



FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
of SAN DIEGO

JUNE 8, 2025 – 9:00 AM



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

PENTECOST

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 Holy Spirit has a habit of showing up where people least expect it—
in the whisper, in the wind, in the breath you didn’t know you were holding.”
~ Barbara Brown Taylor



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



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Umoja tunaimba

Victor Johnson (b.1978)

Umoja tunaimba. United we sing! We stand as one in unity!
We lift our voices and we join our hearts singing songs of
justice and peace.
We stand together as the children of God bringing hope
to humanity.

Imbakwa amani! Imbakwa furaha! Imbakwa upendo! Imba!
We will sing for peace! We will sing for joy!
We will sing for love! We will sing!
Umoja tunaimba. United we sing! We stand as one in unity.

• Call to Worship Nathan Stowe, Liturgist

Come, friends—something is stirring in the air.
A wind we can’t quite see, but we feel it in our bones.
**We’ve come together, open and curious,
ready for what might unfold.**
There’s a fresh energy here—
awakening every voice, every story, every dream.

**Young and old, each one with something to share.
Each one needed.**
Though we speak in many ways, we are united—
one community, moved by the same Spirit.
So come, Spirit of Life.
Move among us. Warm what feels cold.
Renew what feels tired. And make us new again.

TO OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

• Hymn of Celebration #603: Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire



1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, our hearts in - spire, let us thine in - fluence
2. Come, Ho - ly Ghost (for moved by thee the proph - ets wrote and
3. Ex - pand thy wings, ce - les - tial Dove, brood o'er our na - ture's
4. God, through the Spir - it we shall know if thou with - in us

prove; source of the old pro - phet - ic fire, foun - tain of life and love.
spoke), un - lock the truth, thy - self the key, un - seal the sa - cred book.
night; on our dis - or - dered spir - its move, and let there now be light.
shine, and sound, with all thy saints be - low, the depths of love di - vine.

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Music: Est's Whole Booke of Psalmes, 1592
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Morning Prayer Laurie St. Gean

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 Variations Youth Choir

Psalm 139

Allen Pote (b. 1945)

Lord, you have searched me and known me, You know everything I do.
When I rise up, when I lie down, you are with me through and through.
Before a word is on my tongue, you know what I will say,
Your presence follows me day by day.
Where can I flee from your spirit? Where can I go to run away?
If I go to heaven, or live in hell, you are there.
Search me, O God, and know me, try me and know my heart.
See if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.
Amen.

A Time with Children Rev. Dr. Hannah Ka

TO HEAR THE WORD

Anthem Variations Youth Choir; Emily Owens and Vivian Winton, Soloists

I Believe

Mark Miller (b. 1967)

I believe in the sun even when it's not shining.
I believe in love even when I don't feel it.
I believe in God even when God is silent.

