



FIRST CHURCH  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
of SAN DIEGO

APRIL 18, 2025 – 7:30 PM



First Church is a community growing  
in grace and reaching out with love.

GOOD FRIDAY

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

*With joy we welcome your presence today, wherever you are.  
Please join us as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship together.*



Register Your Attendance

Prelude ..... Sarah Amos, Director of Music Ministries

*Adagio for Strings*

Samuel Barber (1910-1981), arr. William Strickland (1914-1991)

Welcome

- Silent Processional
- Greeting

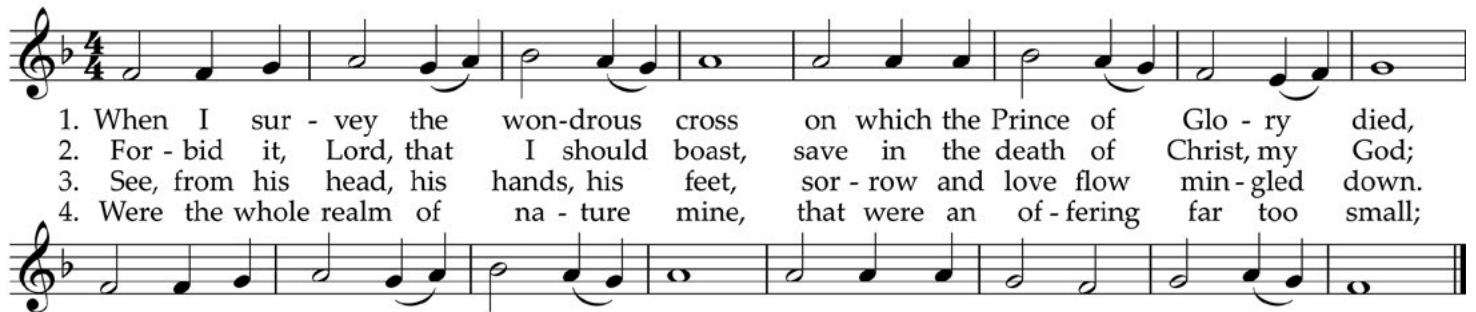
God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all. **Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**  
And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, **and we loved darkness rather than light.**

**Worship Guide Notes:** • is an invitation to rise in body or spirit; **bold words** indicate congregational response



*Assistive listening and transcription available in First Church Sanctuary.  
See pew card or usher to connect to Listen EVERYWHERE or Epiphany LiveScript.*

• Hymn of Gathering #298: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*



1. When I sur - vey the won-drous cross on which the Prince of Glo - ry died,  
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God;  
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and love flow min - gled down.  
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an of - fering far too small;

my rich - est gain I count but loss, and pour con-tempt on all my pride.  
 all the vain things that charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 Did e'er such love and sor - row meet, or thorns com-pose so rich a crown?  
 love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine, de-mands my soul, my life, my all.

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Prayer ..... Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

**THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN**

John 12:27-30 ..... David Littleton

Anthem ..... Chamber Choir; Brian Woods-Lustig, Director

*Even When He Is Silent*

Kim Andre Arneson (b. 1980)

I believe in the sun, even when it's not shining.

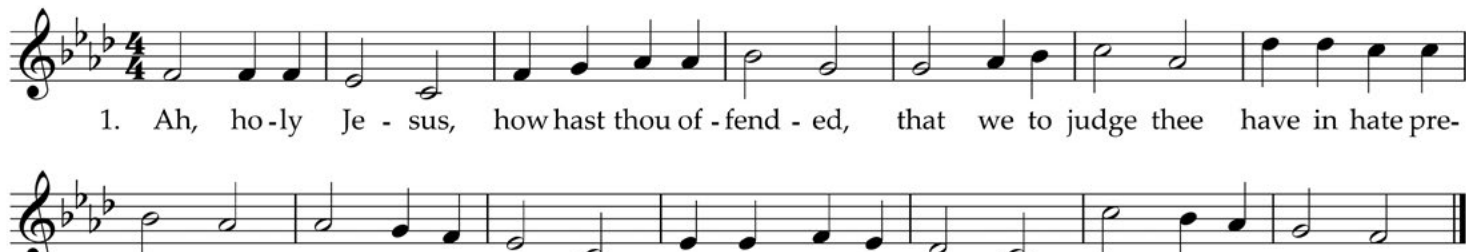
I believe in love, even when I feel it not.

