



# Pacific Beach

United Methodist Church

LEARNING AND LIVING GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL

SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 21, 2025 10:00 AM

WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Greeting

Introit

Welcome

Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candle

Mary Margaret Rowe

One: In a world full of fear, where do you see the presence of love?

**All: We see love all around us. We see love when people hold open the door. We see love in a warm embrace, a homemade casserole, a phone call after a long day. We see love in random acts of kindness and intentional acts of empathy. We see love all around us.**

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

**All: Thanks be to God for a love like that! Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn

*"The Annunciation" Sung to tune of "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" #229*

**When the angel came to Mary she did marvel at the call,  
"You are chosen, to bear witness to the Savior of us all."  
The divine plan comes upon you as the world waits for His birth.  
Christ the babe is Lord of all, Christ the babe is Lord of all.**

**When the angel came to Joseph he did wonder at the sign.  
"Shall I listen? Shall I ponder? The fulfillment of my time?"  
Oh, the beauty, oh the Wonder of God's plan, how great divine.  
Christ the babe was born for you, Christ the Babe was born for you.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Words of Forgiveness

Leader: When you were afraid, did I stay by your side? Did I offer my hand, or did I leave you alone? When you were afraid, did I choose solidarity? Did I see your fear, or did I only see mine?

**People: Friend, none of us are perfect. We all make mistakes. Fortunately, God offers grace, and we do too. So take a deep breath, and let's start again.**

Leader: Thank you. Your mercy is a gift.

**People: Now we must ask—when you were afraid, did we stay by your side? Did we offer our hands, or did we leave you alone? When you were afraid, did we choose solidarity?**

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**Did we see your fear? Or did we only see ours?**

Leader: Friends, none of us are perfect. We all make mistakes. Fortunately, God offers grace, and I do too. So take a deep breath, and let's start again.

**People: Thank you. Your mercy is a gift. We accept your grace and would love to start again.**

Leader: May it be so, with God's help.

**People: Alleluia, amen.**

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ #2148

"Over My Head"

**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

Children's Time

Music to Lift Our Spirits

Scripture: Isaiah 41:5-10 and Matthew 1:18-25

Message: When You're Afraid, Give Me Your Hand Rev. Lori Leopold

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE**

Song of Prayer # 211

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Vs 1 - Solo

**Choir & Congregation: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Vs 2 - Solo

**Choir & Congregation: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

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 #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

**As we wait together for the day of Christ's coming, may these, our offerings, be signs of God's fruit. In our giving, may we grow in the compassion and justice of Jesus, in whose name we pray and whose coming we celebrate. Amen.**

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\*Closing Hymn #246

"Joy to the World" Vs 1, 2 & 4

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.**

**Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hill, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of his love.**

\*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: Mary Margaret Rowe

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