



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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 15, 2026, 10:00 AM

WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Prelude
Greeting
Introit
Welcome

Stephanie Trick and Paolo Alderighi

Call to Worship

Christina Boyd

One: God loves the field mouse.

All: God loves the crows that take flight when church bells ring.

One: God loves the baby, cooing in the back pew.

All: God loves the child who rocks and claps.

One: God loves the one with wrinkled hands and soft eyes.

All: God loves the bumblebees and the tabby cats.

One: God loves those who walk, crawl, and roll.

All: God loves the giant oaks and the evergreens, standing strong over all of us.

One: God loves the young, the impressionable, and the earnest.

All: There is no bit of creation that God does not love.

One: So let us worship this good-news God!

All: Amen.

*Opening Hymn #577

“God of Grace and God of Glory” Vs 1-3

**God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
Crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.**

**Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
For the living of these days.**

**Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.**

Call to Confession

**Please stand as you are able*

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Prayer of Confession and Words of Forgiveness

Leader: God said, "When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them."

People: Holy God, we confess, we have mistreated the immigrants in our land.

Leader: Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

People: We confess, we have clung to guns and war more than we have pursued peace.

Leader: God said, "When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow."

People: We confess, we have hoarded our resources and failed to care for our neighbors.

Leader: Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them."

People: We confess, we have gatekept the good news in unfair ways.

Leader: Fortunately for all of us, God also said, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine."

People: By God's grace, despite our sin and shortcomings, we are redeemed, claimed, forgiven, and loved.

Leader: May this good news change our lives!

People: Amen.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ #2037

"I Sing Praises to Your Name" Vs 1 & 2

**I sing praises to your name, O Lord, praises to your name, O Lord,
For your name is great and greatly to be praised;
I sing praises to your name, O Lord, praises to your name, O Lord,
For your name is great and greatly to be praised;**

**I give glory to your name, O Lord, glory to your name, O Lord,
For your name is great and greatly to be praised;
I sing glory to your name, O Lord, glory to your name, O Lord,
For your name is great and greatly to be praised;**

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time

Wesley Dwaine

Music to Lift Our Spirits

Stephanie Trick and Paolo Alderighi

Scripture: Matthew 19:13-15; Deuteronomy 24:17-22

Message: The Good News Is... Protection and Care for the Vulnerable Rev. Lori Leopold

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

Song of Prayer #437

"This Is My Song" Vs 3

**This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
And hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;
Myself I give thee; let thy will be done.**

Pastoral Prayer

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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.

Invitation to the Offering/Offertory

Stephanie Trick and Paolo Alderighi

*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

These offerings belong to you, O Lord, for you are the source of every blessing and joy.

Employ these gifts to build your realm. Send them into the world to heal the sick, feed the hungry, and reconcile us to one another. By our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service, make your church a true instrument of peace. Amen.

*Closing Hymn #352

Sing Twice

"It's Me, It's Me, O Lord" Vs 1

Refrain:

It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

*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.

*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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Postlude

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Assisting in Worship Today

Worship Leader: Christina Boyd; Head Usher: Ken Brown; Greeter: Phillip Spence

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Coffee Hour Coordinator: Dick Ver Steeg



Thank you for worshipping with PB UMC today! You make this gathering richer, brighter, and better by your participation. **All** are welcome at PB UMC!

Our flowers are in loving memory of a wonderful mother, Carolyn Clough, from her daughter Joleene Persky.

Our second arrangement comes from Teri and David Potratz, in memory of Teri's parents, Al and Carol Hermann.

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