Church
LEARNING AND LIVING GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL
SUNDAY WORSHIP - FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
HOLY COMMUNION
APRIL 6, 2025 10:00 AM

WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Greeting
Introit
Welcome

Call to Worship

Bill Harpur

One: We come to worship because we long for mercy.

All: We long for community. We long for God.

One: We come to worship because we need a good word.

All: We need connection. We need moral reminders.

One: We come to worship because we are in between:

All: hope and grief, faith and doubt, joy and longing, curiosity and conviction.

One: So we come to worship and God meets us here.

All: Surely, we are not alone. Thanks be to God for meeting us in the middle! Amen.

*Opening Hymn #160

New words

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” Vs 1-3

Rejoice, ye pure in heart; rejoice, give thanks, and sing;

Your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

God's mercy abundant still, we marvel at God's will,

In concert we will join the throng, your call to love fulfill. *Refrain*

Inspired, we heed the call, with sacred voice stand tall,

In righteousness we spread the news, your mercy giv'n to all. *Refrain*

Call to Confession

Pastor Lori

Prayer of Confession

Congregation

Merciful God, when we fail to be righteous, show us mercy. When we fail to be merciful, show us what is right. Again and again, bring us closer to you. Again and again, show us the way. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Leader: Family of faith, hear and believe this good news: When we fail to be righteous,

People: God is merciful.

**Please stand as you are able*

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Leader: When we fail to be merciful,

People: God invites us to try again.

Leader: Again and again,

People: God moves closer to us.

Leader: Again and again,

People: God shows us the way.

Leader: Thanks be to God for this unending love.

People: Amen.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

“Joy Unspeakable”

I have found His grace in all complete; He supplieth ev’ry need.

While I sit and learn at Jesus’ feet, I am free, yes, free indeed.

Refrain

It is joy unspeakable and full of glory. Full of glory, full of glory.

It is joy unspeakable and full of glory. O the half has never yet been told!

I have found that hope so bright and clear, Living in the realm of grace.

O the Savior’s presence is so near; I can see His smiling face. *Refrain*

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Children’s Time

Pastor Lori

Scripture:

Luke 19:1-10

Message:

Everything In Between: Righteousness and Mercy

Rev. Lori Leopold

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE

Affirmation of Faith

In a world that loves to cast blame and point fingers, Jesus loved by different rules. He offered mercy. He invited people to dinner. He told stories of love. He chose to see the best in others. We believe that small acts of mercy and compassion have ripple effects in our lives. We believe that small acts of righteousness and justice are integral to a life of faith. So like Christ, we believe in offering mercy, inviting people to dinner, telling stories of love, and choosing to see the best in others. With God’s help, may it be so. Amen.

Song of Prayer

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!

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*Prayer of Dedication

Dearest Friend, you chose a path of suffering to reach out to us in our suffering. Use us and our gifts to extend your love and comfort to reach people in places of loss and grief. Use us and our gifts this day to bring hope and compassion to those who weep, that they may know your miraculous power and your fullness of life. Use us and our gifts to bring shouts of joy to those who weep with bitter tears. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Please refer to page 13 in our pew back hymnal or the screen for congregational responses

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" Vs 1

**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 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.
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.**

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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 and remembrance of Phyllis Tachco, who so loved the PB UMC community, the music, the kindness, the generosity and the love.

Our flowers are also from the Project Grace crew, with love, wishing Steve and Irene Soth a fond farewell and a huge thanks for all they do for Project Grace.

For pastoral support or spiritual conversation, please contact Pastor Lori at the church office or by visiting pbumc.org/contact. 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 pbumc.org/news! To financially support the ministries of PBUMC in this community and beyond, please go to pbumc.org/give or scan the QR code.



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