



Pacific Beach

United Methodist Church

LEARNING AND LIVING GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL

SUNDAY WORSHIP

JANUARY 25, 2026 10:00 AM

WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Greeting

Introit

Welcome

Call to Worship

Mark Berry

One: Friends of God, today Jesus calls to each of us: "Come! Follow me!"

All: The kingdom of heaven has come near.

One: Some say, "But we are walking in darkness."

All: In Christ, we have seen God's light. The kingdom of heaven has come near.

One: Some say, "But divisions tear us apart."

All: In Christ we are united in mind and purpose. The kingdom of heaven has come near.

One: Friends of God, today we gather to worship God and to follow Jesus.

All: The kingdom of heaven has come near.

*Opening Hymn #206

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" Vs 1 & 2

I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world,

The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain:

In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,

And show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

Thanksgiving for Church Leaders

Opening Prayer

Inviting God, help us to hear Jesus calling us and help us to follow him. In Christ, your kingdom draws near to us, whether we are seeking it or not. When we are caught up in our anguish, you shine a great light in our darkness. When we face days full of trouble, you shelter us.

**Please stand as you are able*

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When we are at odds with others, quarreling and breaking apart into factions, you save us with the unity won by Christ through the cross and his resurrection. Whether we face danger or are at ease in our routines—the kingdom of heaven draws near and Jesus says: “Now is the time to follow me.” You hear us, God, when we cry out to you. May we hear you this day when you cry out to us. Amen.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

“The Light of the World Is Jesus”

**The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin;
The Light of the world is Jesus.
Like sunshine at noonday His glory shone in:
The Light of the world is Jesus.**

Refrain: Sing twice

**Come to the Light; 'tis shining for thee.
Sweetly the Light has dawned upon me.
Once I was blind, but now I can see.
The Light of the world is Jesus.**

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time

Louis Perez

Music to Lift Our Spirits

Scripture: Matthew 4:12-23

Message: Bearing the Light

Rev. Lori Leopold

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

Song of Prayer #2267

“Taste and See”

**Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**

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!**

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*Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, you have blessed us with your call to follow Jesus. In return, we rejoice as we give our offerings and gifts. May they be used for the work of proclaiming the good news that the kingdom of heaven comes near. Amen.

*Closing Hymn #454

"Open My Eyes, That I May See" Vs 1 & 3

**Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free.**

Refrain:

**Silently now I wait for thee; ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**Open my mouth, and let me bear
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with thy children thus to share. *Refrain***

*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.**

Assisting in Worship Today

Worship Leader: Mark Berry

Head Usher: Ken Brown

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Coffee Hour Coordinator: Dick Ver Steeg

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For those who would like to be a member of PB UMC...you are welcome! New Member Information Forms are available on the white board out front and on the table in the church entryway. They can be filled out and placed in the offering plate or given to Pastor Lori anytime. For those who would like to learn more about the church, what United Methodists believe and how we serve God in the community and world, you are invited to a quarterly Belonging Gathering. **Our next Gathering** will be held on February 15, 2026.

For pastoral support or spiritual conversation, please contact Pastor Lori at the church office or by visiting pbumc.org/contact.



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