



FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
of SAN DIEGO

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024 – 9:00 AM



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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Welcome

Words of Inspiration

“We are too small to imagine the type of love and beauty God can sow.
So, in this moment, O God, clear the roadblocks that keep us from You.
Blow the dust out of our ears. Thaw out the frozen parts of our hearts.
Breathe fresh air into our lungs and fill our minds with endless possibilities.”
~ Rev. Sarah Are.



Prelude Steven Townsend, *Interim Organist*
Elena Mashkovtseva, *Guest Harpist*

Nocturne
Mikhail Glinka



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• Call to Worship Fred Hafer, Liturgist

Can you imagine?
Yes, we can imagine.

Today, in worship, dare to dream.
Dare to imagine what could be.

And pay attention, for God is here,
In wandering thoughts, hopes and prayers.
Let us worship God and God's unfettered love.

TO OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

• Hymn of Celebration #451: *Be Thou My Vision*



1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
3. Great God of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!



Thou my best thought, by day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart, great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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Pastoral Prayer Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin

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.

Anthem Chamber Choir; Brian Lustig, Director

The gift to be simple

Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'Tis the gift to come down where you oughta be,
And when we find ourselves in a place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,
To turn will be our delight,
till by turning we come round right.

(Traditional Shaker Tune)

A Time with Children Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

TO HEAR THE WORD

Anthem Chancel Choir

Take my life and let it be

Kevin Memley (b. 1971)

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.
Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King.

Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise.
Take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

(Frances R. Havergal)

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: *Mark 12:41-44*

The word of God for the People of God: **thanks be to God.**

Sermon: “*Our Money Story: Reimagine.*” Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

• Hymn of Faith #405: *Seek Ye First*

1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God and his
2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and
right - teous - ness, and all these things shall be
ye shall find; knock, and the door shall be
add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

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TO RENEW COMMITMENT

Reception of New Member: Haley Woods-Lustig

Faith in Action

Offertory

Aria in Classic Style

Marcel Grandjany

• **Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

• **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Loving Christ,
As we remember the widow's gift, we may ask
"why do some have so little,
while others have so much?"
We may hope for everyone to have just enough.

We may wish for the world to be different.
So may our offerings to You be used
to build a world that we can only imagine,
but You can bring forth.
Amen.

TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

• **Hymn of Consecration #428: *For the Healing of the Nations***

1. For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with one ac - cord;
2. Lead us for - ward in - to - free - dom; from de - spair your world re - lease,
3. All that kills a - bun - dant - liv - ing, let it from the earth be banned;
4. You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on hu - man - kind;
for a just and e - qual shar - ing of the things that earth af - fords;
that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred, all may come and go in peace.
pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing, dog - mas that ob - scure your plan.
for our grow - ing in your like - ness bring the life of Christ to mind,
to a life of love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our
Show us how through care and good - ness fear will die and hope in -
In our com - mon quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief
that by our re - sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may
word, crease, span, find, help us rise and pledge our word.
fear will die and hope in - crease.
may we hal - low life's brief span.
earth it's des - ti - ny may find.

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

Postlude

Premier Valse
Aguste Durand

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