



FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
of SAN DIEGO

APRIL 2, 2026 – 7:30 PM



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

MAUNDY THURSDAY

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.*

Welcome

Words of Inspiration

“Death leaves a heartache no one can heal. Love leaves a memory no one can steal.”
~ Irish Tombstone

Prelude Sarah Amos, Director of Music Ministries

“Ubi Caritas et Amor” from Saint Augustine’s Organbook

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

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



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• **Silent Processional**

• **Call to Worship** Barb Weicksel, Liturgist

Here, on Maundy Thursday, the table is set
and tensions are rising.

We are called to remember

and sit in the awkwardness of relationships;
and listen to the accusation;
and settle into the suspicion;
and lean into the love Christ offers.

Here we are.

Can we move from here to the cross?
Christ help us.

Amen.

• **Hymn of Praise, TFWS #2108: *Oh, How He Loves You and Me***

• **Invitation** Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin

• **Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God,
Your Son, Jesus, loved us to the uttermost
and to his followers,
commanded that we love others
as he has loved us.
And yet, O God, we have not.
We have failed to love one another
as Jesus loves us;

We have been happy to proclaim
our devotion to Jesus with our lips
and then denied him by our actions;
We have failed to serve as Jesus served.
Forgive us, O God.
Empower us by your Spirit
to be steady and true to you
in every time of trial;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

• **Words of Assurance**

Jesus fed Judas. He feeds us, too.
Let us accept his love.
and remember what it cost for him to offer it.
We are loved. We remember. Amen.

TO HEAR THE WORD

Anthem Jubilee Singers; Sarah Amos, Director; Brian Woods-Lustig, piano

As You Serve, Remember Me

Joel Raney (b. 1956)

Go and love as I have loved you,
Go and teach as I have taught,
Go and serve, and as you serve remember Me.
Go and satisfy the hungry,
Go and share the bread of life;
Go and serve, and as you serve remember Me.
At the end of the journey,
At the close of the day,
As the night falls slowly,
As you bow your heads to pray,

Do not let your hearts be troubled,
Have faith and trust in Me,
And wherever I am you will also be.
Go and lead as I have led you,
Go and shine a guiding light;
Go and serve, and as you serve remember Me.
Go and break the bread together,
Go and share the saving cup;
When you gather in this place, remember Me.

• **Prayer for Illumination**

Holy God,
In the reading of the scriptures, may Your Word be heard.
In the meditations of our hearts, may Your Word be known.
In the faithfulness of our lives, may Your Word be shown.
Amen.

- **Gospel Lesson:** *Matthew 26:17-23*

The Word of God for the People of God: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: *The People of the Passion—The Lovers* Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

Anthem

Alone in the Garden He Prays

Lloyd Larson (b. 1954)

Alone in the garden the Savior kneels to pray,
 “My God, my God, please take this cup away!
 Yet, not my will, but Your Will be done.”
 Alone in the garden He prays.

Alone in the garden, Gethsemane,
 The Savior prays beneath the trees.
 “My soul is in anguish, with grief overwhelmed.”
 Alone in the garden He prays.

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
 What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
 To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
 To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

Alone in the garden, a solemn, holy place,
 The Savior pleads, blood and sweat stain his face,
 “Abba, take this cup from me, but Your will be done.”
 Alone in the garden He prays.

TO GIVE THANKS

The Sacrament of Holy Communion, UMH pg. 23: *Musical Setting D*

The Lord’s Prayer

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Communion Hymn, TFWS #2112: *Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley*

Communion Anthem.Carly Cummings, soprano; Patricia McAfee, mezzo-soprano;
 Rahima Wagner, violin

Stay With Me

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

Stay with me
 Remain here with me
 Watch and pray
 Watch and pray.

TO MOVE TOWARD THE CROSS

- **Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 26:31, 36, 47-50*

- **Hymn of Commitment, UMH #297: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus***

• **Benediction** Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

Postlude

Chorale Prelude on “Jesu Leiden, Pein und Tod”

Max Reger (1873-1916)

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!



The People of The Passion:
Good Friday



The People of The Passion:
Easter Sunday

Good Friday Tenebrae Service:

Friday April 3, 7:30 PM | Sanctuary & Online

Experience a solemn recalling the story of Jesus' death through scripture, music, silence, and contemplation as the sanctuary gradually falls into darkness.

Easter Sunday: Sunday April 5

Celebrate Easter with inspiring music and a progressive message of hope in a family-friendly worship service featuring pipe organ, brass ensemble, and choir.

Worship Service: 9 AM & 11 AM | Sanctuary & Online

Easter Egg Grab: 10:15 AM | Linder Hall | 0-Preschool & Kinder-5th Grade



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