



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

ASCENSION SUNDAY
MAY 17, 2026, 10:00 AM

WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Greeting
Introit
Welcome

Call to Worship Bill Harpur

One: Where the voiceless and the powerless are ignored or exploited by the powerful and the connected,

All: we pray for a new vision of power.

One: Where the weak and the vulnerable are taken advantage of by the strong and the violent,

All: we pray for a new vision of power.

One: Where the uncertain and the seeking are judged by the religious and the sure,

All: we pray for a new vision of power.

One: Where ever power is used as a weapon, protected as a limited resource, or employed for self-aggrandisement,

All: we pray, Jesus, for a new vision of power, and for the courage to share it wherever we may.

*Opening Hymn #327

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” Vs 1, 3 & 4

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.

Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee

And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways

From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.

End hate and greed and vice, fill hearts with faith divine,

Wash over us with waves of grace, til' all the world is thine.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,

Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.

All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;

Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

Ministry Moment

Tammy Evans

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*Sharing the Peace of Christ #2010

“Praise Ye the Lord”

Refrain: All sing

Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah! Everybody praise the Lord.

Solo

Repeat refrain: All sing

Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah! Everybody praise the Lord.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Children’s Time

Wesley Dwaine

Music to Lift Our Spirits

Scripture:

Acts 1:1-11

Message:

Down to Earth Church

Rev. Lori Leopold

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE

Song of Prayer

“Living Spirit, Holy Fire”

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

Gladly we praise you and bless you, Creator, O God of life.

Christ, we adore you and thank you, Compassion of God, our light.

Great Holy Spirit, by you we are born from above.

Alleluia! Praise the God of blessing!

Alleluia! Bless the God of love!

*Prayer of Dedication

Endless source of life, pour your blessing upon the gifts we bring before you. Bless our giving in your abundance for the restoration of all people. Through our offering, may those who are weary be energized; may those who feel forgotten find a home. With the joy of your grace filling our hearts, we pray. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

“O Christ, When You Ascended”

O Christ, when you ascended you took your rightful throne;

Your time on earth had ended, yet we weren’t left alone.

You reign o’er earth and heaven, your Spirit guides our way.

Your prayers uphold your people; you lead your church each day.

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**We look at earthly rulers and see what they command:
We note their years of power, the borders of their land.
Yet, Lord, you are not bounded by things like time and space;
Your reign is never-ending, you rule in every place.**

**One day, O Lord we'll know you, as we are fully known;
One day this world of servants will bow before your throne.
One day, God's whole creation will sing and praise your name;
On earth as now in heaven, we'll celebrate your reign.**

*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: Bill Harpur; Head Usher: Ken Brown

Greeter: Philip Spence; Volunteer Media Technicians: Karen Riggs-Saberton, Amy Samuel

Coffee Hour Coordinator: Dick Ver Steeg

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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 today are in honor and celebration of Doc and Diane's anniversary.

Next week is Pentacost Sunday. You are invited to wear red!

Sign up for weekly PBUMC emails to hear what's happening! Go to pbumc.org/news to sign up for weekly updates, the monthly Beach Breeze newsletter, the prayer chain and more.

For those who would like to be a member of PB UMC...you are welcome! New Member Information Forms are available on the whiteboard 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 Sunday, June 14th.**

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

To financially support the ministries of PB UMC in this community and beyond, please go to pbumc.org/give or scan the QR code.



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