



FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

of SAN DIEGO

APRIL 27, 2025 – 9:00 AM



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

“The future will be green or not at all.”
~ Jonathon Porritt

Prelude Pamela Vlick Martchev, flute; Sarah Amos, Director of Music Ministries

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

arr. Steven Van Wye



Worship Guide Notes: • is an invitation to rise in body or spirit; **bold words** indicate congregational response



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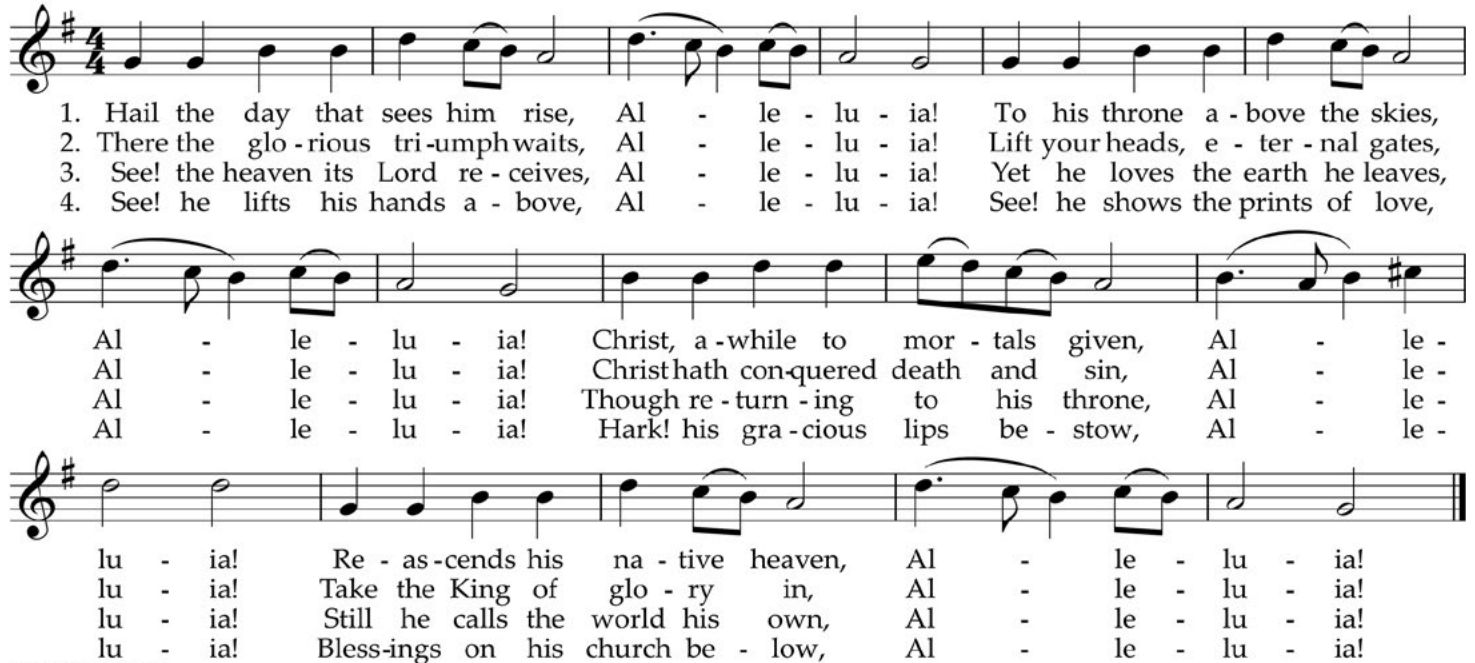
• **Call to Worship** Richard Harris, Liturgist

The earth reflects the glory of God
and reveals the wonders of creation!
Christ participates in the web of life
and informs the responsibilities of humankind.
Even so, the earth dims and responsibilities
are neglected.

Yet, the Resurrection can sustain our faith
and empower our actions.
The wonders of God are limitless,
and the hope of our faith is clear.
Our God is an awesome God. Death is not Final.
Christ lives in us and through us.

TO OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

• **Hymn of Celebration #312: *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise***



1. Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia! To his throne a - bove the skies,
2. There the glo - rious tri - umph waits, Al - le - lu - ia! Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates,
3. See! the heaven its Lord re - ceives, Al - le - lu - ia! Yet he loves the earth he leaves,
4. See! he lifts his hands a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia! See! he shows the prints of love,

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le -
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ hath con - quered death and sin, Al - le -
Al - le - lu - ia! Though re - turn - ing to his throne, Al - le -
Al - le - lu - ia! Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le -

lu - ia! Re - as - cends his na - tive heaven, Al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia! Take the King of glo - ry in, Al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia! Still he calls the world his own, Al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia! Bless - ings on his church be - low, Al - le - lu - ia!

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Pastoral Prayer Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin

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.

Sacrament of Baptism: *Cain Emmanuel Begay* Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

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.

Baptism of Cain

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.

