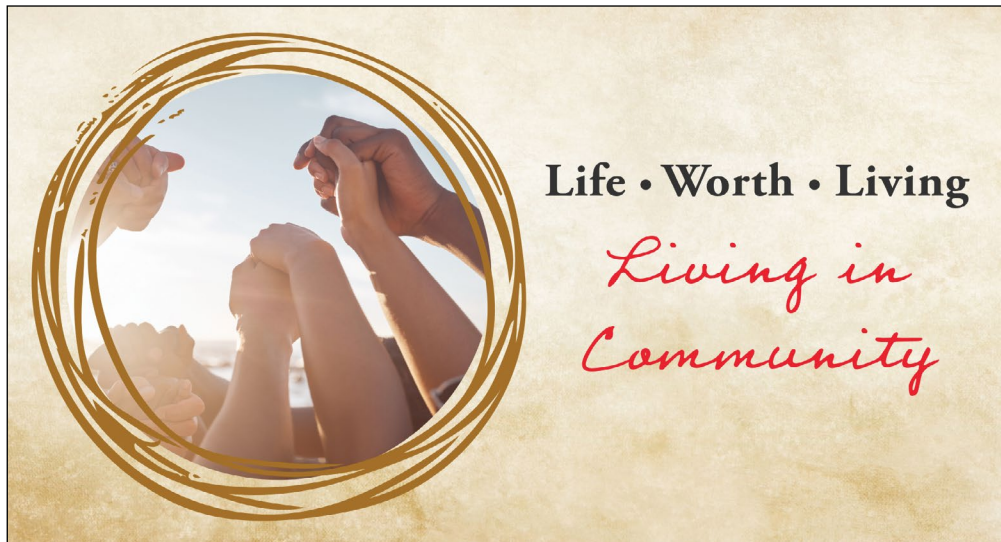




FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
of SAN DIEGO

NOVEMBER 10, 2024 – 9:00 AM



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

TWENTY-FIFTH 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

“When we accept the unconditional love and undeserved mercy that God offers us—
knowing that we are not worthy of it—then we can allow God to love others through us in the same way.
It’s God in you loving you, warts and all, and God in you loving others as they are.
This is why the love you have available to give away is limitless.” ~ Richard Rohr

PreludeAmber Dahlberg, Guest Organist

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. Clay Christiansen (b. 1949)



*Assistive listening and transcription available in First Church Sanctuary.
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THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

• Call to Worship Carl Meuser, Liturgist

God breathed us into the wonder of life.
Jesus leads us into the blessing of community.
The Spirit unites us across boundaries of thought,
identities, and circumstances.

These are life's gifts!
We live our best life when we wonder, when we bless,
and when we are together.
Let us live a life worth living!

TO OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

• Hymn of Celebration: *In Unity We Lift Our Song*

1. In u - ni - ty we lift our song of grate - ful a - dor - a - tion, for
2. For sto - ries told and told a - gain to ev - ery gen - er - a - tion, to
3. For sa - cred scrip - tures hand - ed down, a bless - ed trust and trea - sure, which
4. For God our way, our bread, our rest, of all these gifts the Giv - er. Our
broth - ers brave and sis - ters strong. What cause for cel - e - bra - tion! For
give us strength in time_ of pain, to give us con - so - la - tion. Our
give us hope when hope_ is gone and make us weep with plea - sure. And
strength, our guide, our nur - turing breast whose hand will yet de - liv - er. Who
those whose faith - ful - ness has kept us through dis - tress, who've shared with us our
spir - its to re - vive to keep our dreams a - live, when we are far from
when our eyes grow blind and death is close be - hind, we shall re - cite them
keeps us till the day when night shall pass a - way, when hate and fear are
plight, who've held us in the night, the bless - ed con - gre - ga - tion.
home and e - vil sea - sons come; how firm is our foun - da - tion.
still whose words our hearts can fill with hope be - yond all mea - sure.
gone and all our work is done, and we shall sing for - ev - er.

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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.

A Living Sacrifice

Mary McDonald (b. 1956)

Lord, we come to You with hearts of gratitude;
You've shown us how to love and how to live completely,
Lord, help us to forgive and love as You have loved us.
Help us to be a living sacrifice,
Sharing the love and grace of Jesus Christ;
To show the love of God to all the world.
Lord, let us be a living sacrifice.

As we worship You in Spirit and in truth,
Lord bless us with Your grace to know we are forgiven.
May we live in peace and share Your loving mercy,
To show the love of God to all the world.
Lord, let us be a living sacrifice.

Let us love, let us live in harmony.
Let us go, let us serve in the pow'r of Jesus' name;
To show the love of God to all the world.
Lord, let us be, help us to be a living sacrifice.
Amen.

(Mary McDonald)

Sacrament of Baptism: Elizabeth June Luedtke

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 she may grow in her service to others. We will pray for her, that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

Baptism of Elizabeth

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 sister 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.

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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Honoring Our Veterans

Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth and the land of our living,
with all its chartered and yet unrealized liberties.

For all the wonder and hope of our country's story:

We give you thanks, O God.

For leaders, in days past and in these present times, who have labored for the commonwealth:

We give you thanks, O God.

For those, who in all times and places, have been true and brave,
who have lived upright lives and served others:

We give you thanks, O God.

For those who served their country in its hour of need,
and especially for those who gave their lives in that service:

We give you thanks, O God.

O almighty God and most merciful Christ, we recognize the veterans of our nation's wars, remembering their courage and strength, and for some, their ultimate sacrifice. We hold before you those who weep for all that is lost in wartime. As this day brings to mind the things for which people have gone to war, we ask for your guidance for our present times that we may always keep our eyes on the prize as we seek to allow space for your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

TO HEAR THE WORD

Anthem Chancel Choir

This is My Song

Douglas Wagner (b. 1952)

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and mine;
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine:
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine:

O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kindoms;
Thy kingdom come; on earth Thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve Him,
And hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;
Myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

God of all nations, O hear my song!
(Lloyd Stone, Gerogia Harkness)

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 12:28-44*

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

Sermon: "Living in Community" Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

• Hymn of Faith #560: *Help Us Accept Each Other*



1. Help us ac-cept each oth - er as Christ ac-cept-ed us teach us as sis-ter, bro-ther,
 2. Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai-ly life we strug - gle to be hu - man
 3. Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions
 4. Lord, for to-day's en - coun-ters with all who are in need, who hun - ger for ac-cep-tance,



each per - son to em-brace. Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us, and bring us
 and search for hope and faith. Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not
 to do the truth in love; to prac - tice your ac - cep-tance, un - til we
 for righ - teous - ness and bread, we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for



to be - lieve we are our - selves ac - cept - ed and meant to love and live.
 just for some, to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
 know by heart the ta - ble of for - give - ness and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 hold - ing on; re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!

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TO RENEW COMMITMENT

[Faith in Action](#)

Offertory.....

God Weeps With Us Who Weep And Mourn

Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)

• 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

Giver of Life,
 help us to see the blessings that surround us,
 the gifts that are in one another,
 and the love that flows from you to us,
 a love that seeks to spill out to others.
 Amen.

TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

• Hymn of Consecration #557: *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*



1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3. We share each oth - er's woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear;
4. When we a - sun - der part, it gives us in - ward pain;



the fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

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• Benediction Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

Postlude

Postlude on Hyfrydol

Jason D. Payne (b. 1980)

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