

MANHATTAN BEACH COMMUNITY CHURCH
January 4, 2026

PRELUDE "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

Noel Regney
Jean Whitcomb, Organist

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Mike Spitters
Senior Minister

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joanne Ordinario

HYMN OF PRAISE: 164, "Good Christian Friends" (verses 1 & 2)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rich Sundeen

One: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was life.

All: And that life is the light of all people.

One: The light shines in the darkness --

All: And the darkness has not overcome it.

One: Grace upon grace is given,

All: From the love that refuses to stay distant.

One: Come, let us worship the Word made flesh,

All: Full of grace and truth. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Rich Sundeen

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Rise Up"

Andra Day

Abby Carlson, voice and piano

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER

Joanne Ordinario

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: "Here Comes the Sun"

Abby Carlson, voice and piano; Allen Barstow, voice;
Michael Thorpe, guitar and voice

SCRIPTURE INTRODUCTION

Joanne Ordinario

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:1 - 18 (pg. 862)

Rich Sundeen

SERMON "God Moved Into the Neighborhood"

Pastor Mike

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY



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Rich Sundeen

OFFERTORY "Pastorale"

Gilbert Martin

*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

Rich Sundeen

COMMUNION INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Organ Selection "Kings From the East Return Another Way"

Pastor Mike

H. Balcombe

CLOSING HYMN 167, "Go Tell It on the Mountain" (verses 1 - 3)

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 "Canticle of Joy as Shepherds Return"

J.S. Bach

GREETERS: Tony and Linda West

USHERS: Neil Dipprey and Sarah Dipprey

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