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La Mesa First United Methodist Church

October 24, 2021

 **Opening** Rev. Christian DeMent

 **Prelude**  *Fanfare* H. Willan

 *Michael Lawrence, Organ*

 **Welcome & Greeting** Rev. Christian DeMent

 **Announcements** Mary Earnest

 **Hymn** *It’s Me, It’s Me, O Lord* UMH 352

*It’s me, it’s me, it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.*

*It’s me, it’s me, it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.*

*Not my brother, not my sister, but it’s me, O Lord,*

*standing in the need of prayer.*

*Not my brother, not my sister, but it’s me, O Lord,*

*standing in the need of prayer.*

*It’s me, it’s me, it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.*

*It’s me, it’s me, it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.*

*Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it’s me, O Lord,*

*standing in the need of prayer.*

*Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it’s me, O Lord,*

*standing in the need of prayer.*

*It’s me, it’s me, it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.*

*It’s me, it’s me, it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.*

*Not my father, not my mother, but it’s me, O Lord,*

*standing in the need of prayer.*

*Not my father, not my mother, but it’s me, O Lord,*

*standing in the need of prayer.*

*It’s me, it’s me, it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.*

*It’s me, it’s me, it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer*

 **Children’s Moment** Rev. Christian DeMent

 **Prayers of the Community**

 **Lord’s Prayer** UMH 895

 **Song** *Bidden, Unbidden* J.L. Boyden

  *Stephanie Draper, Song Leader* & R. Edwards

*Whether I cry out your name, or I feel all alone, ashamed,*

*you are not gone, you are there!*

*Whether I notice your hand, in all the stars, the sea, the land,*

*whether or not you are there!*

*Bidden, unbidden, I know you are there.*

*You are present always, again and again.*

*If I forget you, or join you in prayer,*

*you are always present always forever. Amen.*

*If I don’t feel you around, there is no picture and no sound,*

*I will believe you are there!*

*Even on my darkest days I will still sing a word of praise.*

*I will believe you are there!*

*Bidden, unbidden, I know you are there.*

*You are present always, again and again.*

*If I forget you, or join you in prayer,*

*you are always present always forever. Amen*

**Offertory Prayer** Karen Rege

*We invite you to use the church website or the Give+ app*

 *on your smartphone for your offering today.*

**Scripture** *James 5:13-20* Karen Rege

**Sermon**  *Doers of the Word: Power of Prayer*

Rev. Christian DeMent

**Hymn** *This Is My Song* UMH 437

*This is my song, O God of all the nations,*

*a song of peace for lands afar and mine.*

*This is my home, the country where my heart is;*

*here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;*

*but other hearts in other lands are beating*

*with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.*

*My country’s skies are bluer than the ocean;*

*and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;*

*but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,*

*and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.*

*I hear my song, thou God of all the nations;*

*a song of peace for their land and for mine.*

*This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth’s kingdoms:*

*Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.*

*Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,*

*and hearts united learn to live as one.*

*O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;*

*myself I give thee; let thy will be done.*

**Benediction** Rev. Christian DeMent

**Postlude** *Fanfare* K. Leighton

*Michael Lawrence, Organ*

***Kenneth Leighton****, composer of today’s postlude, was born in England in 1929. He studied music throughout his school years and his academic career continued at the University of Edinburgh as a Professor of Music. The Fanfare for organ was commissioned by the Oxford University Press for the album, Easy Modern Organ Music: Six Pieces by Modern Composers, which was published in 1967.*

*In a review of this collection E.J. Hilty pointed out that “All of these compositions have one thing in common: dissonance! Dissonance can be fun if you will not give up at first trial.” Michael, our organist today, says it reminds him of “Star Wars!” What do you think?*



*Thank you for worshiping with us this morning!*

*Next week please join us in person at 9:30 am;*

*on Facebook or YouTube for the livestream or either of those channels to view a recording on your own schedule.*

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*or go to lamesaumc.com.*

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• Michael Lawrence, Guest Accompanist