



FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

of SAN DIEGO

OCTOBER 27, 2024 – 9:00 AM



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

TWENTY-THIRD 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

“God alone knows how long we have on this earth.” ~ Carlo Acutis

Prelude Ray Little, Guest Organist

Beautiful Savior

Robert Hobby (b. 1962)



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THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

- **Call to Worship** Christine Hoffman, Liturgist

We gather to remember the saints who love the world.

God's grace to secure us

We listen to receive the things of God

against being mired in the past,

so that we might follow in their footsteps.

against speaking without being heard,

God's creative spirit to inspire us.

against all who wishes us ill

God's love of humanity to move us.

and thinks we're not capable,

God's still small voice to surprise us and use us.

here and everywhere.

We gather to be the saints of God.

TO OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

- **Hymn of Celebration #708: Rejoice in God's Saints (v. 1-2,4)**

1. Re-joice in God's saints, to-day and all days; a world with-out saints for-gets how to
 2. Some march with e-vents to turn them God's way; some need to with-draw, the bet-ter to
 4. Re-joice in God's saints, to-day and all days; a world with-out saints for-gets how to

praise. Their faith in ac-quir-ing the hab-it of
 pray. Some car-ry the gos-pel through fire and through
 praise. In lov-ing, in liv-ing, they prove it is

prayer, their depth of a-dor-ing, Lord, help us to share.
 flood; our world is their par-ish; their pur-pose is God.
 true: the way of self-giv-ing, Lord, leads us to you.

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- **Pastoral Prayer** Rev. Dr. Hannah Ka

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; Patricia McAfee, cello

Ripple Effect

Sarah Quartel (b.1982)

Caritas habundat in omnia.

Translation:

Love abounds in all.

We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But if that drop was not in the ocean, I think the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.

(Latin text by Hildegard of Bingen, English text by Mother Teresa)

Sacrament of Baptism: *Baptism of Niccolo Antoni Guiraud*

The Profession of Faith by Parents

Congregational Pledge

The pastor addresses the congregation, and the congregation responds:

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this person now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this person with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

[Spanish] Con la ayuda de Dios, proclamaremos las buenas nuevas y viviremos según el ejemplo de Cristo. Rodearemos a esta persona con una comunidad de amor y perdón, para que pueda crecer en su confianza de Dios y ser hallado fiel en su servicio a los demás. Oraremos por él para que sea fiel discípulo que ande por el camino que conduce a la vida eterna.

Baptism of Niccolo

Congregational Welcome & Affirmation

When the candidates have been baptized, the pastor invites the congregation to welcome them:

Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother in Christ. Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.

[Spanish] Por medio del bautismo, tú has sido unido a la nueva creación de Dios, por el poder del Espíritu Santo, y has sido aceptado para compartir en el real sacerdocio de Cristo. Todos somos uno en Jesucristo. Con gozo y acción de gracias le damos la bienvenida como miembro de la familia de Cristo.

Response #611: *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (vs. 1, 4)*

1. Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, bap - tized with the Spir - it's sign;
4. Child of God your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose child you are.

with this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

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A Time with Children Dana Zimbric

TO HEAR THE WORD

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.

Old Testament Lesson: *Jeremiah 1:1-8*

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

Sermon: “*Millennial Saint: Carlos Acutis*” Rev. Brittany J. Hanlin

• Hymn of Faith: *Sing a New Song to the Lord*



1. Sing a new song to the Lord,	he to whom won-ders be-long!	Re-joyce	in his
2. Now to the ends of the earth	see his sal - va - tion is shown!	And still	he re-
3. Sing a new song and re-joyce,	pub - lish his prais - es a-broad!	Let voic - es	in
4. Join with the hills and the sea	thun - ders of praise to pro-long!	In judg-ment	and



tri - umph	and tell	of his power	O sing	to the Lord	a new song!
mem - bers	his mer - cy and truth,	un - chang - ing in love			to his own.
cho - rus,	with trum - pet and horn,	re-sound for the joy			of the Lord!
jus - tice	he comes to the earth	O sing to the Lord			a new song!

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TO RENEW COMMITMENT

Reception of New Members: Andrea Allmon, Bart McCleskey, Jeff Ritter

[Faith in Action](#)

Offertory Anthem Chancel Choir; Brian Lustig, Director

We thank you for beloved saints

Pepper Choplin (b. 1957)

Lord, thank You for beloved saints,
The true and faithful ones,
Who lived their lives with love and faith,
With many a task well done.

We thank You for the memory
Of those who still inspire.
When we recall their lives of love,
They stir our spirits' fire.

We hear their voices in our hearts.
They speak their message clear:
“My friends, rise up, be faithful now.
Your day and time are here.”

