



**Pacific Beach**  
United Methodist Church  
*LEARNING AND LIVING GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL*

**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

**FEBRUARY 22, 2026, 10:00 AM**

**WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD**

Greeting  
Introit  
Welcome

Call to Worship

Susie Virgilio

One: The good news of the gospel is:

**All: manna in the desert, water turned into wine, love after loss, forgiveness after pain.**

One: The good news of the gospel is:

**All: release for the captive, hope for the hopeless, mourning turned to dancing, and strangers turned to friends.**

One: So come on in. There's no time to waste! This surprising good news is here for you.

**All: Let us worship this good-news God.**

\*Opening Hymn #368

"My Hope is Built" Vs 1-3

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

***Refrain:***

**On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain***

**His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain***

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, somewhere along the way we picked up the message that in order to be faithful, we have to be serious. We have to pray on our knees without ceasing. We have to be somber in worship and quiet in our studies. We have to check our wiggles and our questions at the door. But then you say the kingdom of God is like a mustard seed—unruly and untamed. You turn water into wine—surprising and extravagant. And all of a sudden, we wonder: Can we be like that mustard seed? Can we be faithful and unruly? Can we be playful and curious? Can we be messy and still be yours? We know the answer already.**

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**The Spirit whispers: *of course, of course, of course.* Forgive our doubt. Pull us closer into your embrace. With faith like a mustard seed, we pray. Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

Leader: God's grace is wild and unruly. God's mercy is abundant and surprising. God's love is expansive and unending. So if you ask, "Holy One, am I forgiven?" the answer is and always will be:

**People: *of course, of course, of course.***

Leader: This is the good news of the gospel.

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Reception of New Members

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ #2023

"How Majestic Is Your Name" *Sing Twice*

**O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.**

**O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.**

**O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name.**

**Prince of Peace, mighty God; O Lord God Almighty.**

**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

Children's Time

Tami Johnson

Music to Lift Our Spirits

Scripture:

John 2:1-11 and Matthew 13: 31-32

Message:

The Good News Is...So Good It Catches Us By Surprise

Rev. Lori Leopold

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE**

Song of Prayer

"Come, O Redeemer, Come"

Solos

**Choir and Congregation:**

**Look now upon our need, Lord, be with us.**

**Heal us and make us free from our sin.**

***Refrain: Sing Twice***

**Come, O Redeemer, come, grant us mercy.**

**Come, O Redeemer, come, grant us peace.**

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.**

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Invitation to the Offering/Offertory

\*Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Maker, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**We offer ourselves to you, Lord Jesus, emptying ourselves to become your vessels of love and grace and hope to all we encounter. May the gift of our lives and the gifts of our service create God's kingdom on earth, as it is in heaven. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn #374

“Standing on the Promises” Vs 1, 2 & 4

**Standing on the promises of Christ my King,  
Through eternal ages let his praises ring;  
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
Standing on the promises of God.**

*Refrain:*

**Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,  
Standing on the promises of God. *Refrain***

**Standing on the promises I cannot fall,  
Listening every moment to the Spirit's call,  
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,  
Standing on the promises of God. *Refrain***

\*Benediction

**As you leave this place, when you meet anger, speak with love. When you meet fear, speak with hope. When you meet pain, speak with gentleness. But no matter what, speak this good news. For the good news of the gospel is love and justice for all. It is joy that surprises, and nonviolence that transforms. The good news of the gospel is alive in the world, so go forth speaking. For if you won't, then who will? Thanks be to God for this good, good news. Amen.**

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\*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: Susie Virgilio

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