



# FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
of SAN DIEGO

FEBRUARY 2, 2025 – 9:00 AM



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

## 4TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

### 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**

“Diversity in all its forms is the path to greatness.” ~ James D. Wilson

**Prelude** ..... Sarah Amos, Director of Music Ministries and Principal Organist

*Prelude on “Deep River”*

Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)



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- **Call to Worship** . . . . . Nathan Stowe, Liturgist

God created each of us as individuals.  
 Although we are different, we are all important.  
**God gave us different insights and experiences.**  
 Made to be part of God’s work, made to follow like Christ,  
 we offer our thoughts humbly and work toward common goals.  
**Today, we celebrate the diverse ways**  
**God is reflected in each of us!**

**TO OFFER OUR PRAISE**

- **Hymn of Celebration #553: *And Are We Yet Alive* (vs. 1, 3, 4, 5)**

1. And are we yet a - live, and see each oth - er's face? Glo -  
 3. What trou - bles have we seen, what might - y con - flicts past, fight -  
 4. Yet out of all the Lord hath brought us by his love; and  
 5. Then let us make our boast of his re - deem - ing power, which

ry and thanks to Je - sus give for his al - might - y grace!  
 ings with - out, and fears with - in, since we as - sem - bled last!  
 still he doth his help af - ford, and hides our life a - bove.  
 saves us to the ut - ter - most, till we can sin no more.

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**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

- **Invitation** . . . . . Rev. Dr. Hannah Ka

- **Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
 We have failed to be an obedient church.  
 We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love,  
 we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
 Forgive us, we pray.  
 Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 Amen.

- **Words of Assurance**

Hear the good news:  
 Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
 that proves God’s love toward us.  
 In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
**In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**  
 Glory to God. Amen.

• **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

A Time with Children ..... Rev. Dr. Hannah Ka

**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.

**Scripture Lesson: Psalm 9:7-10**

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

**Sermon: “Imago Dei: Political Perspectives”** ..... Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

**TO RENEW COMMITMENT**

[Faith in Action](#)

**Offertory Anthem** ..... Chancel Choir; Brian Woods-Lustig, Director

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King!*  
James J. Chepponis (b. 1956)

Rejoice the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!  
  
The Lord our Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love;  
When he had purged our stains, He took his seat above.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o’er earth and heav’n;  
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv’n.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!  
  
Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Our Lord the judge shall come,  
And take his servants up to their eternal home.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! (Charles Wesley)

• **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!

# TO GIVE THANKS

## • The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Lord be with you: **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts: **we lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God: **it is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's act of salvation and concludes:*

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

1. | 2.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might might

Heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*The pastor concludes with:*

...in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain.

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*The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:*

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

A - men, a - men, a - men, a - - - men.

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## 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.

## Sharing the Bread & Cup

### Communion Hymn #618: *Let Us Break Bread Together*



1. Let us break bread to-gether on our knees, let us break bread to-gether on our knees.  
(2. Let us) drink wine to-gether on our knees, let us drink wine to-gether on our knees.  
(3. Let us) praise God to-gether on our knees, let us praise God to-gether on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the ris-ing sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on

me. 2. Let us 4. Let us praise God to-gether on our knees, let us praise God to  
3. Let us

geth-er on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my

face to the ris - ing sun, O Lord, have mer-cy if you please.

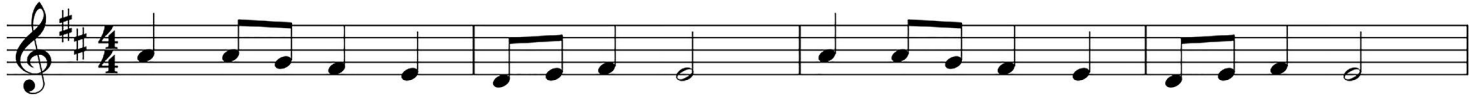
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## Prayer After Holy Communion

God of communion, we are your Church, each of us a different perspective,  
seeking harmony and understanding while working together for Your blessed community.  
Bless our gifts and our differences today.  
Help us to see how our differences are our gifts.  
As we take in Your bread of life and cup of hope,  
strengthen us to be Your love and grace in our shared world. Amen.

## TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

### • Hymn of Consecration #562: *Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee*



1. Je - sus, Lord, we look to thee; let us in thy name a - gree;  
2. By thy rec - on - cil - ing love ev - ery stum - bling block re - move;  
3. Make us of one heart and mind, gen - tle, cour - te - ous, and kind,  
4. Let us for each oth - er care, each the oth - er's bur dens bear;  
5. Free from an - ger and from pride, let us thus in God a - bide;  
6. Let us then with joy re - move to the fam - i - ly a - bove;



show thy - self the Prince of Peace, bid our strife for - ev - er cease.  
each to each u - nite, en - dear; come, and spread thy ban - ner here.  
low - ly, meek, in thought and word, al - to - geth - er like our Lord.  
to thy church the pat - tern give, show how true be - liev - ers live.  
all the depths of love ex - press, all the heights of ho - li - ness.  
on the wings of an - gels fly, show how true be - liev - ers die.

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

### Postlude

#### *Festal March*

Florence B. Price (1887-1953)

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