



# FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
of SAN DIEGO

MAY 25, 2025 – 9:00 AM



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

## SIXTH 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 earth will not continue to offer its harvest, except with faithful stewardship.  
We cannot say we love the land and then take steps to destroy it for use by future generations.”  
~ Pope John Paul II

Prelude ..... Sarah Amos, Director of Music Ministries

*“Andante tranquillo” from Organ Sonata No. 3*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)



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



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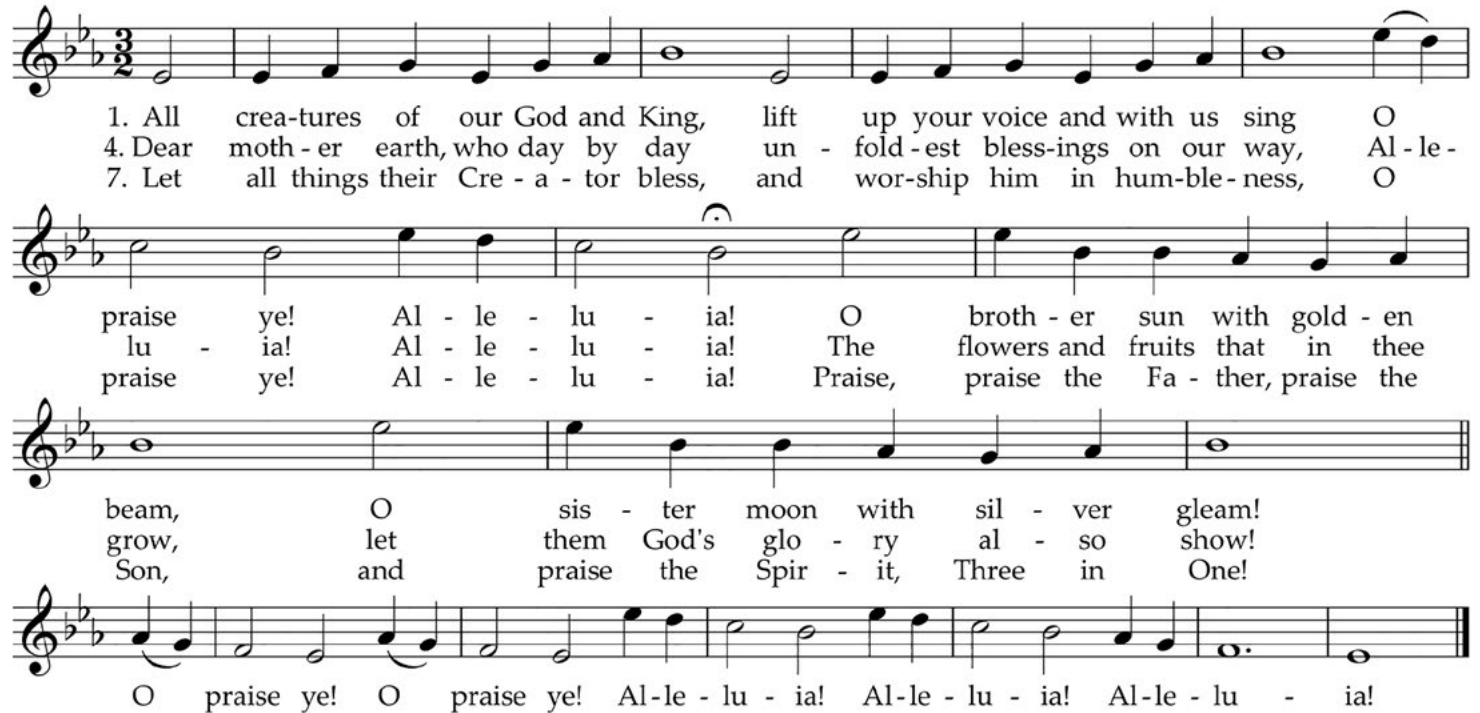
• **Call to Worship** ..... Carl Meuser, Liturgist

Animals, birds, and fish reflect the beauty of God  
and contain a myriad of mysteries!  
The mystery of Christ is contained in everyday  
moments and ordinary things.  
Even so, we rarely see, listen or learn from  
creatures and we fail to recognize Christ.

