

Stories That Matter



La Mesa First United Methodist Church

Communion Sunday

May 3, 2026

Opening		Mary Earnest
Prelude	<i>I Love Thee</i> Paul Rosas, Organ	J. Joyce
~ Acolytes Avery Simmons & Henry Wion ~		
Welcome and Greeting		Rev. Christian DeMent
Opening Hymn	<i>Seek Ye First the Kin-dom of God</i>	UMH 405
Children's Moment		Rev. Christian DeMent
<i>Celebrating 70 years of Women's Ordination</i>		
Choir Anthem	<i>Down to the River to Pray</i> Chancel Choir Director, Duncan Matthew	B. Ellingboe
Prayers for the Community		Rev. Christian DeMent
Offertory	<i>Brother James Air (Psalm 23)</i> Paul Rosas, Organ	R. Ellsasser
Offertory Prayer		Cheryl Reagan
Scripture	John 14:1-14 All Respond: Thanks be to God!	Cheryl Reagan
Sermon	<i>You Know the Way</i>	Rev. Christian DeMent

Communion

Rev. Sue Farley
Rev. Emma Moore-Kochlacs
Rev. Jan Wiley

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: ...And so, with the faithful of all ages, we sing the praise and glory of your name:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: And so, in remembrance of these...we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

Communion Music

Claire de Lune
Paul Rosas, Piano

C. Debussy

Closing Hymn

A Place At the Table (Lyrics Onscreen)
Verse 1 – Duncan Solo
Verse 2 - Duncan and choir
Verse 3 & 5 – All stand and sing together

L. True
S.E. Murray

Benediction

Rev. Christian DeMent

Postlude

Land of Rest
Paul Rosas, Piano

J. Martin

Coming Up

This evening @ 5pm – LM1Youth Clue Night, Trinity UMC

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)

Monday, May 4 @ 6pm – Church Council (open to all)

Wednesday, May 6 – UWF Mother's Day Meeting and gift sale @1pm

Saturday, May 9 @ 9am-noon, Camp Cedar Glen Workday, Julian

Sunday May 10 – Mother's Day, Directory Photos and UWF gift sale

Sunday, May 17 - LM1Youth Pool Party @ 5pm with San Carlos Youth

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

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

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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Pledge Donation

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.