



Pacific Beach

United Methodist Church
LEARNING AND LIVING GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL
OUTDOOR CHURCH & BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
SEPTEMBER 6, 2026, 10:00 AM

WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Greeting
Introit
Welcome

Call to Worship

Susie Virgilio

One: How wonderful, O Lord, are the works of your hands!

All: The sun and the stars, the valleys and the hills, the rivers and the lakes all disclose your presence.

One: The roaring breakers of the sea tell of Your awesome might;

All: The beasts of the field and the birds of the air bespeak your wondrous will.

One: In your goodness you have made us able to hear the music of the world...

All: A divine voice sings through all creation.

*Opening Hymn #147

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" Vs 1-3

Refrain:

**All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.**

**Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings. Refrain**

**The wagging tails that greet us, the cats that purr with glee,
The hamster squeak, the goldfish leap, our eyes the love to see. Refrain**

**The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one. Refrain**

The Peace of Wild Things by Wendell Berry

*Sharing the Peace of Christ #144

"This Is My Maker's World" Vs 1 & 2

**This is my Maker's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Maker's world: I rest me in the thought of
Rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Maker's World, divinely crafted whole,
Creations tune, raised in worship song, God's wondrous work we extoll.**

**Please stand as you are able*

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**This is my Maker's world, in our hearts your love will be,
Our thanks and praise, our pets we raise, we lift them up to thee.**

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time

Dale Blackford

Music to Lift Our Spirits

Scripture:

Numbers 22:21-35

Message:

All God's Critters

Rev. Lori Leopold

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

Song of Prayer #2218

"You Are Mine" Vs 1, 3

**I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice,
Be still and know I am here.**

Refrain:

**Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.**

**I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free,
And all will know my name. *Refrain***

Prayers of the People

Ken Brown

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.**

Blessing the Animals by Jan Richardson

**You who created them and called them good: bless again these creatures
who come to us as a blessing fashioned of fur or feather or fin, formed of flesh
that breathes with your own breath, that you have made from sheer delight,
that you have given in dazzling variety.**

**Bless them who curl themselves around our hearts, who twine themselves
through our days, who companion us in our labor, who call us to come and play.**

**Bless them who will never be entirely tamed and so remind us that you love
what is wild, that you rejoice in what lives close to the earth, that your heart beats
in the heart of these creatures you have entrusted to our care.**

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*Closing Hymn #92

"For the Beauty of the Earth" Vs 1, 2 & 5

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;
Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For thy church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
Offering upon every shore her pure sacrifice of love;
Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

*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: Susie Virgilio; Head Usher: Ken Brown; Greeter: Tammy Evans

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