

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.

Elena Mashkovtseva, Guest Harpist

Nocturne

Mikhail Glinka



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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

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2. Be thou my wis-dom, and thou my true	won, may I reach heav-en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy heart, great God of heav - en, my - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.
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Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy m Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us fr For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the	it is in heaven. e who trespass against us. rom evil.
Anthem	Chamber Choir; Brian Lustig, Director
e	<i>ift to be simple</i> 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 he		

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,

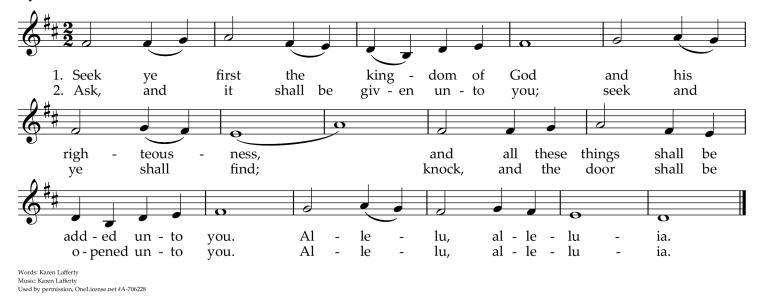
In the reading of the scriptures, may Your Word be heard. In the meditations of our hearts, may Your Word be known. In the faithfulness of our lives, may Your Word be shown. Amen.

• 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



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;

• Prayer of Thanksgiving

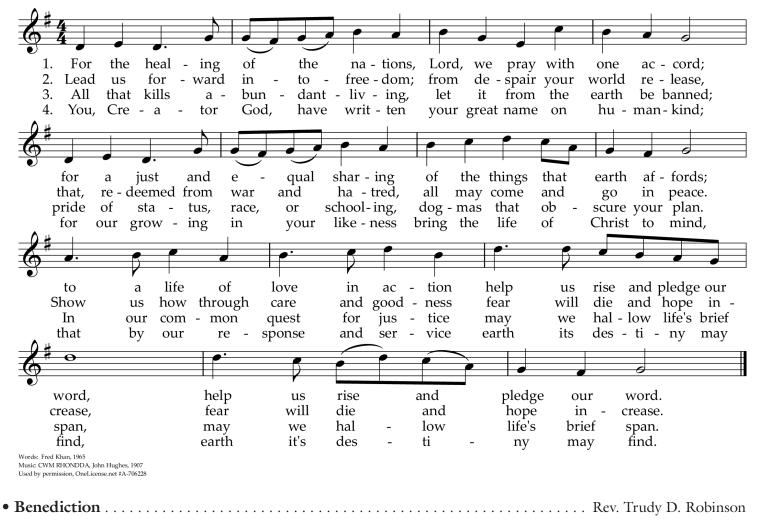
Loving Christ,

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

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



Postlude

Premier Valse

Aguste Durand

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