I believe in God, even when He is silent.

(Anonymous)

John 13:21-30 ..... Amy Moberly

Hymn #289: *Ah, Holy Jesus* (vs. 1)



1. Ah, ho-ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, that we to judge thee have in hate pre-  
 tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed!

Words: Johann Heermann, 1630; trans. by Robert S. Bridges, 1899  
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John 13:31-38 ..... Khaled Alsabbagh

Anthem ..... Chamber Choir

*God So Loved the World*

Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

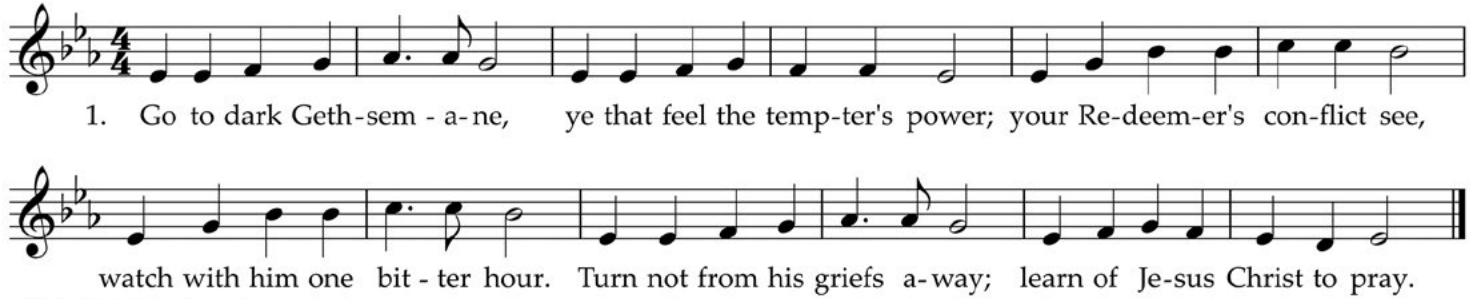
God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son,

that who so believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

(John 3:16)

John 18:1-11 ..... Leo Djamson

Hymn #290: *Go to Dark Gethsemane* (vs. 1)



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Music: REDHEAD 76, Richard Redhead, 1853  
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John 18:12-17; 25b-27 .....Azantia Limon

Anthem ..... Chamber Choir

*Remember Not, Lord, Our Offenses*

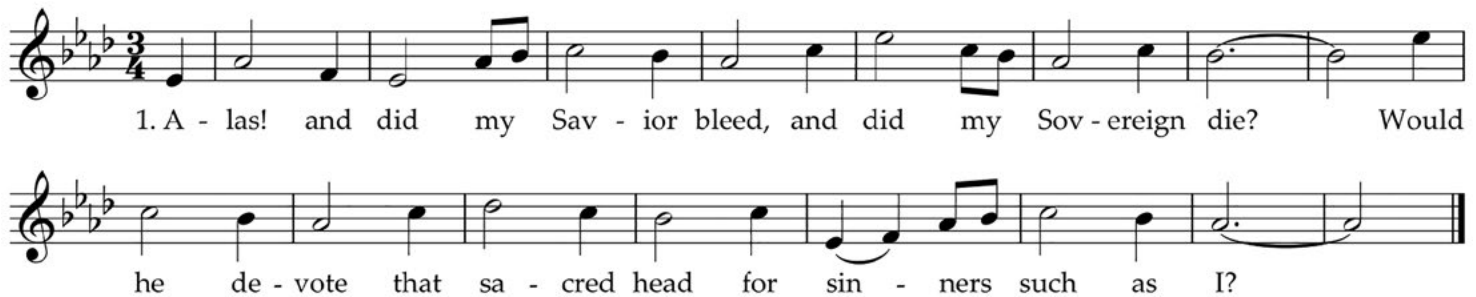
Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Remember not, Lord, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers;  
neither take thou vengeance of our sins:  
spare us, good Lord, spare thy people,  
whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood,  
and be not angry with us for ever.  
Spare us, good Lord.

