

SAN DIEGUITO
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Open Hearts ~ Open Minds ~ Open Doors

9:00 am
March

14, 2010

10:45 am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday in Lent

*Standing at the center of our life is the God who says to us,
'Everything I have is yours. All that I am is for you, and I've been waiting on you.'*

- Thomas G. Long

Entrance

Prelude — “Introit and Kyrie ” Zoltan Kodály

Introit — “O Come Let Us Sing”..... James Rivers

*Processional Hymn No. 545 — “The Church’s One Foundation” (Verse 1-4)

*Greeting (based on Psalm 32)..... The Reverend Martha Wingfield

Let all who are faithful offer their prayers to the LORD.

For the Lord is our hiding place and our deliverance.

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous,

And shout for Joy, all you who are upright in heart!

Praise Hymn No. 545 — “The Church’s One Foundation” (verse 5)

♪ **Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like them,
the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.** ♪

(Latecomers may be seated)

Call to Prayer (from Psalm 32)

“Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.”

And so we pray –

Prayer of the People

**Eternal and compassionate God,
you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,
but we have not always loved you.
You constantly call us, but we do not always listen.
You ask us to love, but we often walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, violence, and greed.
God of grace, as you come to us in mercy,
we repent in spirit and in truth,
admit our sin, and with grateful hearts,
receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance (2 Corinthians 5:16-21)

“If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new.
All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.”

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn Response No. 348 — “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling” (verse 1)

**♪ Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he’s waiting and watching, watching for you and for me. ♪**

Children's Moment (9:00)

*At this time all children are invited to the front of the church to hear a brief message.
The children will be excused afterwards to attend their Sunday School classes.*

(10:45) Children ages Pre K - 3rd grade may leave for Sunday School.

Greetings and Announcements

*Please register your attendance by clearly printing your **first and last** name in the attendance pad
found in each pew, passing the pad to the end of the pew, and then back to the center aisle.*

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer for Illumination — “Open My Eyes To Your Beauty” Don Fontana

The First Reading — Psalm 32 (Pew Bible page 480)..... (9:00) Carole Serling
(10:45)Lori Ackroyd

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen

Anthem— “The Call” Z. Randall Stroop

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:

Such a Way, as gives us breath:

Such a Truth, as ends all strife:

Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength:

Such a Light, as shows a feast:

Such a Feast, as mends in length:

Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

Such a Joy, as none can move:

Such a Love, as none can part:

Such a Heart, as joys in love.

The Second Reading — Luke 15:1-3,11b-32 (Pew Bible page 908)..... The Reverend Mark Feldmeir

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen

*Hymn of Preparation No. 384— “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (verses 1-3)

The Sermon — “The Feast of Love”The Reverend Mark Feldmeir

Response to the Word

*Affirmation of Faith (*From the 15th World Methodist Council, Nairobi, Kenya, 1986*)

**We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people;
and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us, who died and rose again;
and in the Holy Spirit, present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.**

**We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom:
in the upholding of human dignity and community;
in every expression of love, justice, and reconciliation;
in each act of self-giving on behalf of others;
in the abundance of God's gifts entrusted to us that all may have enough;
in all responsible use of the earth's resources.**

**We commit ourselves individually and as a community
to the way of Christ;
to take up the cross;
to seek abundant life for all humanity;
to struggle for peace with justice and freedom;
to rise ourselves in faith, hope, and love,
praying that God's kingdom may come. Amen.**

Call to Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, Lord's Prayer

*Greeting — Offering Signs of Peace & Reconciliation

The Offering

Offertory — “Elegy” George Thalben-Ball

*Doxology No. 95

♪ **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.** ♪

Offertory Prayer

**We offer these gifts, O God, in response to your great love for us.
We offer our lives because we love you with all our heart,
all our soul, all our strength and all our mind.
As we go from here to love our neighbor as ourselves,
may we go in the power of your Spirit
to love as Jesus loved and to serve as he served.
This we pray in his name. Amen**

*Closing Hymn No. 132 — “All My Hope is Firmly Grounded” (verses 1-4)

Sending Forth

*The Light of Christ Leads Us Out Into the World

*The Benediction

Choral Benediction — “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” Paul Hamill

*The Postlude — “ Now Thank We All Our God” David Cherwien

**Indicates that you are invited to stand.*

***Join us for coffee between services
on the patio or at the Sunday School playground.***

TODAY’S WORSHIP SERVICE

CHANCEL FLOWERS: Today’s flowers are donated by Bud & Jean Chavis in celebration of their 63rd wedding anniversary.

CELL PHONES: Please mute or turn off your cell phones during the service.

GREETERS: (9:00) Don & Kathy Madren

USHERS: (9:00) Bruce & Kristine Headrick, Paul & Rosella Davis
(10:45) Virginia Odend’hal, Julie Reboulet, Griff Thomas

SUNDAY RECEPTIONIST: (9:00) JoAnne Moran (10:45) Patricia Hoines