

The Extraordinary Ordination of Adam Edward Marshall



April 25th, 2026 at 12pm

Pacific Beach United
Methodist Church
1561 Thomas Ave.
San Diego CA 92109



GATHERING

Gathering Music

“Hark, I Hear The Harps Eternal”

Voices of Praise

**Pastoral Welcome &
Land Acknowledgement**

Rev. Lori Leopold

Call to Worship

Tim Adams

One: Children of God, where have you been? From where
have you come?

**All: We come from both communities of faith and outside
the walls of institution.**

We come from closets, hiding our true selves.

**We come from homes of comfort, undisturbed by powers
of oppression.**

**We come from our day-to-day lives, unsettled by world
events, timid and unsure of how to respond.**

One: Wanderers of God, why have you come? For what do you seek?

All: We seek to be comforted, hoping for peace and stability.

We come also for joy, to celebrate and to sing and to dance.

We hold pain, trauma, grief and anxiety; seeking a place of release.

One: People of God, by what name are you called? Who are you deep in your souls?

All: Our names are sacred, conferred upon us in times of quiet holiness.

Our names are unique, spoken at birth before we ourselves could speak.

Our names are chosen, selected through trials and transition, shaped from experience and heartbreak.

One: Family of God, your name is “beloved!”

All: We are loved. We are called. Together, we belong.

One: Let us join our hearts and our voices to worship the One who strengthens our resolve and gives us courage to celebrate the messiness of life. Thanks be to God!

All: Thanks be to God. Amen!

Opening Hymn

“In Christ Called to Worship” Vs 1, 3 & 4

**In Christ called to worship, we offer our praise,
With thanks for the mercies that bless all our days.
The Spirit that searches the depth of our hearts
Gives form to our longings, our hopes, and our arts.**

**In Christ called to banquet, one table we share,
A haven of welcome, a circle of care.
Our members, one body, partake in one bread.
One cup of thanksgiving proclaims Christ, our head.**

**In Christ called to witness, we preach the good news
That God loves all people and frees us to choose.
By grace may our living give proof to our praise
In costly compassion reflecting Christ’s ways.**

Welcoming Words

Rev. Lesley Brogan

GROUNDING

Scripture Lesson

Esther 4:10-17

Tim Adams

Sermon

Risky Behavior

Rev. Dr. Monica Coleman

Anthem of Response

“Amazing Grace”

Voices of Praise

Queer Wesleyan

Rev. Susan Morrison

Covenant Prayer

**I am no longer my own, but yours.
I am no longer bound by fear, but held in love.
Put me to what gives life,
place me with those who are cast aside.
Let me be seen or unseen,
affirmed or misunderstood.
Let me be lifted up in joy,
or stand in holy resistance.
I freely and fully yield**

**my body, my identity, my story,
my chosen family and my calling
to your grace that makes all things new.
You are the God who created me in wonder,
Christ who walks with me in flesh and scars,
and Spirit who breathes freedom into my becoming.
You are mine, and I am yours.
So be it.
And may this covenant,
made in love and truth,
be lived out in justice and peace.**

Amen.

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ORDAINING

Presentation

Rev. Colleen Riley

Song of

“God of Joy and Love and Laughter”

Thanksgiving

God of joy and love and laughter, guide your people on the way.

Free us to receive your blessings, freely offered every day.

Jesus came to share our journeys and to show where life is found.

Loving you and all creation paves the path where joy is found.

Bless our lives when all is changing, Holy Spirit help us pray.

Tune our ears to your vocation; teach new ways to rest and play.

Bless our loving and our friendships and the new things we will learn.

Draw us closer, give us insight; grant us wisdom to discern.

Examination

Rev. Vicki Woods

Laying on Hands

Rev. Vernice Thorn

Prayer & Declaration

**Beloved Adam, take authority –
not because it is granted to you by this world,
but because it is already alive in you-
given by the Spirit,
manifested in diverse faith communities,
and confirmed by this body of witnesses.**

Take authority -

**to preach the Word that sets captives free,
to minister with your very presence,
to build beloved community in the wilderness,
to break and to bless in remembrance of Christ,
to lead and to serve in the spaces you inhabit,
to rise and bear witness in times such as these–
not according to institutional preservation,
but according to love.**

**Do this in the name of the Creator who called you,
the Christ who walks with you,
and the Spirit who burns within us all.**

Amen!

CONNECTING

Passing the Peace

“I’m Gonna Let It Shine”

Choir & Congregation

**This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, yes I’m gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine
Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine.**

**Hide it under a bushel – no! I’m gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel – no! I’m gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel – no! I’m gonna let it shine.**

Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine.
Won't let Evil blow it out. I'm gonna let it shine.
Won't let Evil blow it out. I'm gonna let it shine.
Won't let Evil blow it out because I'm gonna let it
shine.
Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine.

Shine my light all over this land, yes I'm gonna let it
shine. Shine my light all over this land, yes I'm gonna
let it shine.

Shine my light all over this land, yes I'm gonna let it
shine.

Let it shine, Let it shine.

Let it shine, Let it shine.

Let it shine, Let it shine.

Shine all over the world.

Shine all over the world.

Shine all over the world.

Shine all over the world.

Gonna let it, Gonna let it shine!

