



FIRST CHURCH  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
of SAN DIEGO

OCTOBER 20, 2024 – 9:00 AM



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

TWENTY-SECOND 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 ..... Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

Words of Inspiration

“Stand fast in the faith, and love one another, all of you, and be not offended at my sufferings.”  
~ Perpetua

Prelude ..... Glenn Ward, Interim Organist  
Steven Townsend, Interim Organist

*Amazing Grace*

Arr. Albin Whitworth (b. 1938)



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## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

- **Call to Worship** . . . . . Amy Moberly, Liturgist

We gather to remember the saints who gave their lives. God's grace to secure us  
**We listen to receive the things of God** against inevitable persecution,  
**so that we might follow in their footsteps.** against moments of paralyzing fear,  
 God's might to uphold us. God's wisdom to guide us. against all who wishes us dead  
**God's hand to lead us and to guard us.** and has the power, to wound,  
 here and everywhere.  
**We gather to be the saints of God.**

## TO OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

- **Hymn of Celebration #168: *At The Name of Jesus***

1. At the name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow, ev - ery tongue con - fess him  
 2. Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a name from the lips of sin - ners  
 3. Bore it up tri - um - phant with its hu - man light, through all ranks of crea - tures  
 4. In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due all that is not ho - ly,

King of glo - ry now; 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him  
 un - to whom he came, faith - ful - ly he bore it, spot - less to the  
 to the cen - tral height, to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's  
 all that is not true. Crown him as your cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's

Lord, who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.  
 last, brought it back vic - to - rious when from death he passed.  
 breast; filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.  
 hour; let his will en - fold you in its light and power.

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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** . . . . . Primary Choir; Dana Zimbric, Director

### *Sing a Joyful Song* Timothy G. Bushong

Sing a joyful song,  
 Oh, sing a joyful song.  
 Oh, sing a joyful song to the Lord!

**Anthem**

*Gifts*

Jane Marshall (1924-2019)

All God’s people have gifts,  
Talents they happily share.  
Some grow flowers, some give funds,  
Some find time when none’s to spare.  
Thank you, Lord, for them all.

All God’s people have gifts,  
Talents they joyfully share.  
Some make music, some bake bread,  
Teach and preach, relieve despair.  
Thank you, Lord, for them all.

All God’s people have gifts,  
Talents they faithfully share.  
Work for justice, health, and peace,  
Offer daily heartfelt prayer.  
Thank you, Lord, for them all!

**A Time with Children** ..... Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

**TO HEAR THE WORD**

**Anthem** ..... Chancel Choir; Brian Lustig, Director

*When I survey the wondrous cross*

John Rutter (b. 1945)

When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the death of Christ, my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them through his blood.

His dying crimson like a robe,  
Spreads o’er his body on the Tree;  
Then am I dead to all the globe,  
And all the globe is dead to 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.**

**New Testament Lesson: Romans 12:1-2**

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

**Sermon: “Unknown Martyrs: Perpetua and Felicity”** ..... Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

• **Hymn of Faith: Faith of Our Mothers**



Faith of our mo - thers, liv - ing still, in spite of dun - geon, fire, and sword; O how our  
Faith of our mo - thers, we will strive to win all na - tions un - to thee; and through the  
Faith of our mo - thers, we will love both friend and foe in all our strife; and preach thee,



hearts beat high with joy when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word!  
truth that comes from God, we all shall then be tru - ly free.  
too, as love knows how by kind - ly words and vir - tuous life.

*Refrain*



Faith of our mo - thers, ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death.

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# TO RENEW COMMITMENT

## Faith in Action

### Offertory

#### *Jesus Loves Me*

Arr. Ablin Whitworth

#### • 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

O God, You have given us a cloud of witnesses to surround us,  
the gift of saints to inspire us, the invitation of Jesus to call us,  
and the church of Christ to encourage us.  
We show our gratitude with what we give to others in Your name.  
Amen.

# TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

#### • Hymn of Consecration #555: *Forward Through the Ages*

1. For-ward through the a - ges, in un-bro-ken line, move the faith-ful spir - its  
2. Wid - er grows the king - dom, reign of love and light; for it we must la - bor,  
3. Not a - lone we con - quer, not a-lone we fall; in each loss or tri - umph

at the call di - vine; gifts in dif-fering mea - sure, hearts of one ac -  
till our faith is sight. Proph-ets have pro-claimed it, mar - tyrs tes - ti -  
lose or tri-umph all. Bound by God's far pur - pose in one liv - ing

cord, man - i - fold the ser - vice, one the sure re - ward.  
fied, po - ets sung its glo - ry, he - roes for it died.  
whole, move we on to - geth - er to the shin - ing goal.

*Refrain*

For - ward through the a - ges, in un - bro - ken line,  
move the faith - ful spir - its at the call di - vine.

#### • Benediction ..... Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

### Postlude

#### *To God Be The Glory*

Arr. Albin Whitworth

## KEEP IN TOUCH

Connect with the First Church community here!

Worship online: each week via [www.fumcsd.org/watch-live](http://www.fumcsd.org/watch-live) or subscribe to our YouTube channel, [www.youtube.com/@FirstChurchSanDiego](http://www.youtube.com/@FirstChurchSanDiego).

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### 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,*

*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!*

*May the Peace of Christ, which passes all understanding be with you this day, and all the days going forward.*



# Modern Saints Weekend

Join us for a special All Saints Weekend to honor the saints of the past and remember those who have touched your life.

## ART EXHIBIT & CHORAL CONCERT

Sat. Nov. 2 | 4-6 PM | Linder Hall | Free Event

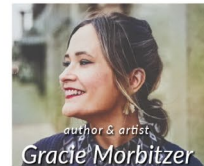


Featuring the art and words of Gracie Morbitzer and music by the FUMCSD Jubilee Singers, Chamber Choir, and Youth Ensembles

## LUNCH & CONVERSATION WITH GRACIE MORBITZER

Sun. Nov. 3 | 12-2 PM | Linder Hall | RSVP by Oct. 30

Hear from the visiting artist and author about what she does, how and why, and how to consider the saints in your life



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