

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
OCTOBER 15, 2017

*Welcome to Laguna Beach United Methodist Church! We are glad that you are with us. If you are here for the first time, please stop by the **Welcome Table** after the service, pick up an information packet and meet some friendly folks! Children are welcome to use the children's table quietly.*

PRELUDE

INTROIT "Blest Are They" Chancel Choir

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

King of the poor to whom belongs the kingdom of heaven,  
we thank you for your mercy  
**and praise you for your enduring love.**

King of the sorrowful who experience a comfort this world cannot give,  
we thank you for your mercy  
**and praise you for your enduring love.**

King of the meek, who are destined to inherit the earth,  
we thank you for your mercy  
**and praise you for your enduring love.**

King of the hungry and thirsty to whom are given heavenly bread and wine,  
we thank you for your mercy  
**and praise you for your enduring love.**

King of the merciful who receive far more than they ever give or expect,  
we thank you for your mercy  
**and praise you for your enduring love.**

King of the pure of heart, who see God where others see wilderness and despair,  
we thank you for your mercy  
**and praise you for your enduring love.**

King of the peacemakers, who receive the right to be called children of God,  
we thank you for your mercy  
**and praise you for your enduring love.**

King of persecuted believers,  
who rejoice to be counted worthy of suffering for Christ's sake,  
we thank you for your mercy  
**and praise you for your enduring love.**

Thanks be to you, God of Christ our Wounded King,  
for everything he has taught us,  
for the humble path he has shown us,  
and for all he has suffered for us and the whole world.  
**For yours in the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.**

Amen! ~ written by Bruce Prewer  
\*OPENING HYMN "Spirit Song" UMH 347

ANNOUNCEMENTS  
GREETING

TIME FOR OUR CHILDREN

ANTHEM "Raise Your Hands" (arr. Heather Sorenson) Chancel Choir

In today's anthem, "*Raise Your Hands*", we find a profound message of faith. In our Christian journey, we may experience both mountain top highs as well as despair in the depths of the valleys. But through the entire journey, the Lord Jesus Christ is there with us! The text of the anthem goes much deeper than a physical "raising" of the hands, rather, it is more of a symbolic lifting of our hands and heart to God in every situation in life.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

\*HYMN OF MEDITATION TFWS 2128  
"Come and Find the Quiet Center"

GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:1-12

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.  
Response: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "The Poor in Spirit" Pastor Lynn

\*You are invited to stand in body or spirit, as you are able!

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

**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.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY "10,000 Reason" Vocal Quartet

\*DOXOLOGY UMH 94

\*CLOSING HYMN "Precious Lord, Take My Heart" UMH 474

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Lay Reader	Judy Pettigrew
Head Ushers	Robert Borland, Randy Krug
Greeters	Lisa Russell, Karen Leo



Laguna Beach United Methodist Church welcomes and affirms all people as children of God and worthy of God's love. We believe in full participation in the life of the church, and equality in membership, ordination and marriage for God's children of all sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions. We are a church with truly "Open Hearts, Open Minds and Open Doors."