



Pacific Beach

United Methodist Church
LEARNING AND LIVING GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL
SUNDAY WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
SEPTEMBER 13, 2026, 10:00 AM

WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Greeting
Introit
Welcome

Call to Worship

Adam Marshall

One: Following you, Jesus, is a hard thing to do;

All: So many seek to tell us the "right" way, and too many of these paths are filled with violence and hatred.

One: These roads are easy, they make us feel strong and vindicated,

All: and they give us the shallow pleasure of watching our enemies hurt.

One: But, when the dust settles, we realize that we have lost some of our humanity,

All: and we have lost our connection with you.

One: In the end we cannot deny that you are a God of peace, a God of the cross, and of forgiveness spoken with your dying breath.

All: And for this we are grateful, for if it were not so we would have no hope because we too have offended you.

One: We praise you, God, for peace;

All: for your compassion and grace that refuse to allow our worst selves to define our relationship with you;

One: for the quiet, inexorable silencing of violence that grows among us

All: as we seek to follow your peace-making ways.

*Opening Hymn #89

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Vs 1, 2, 4

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**

**All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.**

**Please stand as you are able*

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Opening Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the great mercy and grace that draw us close to your holiness. Flow through our worship and through our lives with your holy presence and your forgiving grace, that we may be people of holy love and gracious forgiveness. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Ministry Moment: Storefront

Susie Virgilio

*Sharing the Peace of Christ #2082

"Woke Up This Morning" Vs 1 & 3

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time

Patty Riddle

Scripture:

Matthew 18:21-35

Message:

Forgiveness...an Environmental Issue

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.

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:

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.

Pastoral Prayer

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

Thank you for the generosity of your love, forgiveness, and grace, dear God. Thank you for trusting us to share this generosity with others. Bless our offerings with grace, forgiveness, and love. Bless our lives, our giving, and our actions, that they may reflect and share these gifts in all that we say and in all that we do. Amen.

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The Sacrament of Holy Communion *Please refer to the pew hymnal, pgs. 13-14 or the screen in front.*

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

One: Pour out your Holy Spirit...Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

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.

*Closing Hymn #364

"Because He Lives" Vs 1, Refrain twice

Please refer to the hymnal in the pew back or view the screen in front.

*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: Adam Marshall; Head Usher: Ken Brown; Greeter: Martha Kennedy

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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 from Susie are in celebration of all the September birthdays – for Laura, Amy, Ken, Stephanie, Ben, Chris, Zach, Su-Yen, Denny, Craig, Will and especially for Dick’s upcoming 94th birthday!

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 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 the world, you are invited to a quarterly Belonging Gathering. Our next Gathering will be held Sunday, October 18th.

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

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