



La Mesa First United Methodist Church

April 28, 2024

Opening Mary Earnest

Prelude J. Langlais
Flutes
Michael Lawrence, Organ

~ *Acolytes Sierra Clark & Riley McKee* ~

Welcome & Greeting Rev. Christian DeMent

Call and Response

We have been saved by the Risen Christ, the life-giving Vine.

We abide in Love, the life-giving Vine.

We are branches of the Vine – sustained, nurtured and pruned by Love

We have no life apart from Love, the life-giving Vine.

When we make our home in the Vine and the Vine makes a home in us, we bear the
fruit of Love.

We produce the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine.

How shall we bear the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine?

We will love and learn to love as we rest, play

Opening Hymn UMH 699
Come, and Let Us Sweetly Join V. 1, 3 & 4

Children's Moment Rev. Christian DeMent

Anthem J. Myrin
10,000 Reasons M. Redman
Chancel Choir
Michael Lawrence, Director

Prayers for the Community Bob Ekvall

All Respond: May your love be like a seed, taking root and growing strong.

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Invitation to Offering Darrell Henderson

Offertory

His Eye is On the Sparrow

FWS 2146
V. 1 & 3

Why should I feel discouraged?
Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely
And long for heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion?
My constant friend is he:
His eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know he watches me.

Chorus:

I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free,
For his eye is on the sparrow,
And I know he watches me.

Whenever I am tempted,
Whenever clouds arise,
When song gives place to sighing,
When hope within me dies,
I draw closer to him,
From care he sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know he watches me
His eye is on the sparrow
And I know he watches me.

[Chorus]

Offertory Prayer

Darrell Henderson

Scripture

1 John 4:7-21

Darrell Henderson

Sermon

We Bear Fruit

Rev. Christian DeMent

Closing Hymn

In Christ There is No East or West

UMH 548
V. 1, 2 & 4

Benediction

Rev. Christian DeMent

Postlude

Finale Jubilante
Michael Lawrence, Organ

H. Willan



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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