(Book of Common Prayer 1662)

John 18:19-24 .....Kenton Reaves Hundley

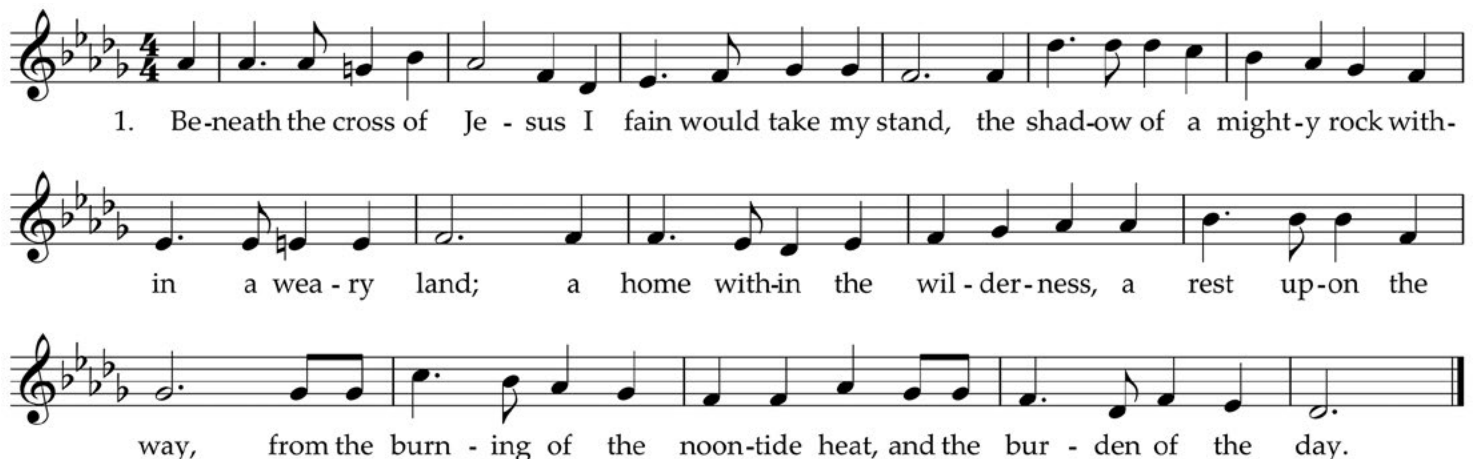
Hymn #294: *Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed* (vs. 1)



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John 18:33-40 ..... Haley Woods-Lustig

Hymn #297: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* (vs. 1)



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Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1881  
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John 19:1-6..... Ryker Ambrosio

Hymn #285: *To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord* (vs. 1)

1. To mock your reign, O dear-est Lord, they made a crown of thorns; set you with taunts a -  
long that road from which no one re - turns. They could not know, as we do now, how  
glo - rious is that crown; that thorns would flower up - on your brow, your sor - rows heal our own.

Words: Fred Pratt Green, 1972  
Music: English melody  
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John 19:14-17 ..... Michelle Estep

Hymn #295: *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* (vs. 1)

1. In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow - ering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

Words: John Bowring, 1825  
Music: Ithamar Conkey, 1849  
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John 19:18-22 ..... David Patterson

Hymn: *An Outcast Among Outcasts* (vs. 2)

2. An out-cast a-mong out - casts, where three were cru-ci - fied, de - rid-ed by the oth - ers as  
they hung side by side — came back from death with pow - er, God had the fi - nal  
say: An out - cast a - mong out - casts shows God to us to - day.

