



La Mesa First United Methodist Church

June 23, 2024

Opening Mary Earnest

Prelude *Aria from the Goldberg Variations* J. S. Bach
Michael Lawrence, Piano

~ Acolytes Liam Kelly & Henry Wion ~

Welcome/Call and Response Eric Dewey-Hoffman

When sorrow and hardship abound and events across an ocean and down the block shake our resolve and make us question what good the good news is even doing, God calls to us...

Open your Heart.

When fear and misinformation infiltrate our relationships and we don't know who to trust or how to do the next right thing, God calls to us...

Open your Heart.

When joy overflows and we witness the fruit of grace all around us, transforming our lives and our communities into places of connection and flourishing, God calls to us...

Open your Heart.

May this time of worship be for each of us a time to listen to God's call to open our hearts and accept the divine invitation to say yes to the work of grace in us, among us and all around us.

God, we open our hearts to receive your gift of grace, knowing you hold us securely in the palm of your hands that we might have the courage to live in community with you and one another. Amen.

Opening Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* UMH 103

Children's Moment Rev. Mark Wiley

Anthem *In My Father's Hands* P. Mock
Chancel Choir F. Lopez
Michael Lawrence, Director

Prayers for the Community Karyn Whitten

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Invitation to Offering Karen Cothran

Offertory

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

FWS 2120
V. 1 & 2

Refrain:

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
Blow through our wilderness
Calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness
Stir me from placidness
Wind, Wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters,
You called to the deep,
Then you coaxed up the mountains
From the valleys of sleep;
And over the eons
You called to each thing:
Wake from your slumbers
And rise on your wings. (Refrain)

You swept through the desert,
You stung with the sand,
And you goaded your people
With a law and a land;
And when they were blinded
With their idols and lies,
Then you spoke through your prophets
To open their eyes. (Refrain)

Offertory Prayer

Karen Cothran

Scripture

Job 38:1-11

Karen Cothran

Sermon

Whoops

Rev. Mark Wiley

Closing Hymn

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

UMH 160
V. 1-3

Benediction

Rev. Mark Wiley

Postlude

Prince of Denmark's March
Michael Lawrence, Organ

J. Clarke



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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