



FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
of SAN DIEGO

JANUARY 19, 2025 – 9:00 AM



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

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

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

“A garden’s beauty never lies in one flower.”
~ Matshona Dhliwayo

Prelude Sarah Amos, Director of Music Ministries and Principal Organist

Prelude on “We Shall Overcome”

Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)



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

• **Call to Worship** Dione Taylor, Liturgist

God created each of us as individuals.
Although we are different, we are all important.
 God made us in all shapes and shades,
 with different expressions and practices.

Made in God's image, we glimpse God,
 in all our variety and particularity.
Today, we celebrate the diverse ways
God is reflected in each of us.

TO OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

• **Hymn of Celebration #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, help us rise and pledge our word.
 cease, fear will die and hope in - cease.
 span, may we hal - low life's brief span.
 find, earth its des - ti - ny may find.

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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 Time with Children Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

Celebration of Racial Justice Grant Recipients 2024

Speaking for PHATCAMP:.....Melissa Hernandez, Executive Director/Founder

Speaking for RJCSO:.....Léopoldine Matialeu-Forde, MD, Psych MD

TO HEAR THE WORD

Anthem..... Chancel Choir, Brian Woods-Lustig, Director

Bonse Aba

arr. Andrew Fischer

*Bonse aba, mu pokelela, Ba lipela maka akuba bana.
Kuba bana, kuba bana, kuba bana bakwa lesa.
Muya ya ya, muya ya ya, muya ya ya, bakwa lesa.*

Translation:

All that sing have the right to be called the children of God.

• 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.

Scripture Lesson: *Revelation 7:9-10*

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

Sermon: “Imago Dei: Racial and Cultural Diversity”..... Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

• Hymn of Faith #548: *In Christ There Is No East or West*



1. In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north;
2. In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com - mun - ion find;
3. In Christ is neith - er Jew nor Greek, and neith - er slave nor free;
4. In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one great fel - low - ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
both male and fe - male heirs are made, and all are kin to me.
all Christ - ly souls are one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

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TO RENEW COMMITMENT

Faith in Action

Offertory

“The Hour Glass”

Florence B. Price (1887-1953)

• **Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
 Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

• **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

God of creation, we are Your children, all over the world, representing Your image in the world.
 Bless our gifts and our differences today.
 Help us to see how our differences are our gifts.
 And may our offerings serve to open ever wider our hearts to Your people.
 Amen.

TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

• **Hymn of Consecration #547: O Church of God, United**

1. O church of God, u - nit - ed to serve one com-mon Lord, pro - claim to all one
 2. From ev - ery land and na - tion the or - dered ranks ap - pear; to serve one val-iant
 3. Though creeds and tongues may dif - fer, they speak, O Christ, of thee; and in thy lov-ing
 4. May thy great prayer be an - swered that we may all be one, close bound, by love u -
 mes - sage, with hearts in glad ac - cord. Christ ev - er goes be - fore us; we
 lead - er they come from far and near. They chant their one con - fes - sion, they
 spir - it we shall one peo - ple be. Lord, may our faith - ful ser - vice and
 nit - ed in thee, God's bless - ed Son: to bring a sin - gle wit - ness, to
 fol - low day by day with strong and ea - ger foot - steps a - long the up - ward way.
 praise one liv - ing Lord, and place their sure de - pen - dence up - on his sav - ing word.
 sin - gle - ness of aim pro - claim to all the pow - er of thy re - deem - ing name.
 make the path - way bright, that souls which grope in dark - ness may find the one true light.

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

Postlude

Fanfare on "McKee"

Matthew H. Corl (b. 1965)

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