Words: Richard D. Leach  
Music: Welsh melody  
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John 19:23-27 ..... Barb Weicksel

Anthem ..... Chamber Choir

*Crucem Tuam, Adoramus*  
Pawel Lukaszewski (b. 1968)

*Crucem tuam adoramus, Domine,  
et sanctam resurrectionem tuam,  
Laudamus et glorificamus,  
Ecce enim propter lignum venit,  
Gaudium in universo mundo.*

**Translation:**  
We worship your cross, God:  
and we praise your sacred resurrection  
and we exalt: behold, for because of the wood  
Joy has come in all the world.  
(Anonymous)

John 19:28-30 ..... Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

The Tolling of the Bells

John 19:31-34 ..... Rev. Dr. Hannah Ka

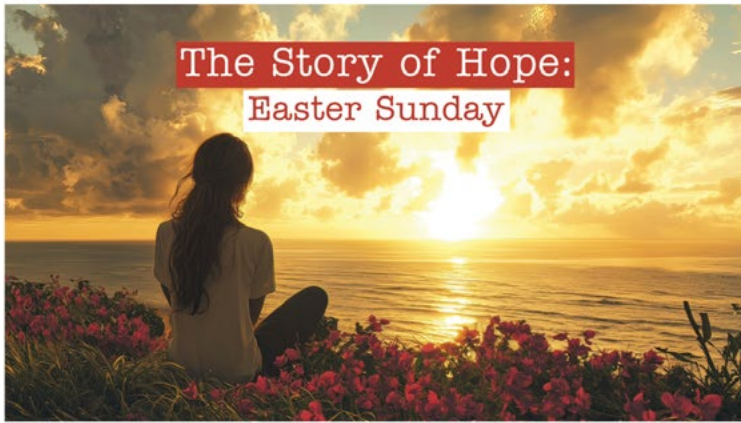
Hymn #288: *Were You There* (vs. 1)

1. Were you there when they cru-ci-fied my Lord? Were you there when they cru-ci-fied my  
Lord? Oh! some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble,  
trem-ble, trem-ble, Were you there when they cru-ci-fied my Lord?

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John 19:38-42 ..... Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin

Dismissal in Silence



## The Story of Hope: Easter Sunday

**Join Us Easter Sunday: April 20**

*Progressive message, moving music & egg grab*

### **Worship Service**

**9 AM & 11 AM**

**In-Person (Sanctuary) & Online**

### **Easter Egg Grab**

**10:15 AM in Linder Hall**

**0-Preschool & K-5th Grade**

## FIRST CHURCH WELCOMES YOU IF...

*You are single, married, divorced, gay, transgender, filthy rich, dirt poor, o no habla inglés,*

*You are a crying newborn, skinny as a rail or could afford to lose a few pounds,*

*You can sing like Aretha Franklin or cannot carry a tune in a bucket,*

*You're "just browsing", just woke up, or you just got out of jail,*

*You've been a Methodist your whole life or haven't been in church except for your little niece's baptism years ago,*

*You've got an AARP card but have yet to grow up, or you're a teenager growing up, too fast.*

*We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, tree huggers, latte-sippers, vegans, junk-food eaters.*

*We welcome those who are in recovery or struggling with addiction.*

*We welcome you if you're having problems, or if you're down in the dumps, or if you don't like "organized religion."*

*This church is for you, we've all been there.*

*If you blew all your money in Vegas, you're welcome here.*

*We offer a special welcome to those who think the Earth is flat, those who work too hard,  
those who don't work, can't spell, or found us because Grandma wants you to go to church.*

*We welcome all those who are inked, pierced or both.*

*We welcome you if your ancestors arrived in chains, below the decks, captained those ships, or have been on this land since the beginning of time.*

*We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now (all of us could use a prayer right now).*

*We'd also like to welcome you if you had religion shoved down your throat, or you got lost on YouTube somehow and ended up here by mistake.*

*We welcome tourists, seekers, doubters, bleeding hearts...and you!*



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