Call to Offering

Tim Adams

Offering

Charge to the Ordinand

Rev. Annie Britton

Exchange Signs of Ordination

Rev. Vicki Woods

Charge to the Community of Faith

Rev. Jo Urriola-Schonewolf

Communion

Rev. Adam Marshall

"More Love" arr. by Kevin Seigfried

Commissioning

Rev. Vicki Woods

Song of Prayer

“Wash Oh God Our Sons and Daughters”

**Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your
cleansing waters flow.**

**Number them among your people; bless as Christ
blessed long ago.**

**Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass
them with love and light.**

**Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart’s
delight.**

**We who bring them long for nurture; by your milk may
we be fed.**

**Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living
bread.**

**God, renew us, guide our footsteps; free from sin and all
its snares,**

**One with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children,
heirs.**

**O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your
ways!**

**To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we
worship, praise!**

**We your people stand before you, water-washed and
Spirit-born.**

**By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God
transform!**

*For more information about the History of the Kumeyaay Tribes, please see the
educational resources hosted at:*

<https://mtrp.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/KumeyaayGuide.pdf>

PARTING

Sending Forth & Benediction

Rev. Benz

Song of Sending “Good Trouble”

**This day has challenged us to make good trouble,
To make good trouble, to make good trouble.
This day has challenged us to make good trouble,
To make this world a better place.**

**Our Faith has challenged us to make good trouble,
To make good trouble, to make good trouble.
Our Faith has challenged us to make good trouble,
To make this world a better place.**

**Our Faith has challenged us to make good trouble,
To make good trouble, to make good trouble.
Our Faith has challenged us to make good trouble,
To make this world a better place.**

Postlude “Good Trouble” *reprise*

Assisting in the Service

Worship Leader: Tim Adams
Projectionist: Bill Easter
Sound Tech: Bruce Trumbo
Livestream: Cameron Rhodes
Head Usher: Ken Brown

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Inspired by John Lewis

Good Trouble

This day has chal - langed us to make good trou - ble, to
Our faith

The first system of musical notation for the song 'Good Trouble'. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 4/4 time and the key of B-flat major. The treble staff contains the vocal melody, and the bass staff contains the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

make good trou - ble, to make good trou - ble. This
Our

The second system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the vocal melody, and the bass staff continues the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

day has chal - langed us to make good trou - ble, to
faith

The third system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the vocal melody, and the bass staff continues the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

make this world — a bet - ter place. —

The fourth and final system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the vocal melody, and the bass staff continues the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

From: *Good Trouble* (CGA1649)

Text: Thomas Keesecker.

Music: Thomas Keesecker.

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Biography – A Note from Adam

I grew up in church in the Appalachian region of south central Pennsylvania. My family was in church any time the doors were open: worship twice on Sunday, mid-week prayer service, VBS, potlucks, and Awana. I went to a private Christian school from 3rd through 12th grade, attended Bible College in the panhandle of Florida, and then (many years later) entered Seminary in Southern California. The very fabric of my life has been interwoven with faith and community.

I never expected a call to ordained ministry. I know the pain of pouring yourself into faith communities that can't pour back into you. For many years I saw the heartbreak and challenges of bi-vocational ministry first-hand. It has been said that your vocation lies at the intersection of your talents/passions and the world's deep needs. As I've discerned that intersection, it's become clear that my vocation is indeed to ordained ministry as a pastor.

This service has been a labor of love, and I want to thank everyone who had a part in making today happen. Music has been a core part of my life, and I am especially grateful for those who helped bring this music in its fullness. Shaker tunes and early American hymnody has been so meaningful to me, equally as much as good and excellent church music has been. It is my hope for that passion to be abundantly clear to everyone present today.

I'm so grateful for everyone who has been a part of my journey. It does my heart good to know that we are all part of an interdependent web of connection. No matter where our lives take us or where ministry may lead, I am thankful to be caught up together in the good work of building the Kin-dom of God.

Yours in Liberation,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Adam".

History of CWAC

The Church Within A Church Movement – meeting since 2001, organized in 2002, and incorporated in 2004 – began as a grassroots resistance movement in response to the discriminatory, harmful, and oppressive actions of The United Methodist Church toward LGBTQIA+ people. Rather than continue to directly engage with the UMC to change its official position that “the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching” (a position held from 1972 to 2024), CWACM chose an alternate path: to be the fully inclusive and just church, now.



As part of that commitment, CWACM committed itself to ordaining those whom God had called but the UMC rejected. These Extraordinary Ordinations began in 2008 and continue to this day. Over the past year, Adam’s ordination cohort included Dorothee Elisabeth Benz “Benz” on July 5th, 2025, and Jo Urriola -Schonewolf “Jo” on August 2nd, 2025. Since then, two more folks have begun discerning their call to ordained ministry alongside CWACM.

The Movement has evolved since its initial formation as a dissident movement within the UMC. We have wrestled and stretched into a justice movement offering place, healing, education, and inspiration beyond denominational borders. A founding proclamation to be more than a single-issue movement has manifested an anti-racist declaration of organizational intent, racial identity caucusing, extraordinary ordinations, justice ministries of presence, and community values including non-hierarchical shared leadership. The Movement gathers to engage, heal, and listen. We challenge assumptions of tradition and power. We embrace our heritage and value the gifts of our present: often messy, passionate, real, dynamic, and ultimately inspiring community-building and a structure of belonging through radical inclusion.

