

Stories That Matter



La Mesa First United Methodist Church Ascension Sunday May 17, 2026

Opening		Mary Earnest
Prelude	<i>Praise His Greatness</i> Paul Rosas, Piano	M. Hayes
~ Acolytes Lila Cothran & Emma Scott ~		
Welcome and Greeting		Rev. Christian DeMent
Opening Hymn	<i>Gather Us In</i>	TFWS 2236 V. 1, 2 & 4
Children's Moment		Rev. Christian DeMent
Curious Faith		Rev. Christian DeMent
Choir Anthem	<i>Gospel Hosanna</i> Chancel Choir Duncan Matthew, Director	J. Schrader
Prayers for the Community		Rev. Christian DeMent
The Lord's Prayer		UMH 895
Stewardship Moment		Greg Estep
Invitation to Offering		Bob Ekvall
Offertory	<i>The Day of Resurrection</i> Paul Rosas, Organ	K. Ford

Offertory Prayer		Bob Ekvall
Scripture	Luke 24:44-53 All Respond: Thanks be to God!	Bob Ekvall
Sermon	<i>Living the Sequel</i>	Rev. Christian DeMent
Closing Hymn	<i>Go to the World</i>	W&S 3158
Benediction		Rev. Christian DeMent
Postlude	<i>Higher Ground</i> Paul Rosas, Piano	M. Hayes

Coming Up

This evening @ 5pm – LM1Youth and San Carlos Youth Pool Party and BBQ

Mondays @ 4pm – Community yoga class in the social hall

Tuesdays @ 6pm – Women’s Bible Study on ZOOM (Link in newsletter)

Wednesdays – Ground Up Coffee Shop @ 9am-noon

Also Wednesdays, Pastor’s Bible Study @ 11am in the social hall (open to all)

Thursday, May 21 – Host SANDAG’s Bike Anywhere Day Pit Stop @ 6-10am

Sunday, May 24 – Pentecost, Red Cross Blood Drive and Directory Photos

Saturday, May 30 – Fresh Start @ 8am on the Patio and SH

Also on Saturday, May 30 – Memorial Service for Rev. Gwen Jones-Lurvey @ 1:30pm, followed by a reception in SH



Rev. Christian DeMent, Pastor • Paul Rosas, Pianist, Organist
• Hannibal Flores, AV Tech • Omar de los Reyes, Paul McDaniel, Sound Techs
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This week's newsletter

*It was a joy to worship together this morning!
Next week, let's do it again 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.
Check our e-newsletter for more information
or go to lamesaumc.com.*



*General Fund
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La Mesa First United Methodist Church gathers on the original homeland of the Kumeyaay people. We confess and regret the harm and displacement endured by Indigenous peoples and seek God's redeeming grace to guide us toward justice and healing. We give thanks for our Kumeyaay ancestors, elders and descendants who have cared for this land with wisdom and resilience. As recipients of grace, we commit ourselves to deeper connection, reconciliation and love.
Emaay 'ehad kumwa'aayp – Let us Pray.