



La Mesa First United Methodist Church

July 21, 2024

Opening Mary Earnest

Prelude *Come Christians, Join to Sing* D. Phillips
Michael Lawrence, Organ

~ Acolytes Lila Cothran & Liam Kelly ~

Welcome/Call and Reponse Rev. Christian DeMent

We gather today, seeking to understand and interpret the Word of God with discerning hearts.

Grant us wisdom and insight as we read and reflect on Your Holy Scriptures, O God.

In times of comfort and peace and in moments of challenge and trial, we seek to speak Your truth

May our words be filled with Your love and grace, reflecting Your eternal compassion.

As we explore the idea that “God helps those who help themselves,” remind us of Your constant presence and support.

We rely not on our own strength, but on Your boundless love and mercy.

Together, let us strive to embody Your teachings in all we do and say.

With hearts full of faith and voices lifted in praise, we worship You, O God.

Amen.

Opening Hymn *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* UMH 117
V, 1-3 & 6

Children’s Moment Rev. Christian DeMent

Anthem *Let the Whole Creation Cry* J. Althouse
Chancel Choir S. Brooke
Michael Lawrence, Director

Prayers for the Community Rev. Christian DeMent

The Lord’s Prayer UMH 895

Invitation to Offering

Julie DeMent

Offertory

Cry of My Heart

FWS 2165

T. Butler

[Refrain]

It is the cry of my heart to follow you.
It is the cry of my heart to be close to you.
It is the cry of my heart to follow
All of the days of my life.
Teach me your holy ways, O Lord,
So I can walk in your truth,
Teach me your holy ways, O Lord,
And make me wholly devoted to you. (Refrain)

Open my eyes so I can see
The wonderful things that you do.
Open my heart up more and more,
And make me wholly devoted to you. (Refrain)

Offertory Prayer

Julie DeMent

Scripture

Psalm 10: 14b, 17-18a; 18:6 & 16;
121: 1-2

Julie DeMent

Sermon

Half Truths: Things the Bible Doesn't Say
Rev. Christian DeMent

Closing Hymn

His Eye is On the Sparrow

FWS 2146

C.H. Gabriel

C. Martin

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.
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.

“Let not your heart be troubled,”
His tender word I hear,
And resting on his goodness,
I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path he leadeth
But one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow,

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

Rev. Christian DeMent

Postlude

Psalm XIX
Michael Lawrence, Organ

B. Marcello



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Lawrence, Organist/Accompanist CCLI License #1840

*Thank you for worshiping with us this morning!
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Livestream; or either of those channels to view a recording on your own schedule.
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