



Pacific Beach

United Methodist Church

LEARNING AND LIVING GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL

SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WITH HOLY COMMUNION

DECEMBER 7, 2025 10:00 AM

WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Greeting

Introit

Welcome

Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candle

Isaac Spence

One: In a world full of fear, where do you see glimmers of peace?

All: We see glimmers of peace in the quiet of early morning, when people shake hands, when loved ones say they're sorry, and when the church sings together.

One: You are right. Even in a fearful world, peace is all around us. Today we light the candle of peace as a reminder of this good news. May this flicker of light help us remember that even in a fearful world, peace is present. We only have to look for it.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*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.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

On-the-move God, we have every reason to hold onto hope. We have every reason to believe that spring will come, that flowers will bloom, that the sun will rise. And yet, too often hope slips through our fingers. With anxious hearts we cry out to you, "Will change ever come? Will things ever get better? Will I ever make a difference?" Soothe our wandering hearts and show us the places where the sun is shining. Show us the places where you are on the move. With open hearts we pray, amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Pastor Lori

Leader: Family of faith, in our honesty,

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People: we are heard.

Leader: In our worries,

People: we are held.

Leader: In our failings,

People: we are forgiven.

Leader: In our fear,

People: we are not alone.

Leader: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel!

People: When we're running out of hope, God is still at work. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

"I Thank You, Jesus"

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time

Diane Nelson

Music to Lift Our Spirits

Scripture:

Isaiah 43:19-21 and Matthew 11:1-11

Message:

What Do You Fear?

When We're Running Out of Hope, God is at Work

Rev. Lori Leopold

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

Song of Prayer #211

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Verse 1 Solo

Congregation and Choir join:

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;

To us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go. Refrain

Prayers of the People

Hope Anderson

Invitation to the Offering/Offertory

*Doxology #94

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

Abundant God, your blessings and righteousness are bountiful in our lives. May these gifts bear good fruit as they go forth, that peace may come, that creation may be healed, and that those who cry for justice may be heard. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion (*liturgy can be found on pages 13-14 of the red hymnal*)

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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 #220

"Angels from the Realms of Glory" Vs 1, 3 & 4

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;

Ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain:

Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;

Seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star: *Refrain*

Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear;

Suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear: *Refrain*

*Benediction

In a fearful world, may you look for God's spirit. May you reach for each other's hands.

May you choose courage whenever you can. And in all things, may you remember that

good news is louder than fear. In the name of the one who calls, the one who sends, and

the one who journeys with— go in peace and *be not afraid*. Amen.

*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: Isaac Spence

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Coffee Hour Coordinator: Dick Ver Steeg

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