Yet, Resurrection is consistently offered,  
and Christ is always with us.  
The persistence of God is everlasting,  
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 #62: *All Creatures of Our God and King* (vs. 1, 4 & 7)**



1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing O  
4. Dear moth - er earth, who day by day un - fold - est bless-ings on our way, Al - le -  
7. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor-ship him in hum-ble - ness, O

praise ye! Al - le - lu - ia! O broth - er sun with gold - en  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! The flowers and fruits that in thee  
praise ye! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the

beam, O sis - ter moon with sil - ver gleam!  
grow, let them God's glo - ry al - so show!  
Son, and praise the Spir - it, Three in One!

O praise ye! O praise ye! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

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**Pastoral Prayer** ..... Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

**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.

**Anthem** . . . . . Chamber Choir; Brian Woods-Lustig, Director

*God Be in My Head*  
Richard Waters (b. 1973)

God be in my head, and in my understanding;  
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
God be in mine heart, and in my thinking;  
God be at my end, and in my departing.

**A Time with Children** . . . . . Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin

**TO HEAR THE WORD**

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

*Have You Not Known?*  
K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)

Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
Has it not been told you that the everlasting  
God dwells on high in starry splendor?  
His glory is unspeakable; his pow’r shall never fail.

*Refrain:*  
They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength.  
They shall mount up as eagles;  
They shall run and not grow weary;  
They shall walk and never faint.  
  
To whom will God, the Lord, compare?  
Who can stand his equal?  
By his word he formed the heav’ns;  
By his pow’r he e’er sustains them.  
Vain rulers perish hopelessly;  
Strong nations come to naught.

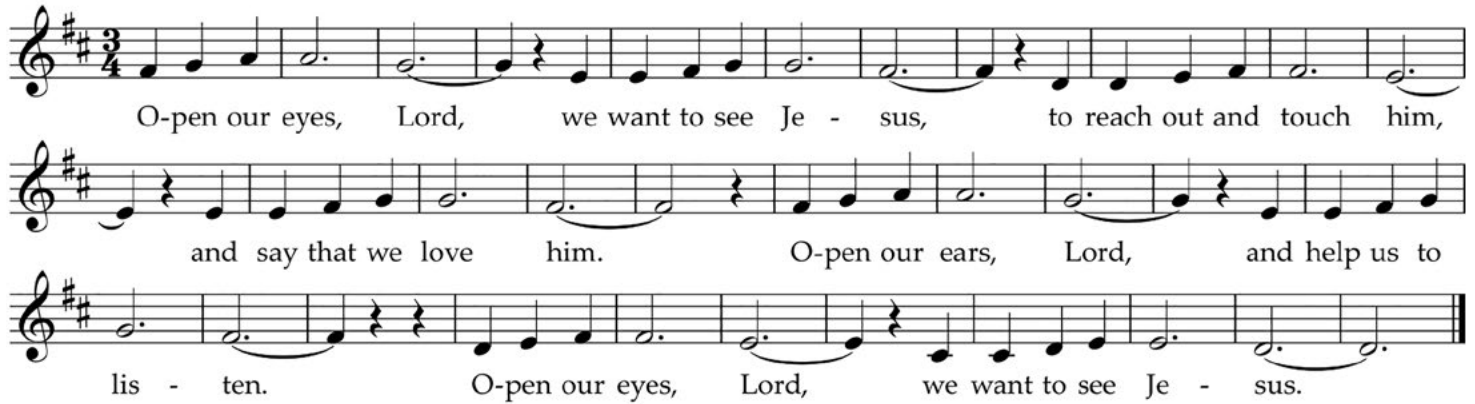
*Refrain*  
Then why complain, O Israel?  
Why downcast, O Jacob?  
Do you think he does not see?  
Is your way now disregarded?  
His knowledge is unsearchable,  
His wisdom strong and sure.  
  
*Refrain*  
Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
Has it not been told you that the everlasting God neither  
tires nor grows weary?  
E’en youths shall stumble helplessly,  
The young grow weak and faint.  
  