• **Prayer for Illumination**

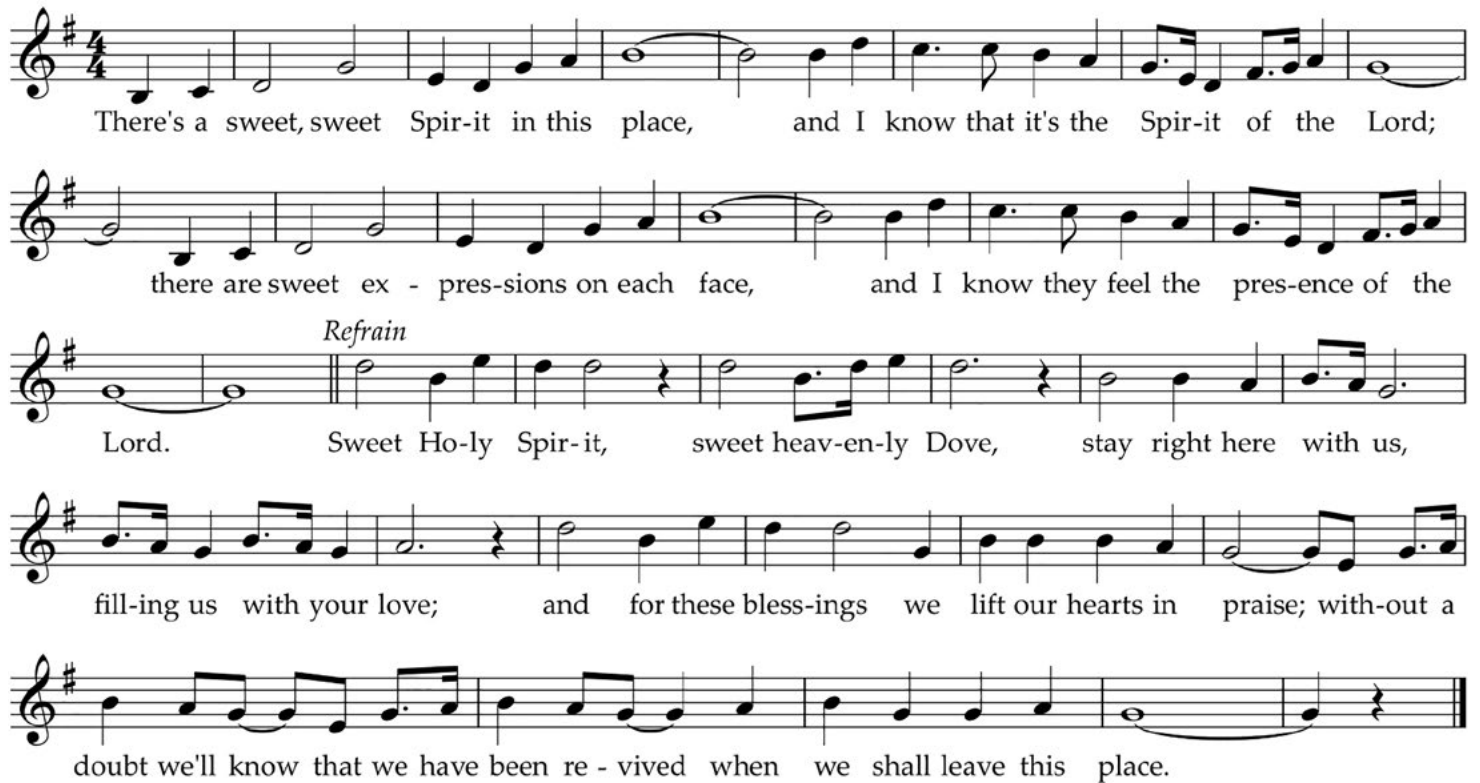
Holy God,
In the reading of the scriptures, may Your Word be heard.
In the meditations of our hearts, may Your Word be known.
In the faithfulness of our lives, may Your Word be shown.
Amen.

New Testament Lesson: Acts 2:1-4, 14-21

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

Sermon: "When the Winds Speak" Rev. Dr. Hannah Ka

• Hymn of Faith #334: *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*



There's a sweet, sweet Spir-it in this place, and I know that it's the Spir-it of the Lord;
there are sweet ex - pres-sions on each face, and I know they feel the pres-ence of the
Refrain
Lord. Sweet Ho-ly Spir-it, sweet heav-en-ly Dove, stay right here with us,
fill-ing us with your love; and for these bless-ings we lift our hearts in praise; with-out a
doubt we'll know that we have been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

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TO RENEW COMMITMENT

Faith in Action

Offertory. Sarah Amos, Director of Music Ministries

Contemplation on "Veni, Creator Spiritus"

James Biery (b. 1956)



• 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 breath and belonging, thank you for stirring among us—
for weaving our many voices into one shared song of hope.
With open hands, we bring what we have;
may these gifts stir love, justice, and new life in the world,
renewing what is tired, healing what is broken,
and kindling what is possible.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

• Hymn of Consecration #404: *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

Refrain

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray. Yes, ev - ery

time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray. *Fine*

1. Up - on the moun - tain, my Lord spoke, out his mouth came fire and
2. Jor - dan riv - er runs right cold, chills the bod - y, not the

smoke. All a - round me looks so shine, ask my Lord if all was mine.
soul. Ain't but one train on this track, runs to heav - en and right back.

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• Benediction Rev. Dr. Hannah Ka

• Benediction Response Variations Youth Choir

May the Road Rise to Meet You

arr. Jody Lindh

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be ever at your back,
May the sunshine warm upon your face,
And the rain fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
May God hold you ever in his hand.
When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears.
And rescues them from trouble, the Lord hears.
The Lord is near to the broken hearted, the Lord hears.
And saves the crushed in spirit. The Lord hears.
May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be ever at your back,
May the sunshine warm upon your face,
And the rain fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
May God hold you ever in the palm of his hand.

Postlude

Fanfare and Rumba on "Veni, Creator Spiritus"

Paul Leddington Wright (b. 1957)

VBS 2025 Sundays: July 13, 20, 27 & Aug 3 | 12-3 PM



Calling all kids ages 4 - 11!

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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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