

MANHATTAN BEACH COMMUNITY CHURCH

October 26, 2025

PRELUDE "Vision of Isaiah 6:1-4" Martin Luther
Jean Whitcomb, Organist

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Mike Spitters
Senior Minister

ANNOUNCEMENTS Joanne Ordinario

*HYMN OF PRAISE 543, "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!" (verses 1-3)

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Pam Munro

One: Come, all who are weary of keeping score - of trying to prove your worth, your goodness, your place.

All: We come to rest in the mercy of God, who loves us before we achieve a thing.

One: Come, all who carry pride or regret, those who stand tall and those who stand far off.

All: We come as we are – honest, humble, and hungry for grace.

One: In this sacred space, there are no rankings no comparisons - only the wide embrace of Gods compassion.

All: For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be lifted up.

All: Let us worship the God of mercy – who meets us with love and makes us whole.

OPENING PRAYER Pam Munro

ADULT CHOIR ANTHEM: "Music in the Air" arr. Ryan Murphy
Kate Crellin, director; Stephen Pitters, accompanist

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rachel Bennett

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER Billy Minshall

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC: "God Help the Outcasts" Alan Menken
Michael Thorpe, voice and guitar; Kate Crellin, voice and piano

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 18:9-14 (pg. 853) Pam Munro

SERMON "Two Postures"
Pastor Mike

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY Pam Munro

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OFFERTORY "Pastorale in C" Lefebure Wely

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE
We give thee but thine own, what e're the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord from thee.

OFFERING PRAYER Pam Munro

*CLOSING HYMN 578, "I Need Thee Every Hour" (verses 1 and 2)

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION Pastor Mike

One: God be in my head

All: and in my thinking.

One: God be in my eyes

All: and in my seeing.

One: God be in my hands

All: and in my serving.

One: God be in my heart

All: and in my loving.

POSTLUDE "Ein' Feste Burg" (A Mighty Fortress) Martin Luther/Denton

*please rise in body or spirit

GREETER: Becky Tan
USHERS: Lance and Karalyn Honea; Mike and Tina Zarro

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