*Refrain*

- **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: Job 12:7-10, Luke 24:28-31**  
  
The Word of God for the People of God: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon: “Creation Care – Life after Death: The Need to Recognize”** . . . . . Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin

• Hymn of Faith: *Open Our Eyes*



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## TO RENEW COMMITMENT

### Faith in Action

Offertory. . . . . Youth Chime Ensemble; Dana Zimbric, Director

#### *Simple Gifts*

arr. Valerie W. Stephenson (1943-2023)



• Doxology

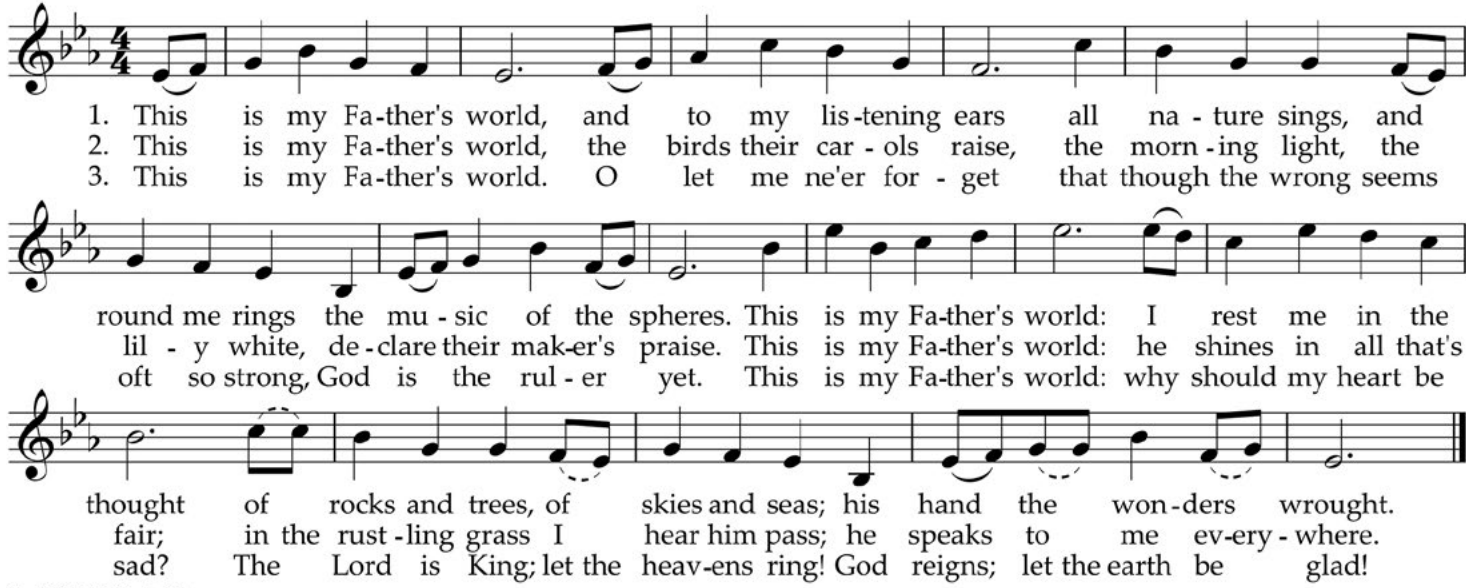
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

• 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 #144: *This Is My Father's World*



1. This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-tening ears all na - ture sings, and  
 2. This is my Fa-ther's world, the birds their car - ols raise, the morn - ing light, the  
 3. This is my Fa-ther's world. O let me ne'er for - get that though the wrong seems

round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres. This is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the  
 lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise. This is my Fa-ther's world: he shines in all that's  
 oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet. This is my Fa-ther's world: why should my heart be

thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.  
 fair; in the rust - ling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev - ery - where.  
 sad? The Lord is King; let the heav - ens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

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### • Benediction . . . . . Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin

### Postlude

*Fanfare in D Major*  
 Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens (1823-1881)

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**Calling all kids ages 4 - 11!**  
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 live out God's love in your life, and  
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 Enjoy music, crafts, games, and more!

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### FIRST CHURCH WELCOMES YOU IF...

*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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