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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Anthem Jubilee Singers; Brian Lustig, Director

He is Risen Today!

arr. Gene Grier (1942-2009)

He is risen today, sing "Alleluia!"
Roll the stone away, sing "Alleluia!"
He is risen today, Sing his praise, sing "Alleluia!"
Let the whole world know our Savior lives again.
In His prison He lay, for three days, sing "Alleluia!"
He has conquered death and washed my sins away.

He is risen today, sing his praise, sing "Alleluia!"
Let the earth rejoice, the music shall begin.
Christ has shown me the way, to repay, sing "Alleluia,"
All my debts of sin, to enter in to heav'n.
And when I look up to the sky,
I see my Savior calling from on high.
He is risen today, Sing his praise, sing "Alleluia!"
Let the whole world know our Savior lives again.
In His prison He lay, for three days, sing "Alleluia!"
He has conquered death and washed my sins away.

(Gene Grier)

A Time with Children Rev. Dr. Hannah Ka

TO HEAR THE WORD

• Prayer for Illumination

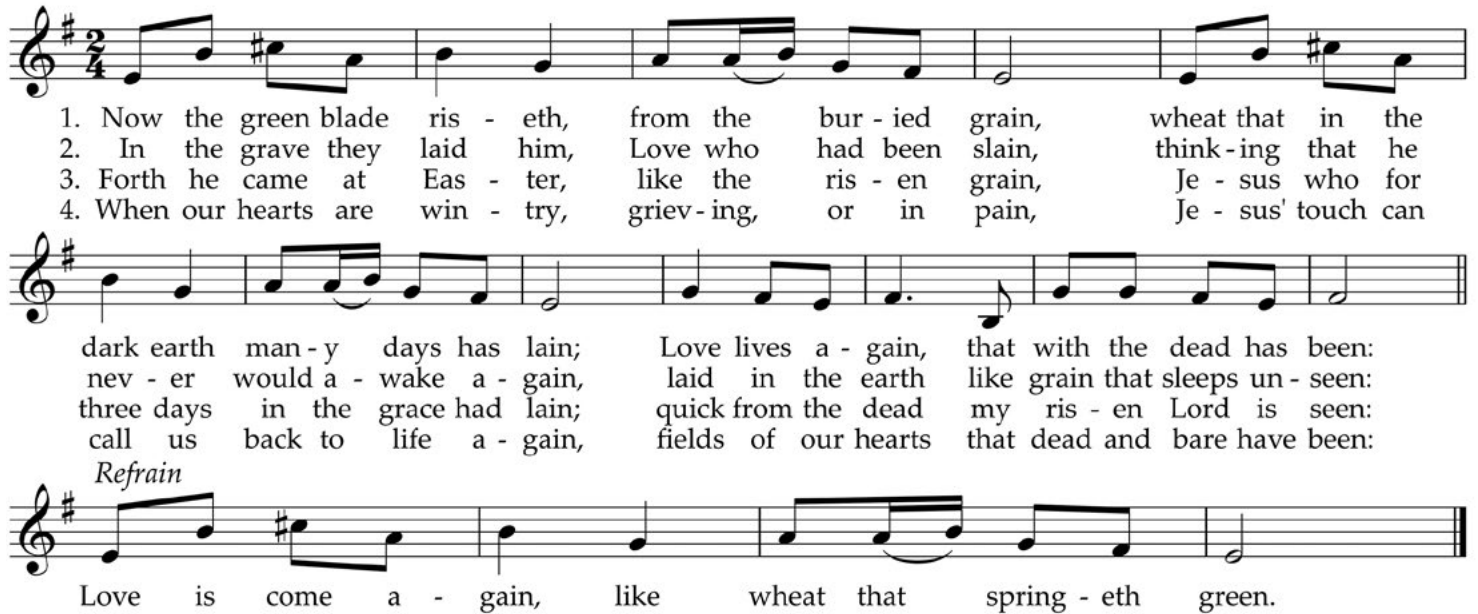
Holy God,
In the reading of the scriptures, may Your Word be heard.
In the meditations of our hearts, may Your Word be known.
In the faithfulness of our lives, may Your Word be shown.
Amen.

• Scripture Lesson: *Isaiah 24:4-6 / Mark 16:1-4*

The Word of God for the People of God: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "*Creation Care—Life After Death: The Need for Life*". Rev. Dr. Hannah Ka

• Hymn of Faith #311: *Now the Green Blade Riseth*



1. Now the green blade ris - eth, from the bur - ied grain, wheat that in the
 2. In the grave they laid him, Love who had been slain, think - ing that he
 3. Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain, Je - sus who for
 4. When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain, Je - sus' touch can

dark earth man - y days has lain; Love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
 nev - er would a - wake a - gain, laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
 three days in the grace had lain; quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
 call us back to life a - gain, fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

Refrain

Love is come a - gain, like wheat that spring - eth green.

