

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH $\it of$ 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.

Welcome		
Words of Inspiration		E1207 1997
	"A garden's beauty never lies in one flower." ~ Matshona Dhliwayo	
Prelude	Sarah Amos, Director of Music Ministries and Prin	cipal Organist
	Prelude on "We Shall Overcome"	

Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)



Register Your Attendance

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God created each of us as individuals.

Although we are different, we are all important.

God made us in all shapes and shades,

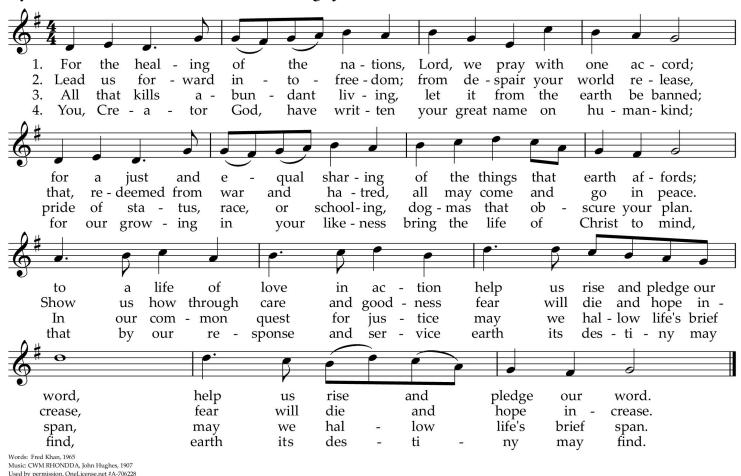
with different expressions and practices.

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



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.

Celebration of Racial Justice Grant Recipients 2024

TO HEAR THE WORD

Bonse Aba

arr. Andrew Fischer

Bonse aba, mu pokelela, Ba lipele 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.

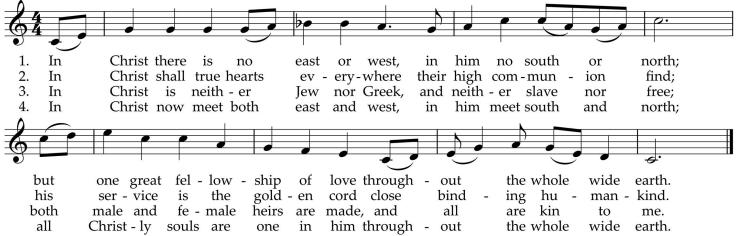
In the meditations of our hearts, may Your Word be known.

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.

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



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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



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Postlude

Fanfare on "McKee"

Matthew H. Corl (b. 1965)