



La Mesa First United Methodist Church
May 21, 2023

Opening

Rev. Christian DeMent

Prelude

Prelude in C from Well-tempered Clavier
Michael Lawrence, Piano

J. S Bach

~Acolytes Sierra Clark & Kira Cothran~

Welcome & Greeting

Rev. Christian DeMent

Hymn

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

WS 3104

Trad. Amer. Melody
J. Newton, C. Tomlin
L. Giglio

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a soul like me!
I once was lost but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear;
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Refrain:

My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, My Savior, has chosen me.
And like a flood God's mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me;
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Refrain

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below;
Will be most faithful through time.

Refrain

Children's Moment		Rev. Christian DeMent
Anthem	<i>With a Voice of Singing</i> Chancel Choir Michael Lawrence, Director	M. Shaw
Prayers for the Community		Rev. Christian DeMent
The Lord's Prayer		UMH 895
United Women in Faith Recognition		
Stewardship Moment – Entrusted with Restoring Justice		
Invitation to Offering		Julie DeMent
Offertory	<i>Touch the Earth Lightly</i> Stephanie Draper, Soloist	S. Lim S.E. Murray
	Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently Nourish the life of the world in our care: Gift of great wonder, ours to surrender, Trust for the children tomorrow will bear	
	Let there be greening, birth from the burning, Water that blesses and air that is sweet Health in God's garden, hope in God's children, Regeneration that peace will complete.	
	God of all living, God of all loving, God of the seedling, the snow, and the sun, Teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us, Using us gently and making us one.	
Offertory Prayer		Julie De Ment
Scripture	Isaiah 24:4-6; John 6:3-13 & Romans 8:18-19	Julie DeMent
Sermon	<i>Holy Responsibility: Claiming Our Call To Tend the Earth</i> Rev. Christian DeMent	

Closing Hymn	<i>God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens</i>	UMH 150 V. 1,3 & 4
Benediction		Rev. Christian DeMent
Postlude	<i>Plein Jeu from Suite on the 2nd Tone</i> Michael Lawrence, Organ	L. Clerambault



La Mesa First United Methodist Church

We Are: *Welcoming and affirming as a diverse community*

We Teach: *Christ-centered worship and education in the Wesleyan tradition*

We Live: *Serving our community and working in mission for a just world*

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*Thank you for worshiping with us this morning!
 Next week, please join us 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.*



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