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TO RENEW COMMITMENT

[Faith in Action](#)



Offertory Anthem Jubilee Singers; Handbell Choir

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Richard Shephard (1949-2021)

All things bright and beautiful,
 All creatures great and small,
 All things wise and wonderful,
 The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
 Each little bird that sings,
 He made their glowing colours,
 He made their tiny wings.

The cold wind in the winter,
 The pleasant summer sun,
 The ripe fruits in the garden,
 —He made them every one:

He gave us eyes to see them,
 And lips that we might tell,
 How great is God Almighty,
 Who has made all things well.

(Cecil F. Alexander)

• Doxology

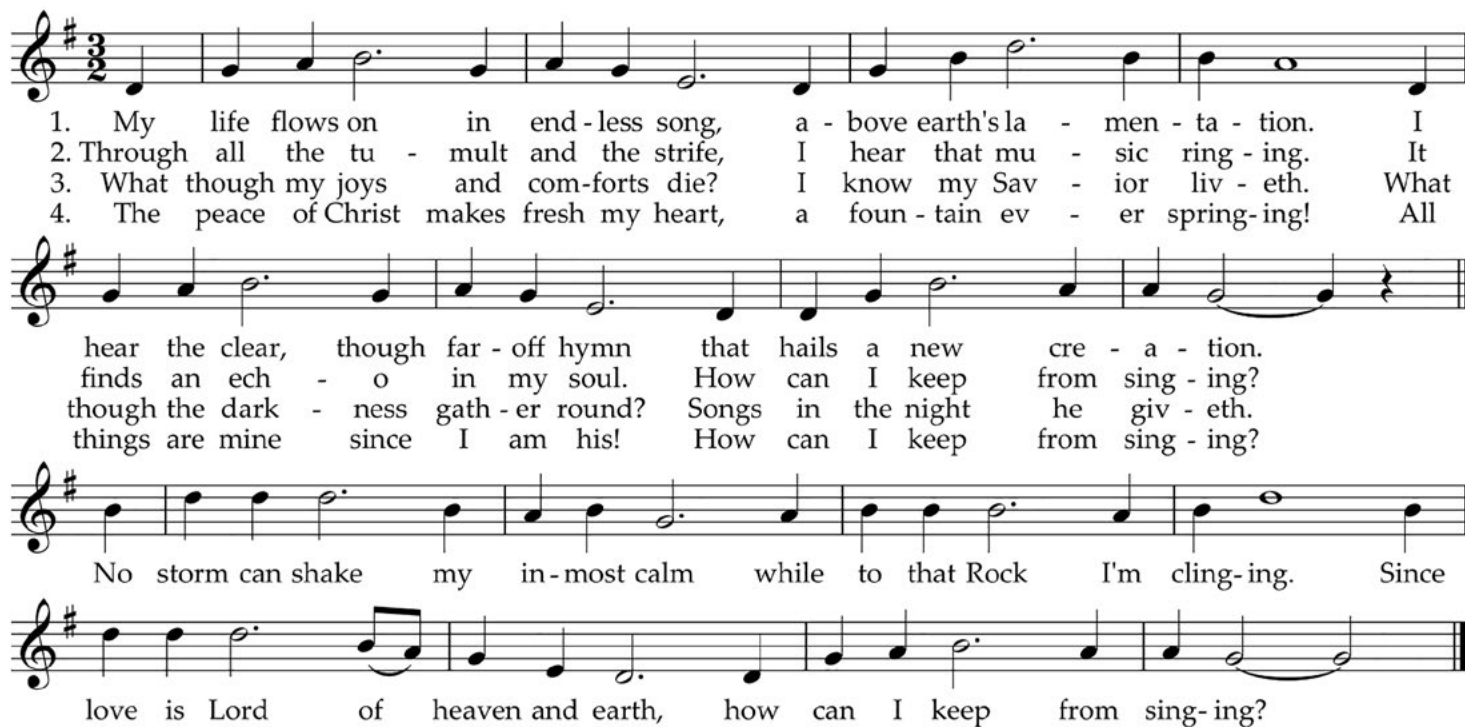
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
 Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

• Prayer of Thanksgiving

Resurrected Christ, you have died and yet risen,
 gone and yet you never leave us.
 Who we are becoming, what is happening around us,
 and what needs to be done is no secret to you.
 May we chase after you and your hope for the earth,
 all of our days and in every possible way.
 And in doing so, may we experience the deep and irreplaceable hope
 that allows us to make all things new. In your name, we pray.
 Amen.

TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

• Hymn of Consecration: *My Life Flows On*



1. My life flows on in end-less song, a - bove earth's la - men - ta - tion. I
 2. Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing. It
 3. What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth. What
 4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing! All

hear the clear, though far - off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing - ing?
 though the dark - ness gath - er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing - ing?

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing. Since
 love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

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• Benediction Rev. Dr. Hannah Ka

Postlude

Toccata on "Llanfair"

Simon Lole (b. 1957)



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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, we've all been there.

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!



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