We thank You for beloved saints,
And though their time on earth is gone,
When we build on foundations of their faith;
The legacy of love lives on. Let love live on. (Pepper Choplin)

• Doxology

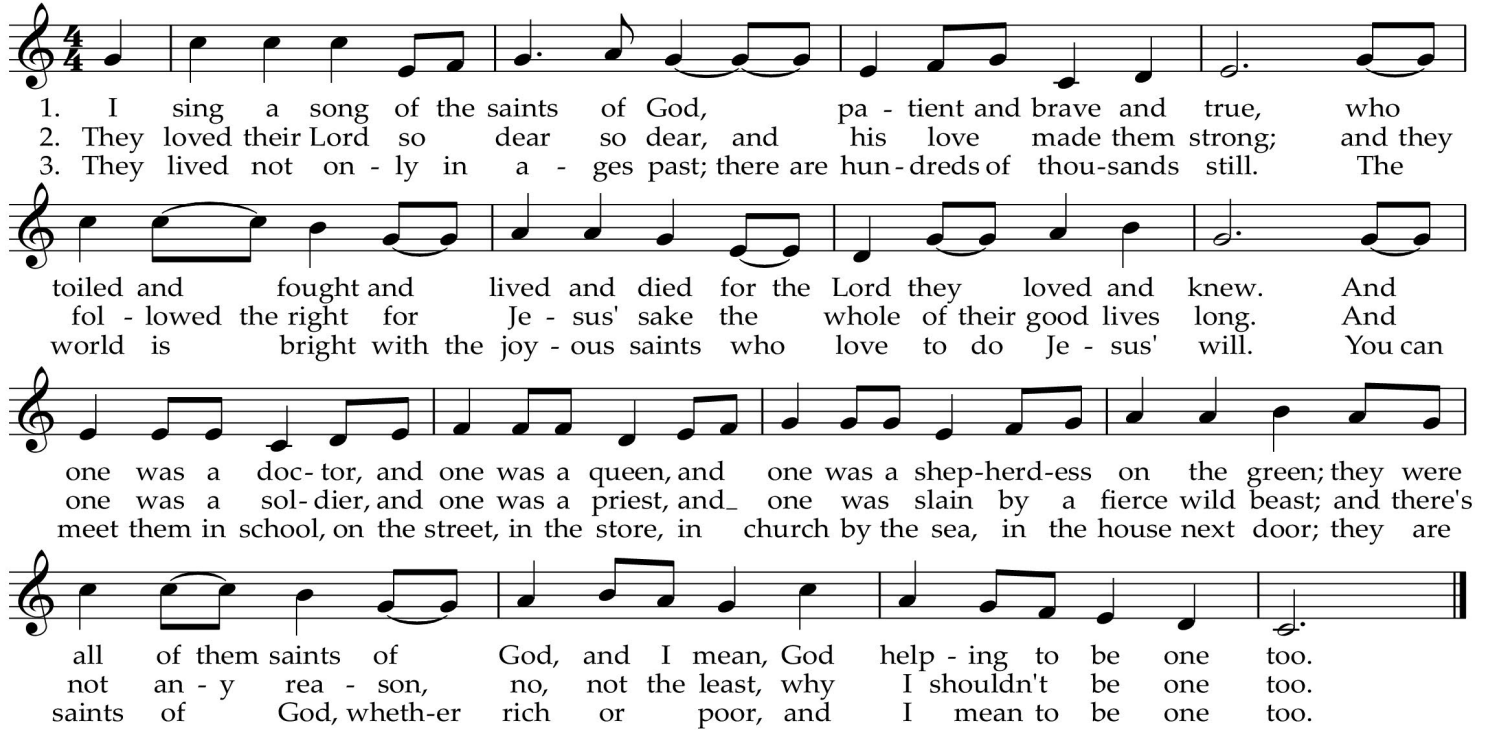
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

• 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 #712: *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*



1. I sing a song of the saints of God, pa - tient and brave and true, who
 2. They loved their Lord so dear so dear, and his love made them strong; and they
 3. They lived not on - ly in a - ges past; there are hun - dreds of thou - sands still. The

toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And
 fol - lowed the right for Je - sus' sake the whole of their good lives long. And
 world is bright with the joy - ous saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can

one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep - herd - ess on the green; they were
 one was a sol - dier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a fierce wild beast; and there's
 meet them in school, on the street, in the store, in church by the sea, in the house next door; they are

all of them saints of God, and I mean, God help - ing to be one too.
 not an - y rea - son, no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too.
 saints of God, wheth - er rich or poor, and I mean to be one too.

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• **Benediction** Rev. Brittany J. Hanlin

Postlude

For all the Saints
 Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

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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.



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