



FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

of SAN DIEGO

JULY 27, 2025 – 9:00 AM



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

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER 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

“Where we love is home—home that our feet may leave, but not our hearts.”
~ Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Prelude Sarah Amos, Director of Music Ministries

Air on “Kelvingrove”

Matthew H. Corl (b. 1965)



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



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• **Call to Worship** Honor Liebold, Liturgist

“Come and follow me,” Jesus said.

“What were they expecting?” we might wonder.

Jesus was unlike any other. Jesus did things differently.

Jesus walked a difficult road.

He knew that what was needed was something new,
creative, and costly.

“Come and follow me,” Jesus still says.

We know, now, what to expect,

because we know what happened to Jesus.

He left the comforts of home and familiarity
to go where there was need.

Jesus found home among the people.

Let us also become agile in how we make home.

TO OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

• **Hymn of Celebration #79: *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* (vs. 1-4)**

1. Ho - ly God, we praise thy name; Lord of all, we bow be - fore thee; all on
2. Hark, the glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing; cher - u -
3. Lo! the ap - os - tol - ic train joins thy sa - cred name to hal - low; proph - ets
4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it: three we name thee, though in
earth thy scep - ter claim; all in heaven a - bove a - dore thee.
bim and ser - a - phim, in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,
swell the glad re - frain, and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low.
es - sence on - ly one; un - di - vid - ed God we claim thee,
In - fi - nite thy vast do - main; ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.
fill the heavens with sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.
And from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
and a - dor - ing bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

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Music: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, ca. 1774
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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.

A Time with Children Rev. Dr. Hannah Ka

TO HEAR THE WORD

Anthem Summer Choir; Brian Woods-Lustig, Director

Come and Follow Me

Robert S. Cohen (b. 1945)

Follow, come and follow me,
Leave all that you have behind,
Follow, come and follow me,
All my blessings you will find.
Follow me, Follow me,
I'll show you the way to Life,
Follow, let your heart believe,
That my peace will end your strife.

Follow, come and follow me,
See the miracles I do,
Follow, come and follow me,
Greater things I'll do through you.
Follow me, Follow me,
Let your praise my Love proclaim,
Come, my true servants be,
Spread through all the world my name.

Follow, come and follow me,
Let my Spirit lead the way,
Follow, come and follow me,
to the Kingdom's brand new day!
Follow me, Follow me,
Let my grace your soul renew,
Take my bread and receive,
My abundant life in you.

(Ronald Cadmus)

• Prayer for Illumination

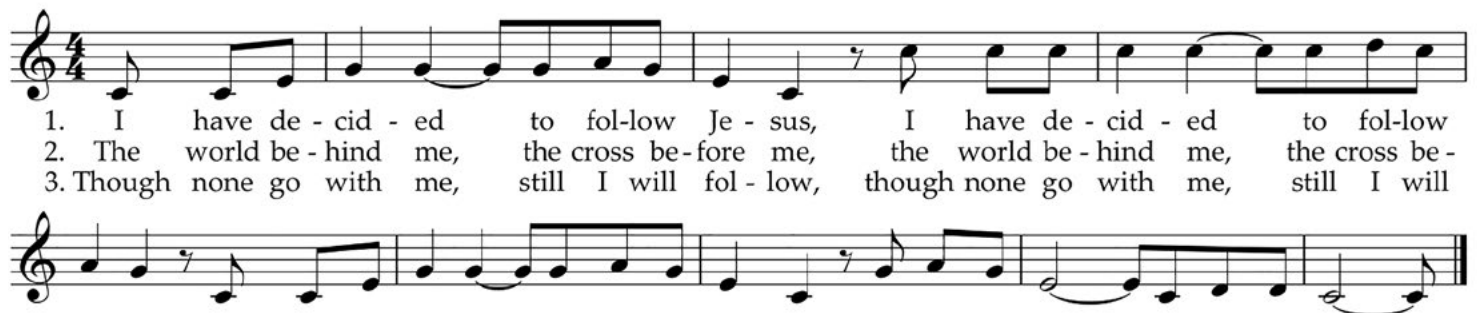
Holy God,
In the reading of the scriptures, may Your Word be heard.
In the meditations of our hearts, may Your Word be known.
In the faithfulness of our lives, may Your Word be shown.
Amen.

• Gospel Lesson: *Luke 9:56-62*

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

Sermon: *"The Christ-Like Journey: Jesus Left Home"* Rev. Dr. Hannah Ka

• Hymn of Faith: *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*



1. I have de - cid - ed to fol-low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol-low
2. The world be - hind me, the cross be-fore me, the world be - hind me, the cross be -
3. Though none go with me, still I will fol - low, though none go with me, still I will

Je-sus, I have de-cid-ed to fol-low Je - sus — no turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.
fore me, the world be-hind me, the cross be-fore me — no turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.
fol-low, though none go with me, still I will fol- low — no turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.

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TO RENEW COMMITMENT

Faith in Action

Offertory

Sicilienne

Maria Theresia von Paradis (1759-1824), arr. Robert Gower



• **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**

Constantly Moving God,
 You bring us life. You nudge us on the path of Christ
 and You carry us when we are in need.
 Help us to live the path of Christ,
 in order to serve those in need, in your name. Amen.

TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

• **Hymn of Consecration: *The Summons***

1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name? Will you go where
 2. Will you leave your-self be - hind if I but call your name? Will you care for
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name? Will you set the
 4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the
 5. Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and

you don't know and nev - er be the same? Will you let my love be shown,
 cruel and kind and nev - er be the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare
 pris - oners free and nev - er be the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean,
 fear in - side and nev - er be the same? Will you use the faith you've found
 fol - low you and nev - er be the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go

will you let my name be known, will you let my
 should your life at - tract or scare? Will you let me
 and do such as this un - seen, and ad - mit to
 to re - shape the world a - round, through my sight and
 where your love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and

life be grown in you and you in me?
 an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
 what I mean in you and you in me?
 touch and sound in you and you in me?
 live and grow in your and you in me.

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• **Benediction** Rev. Dr. Hannah Ka

Postlude

Grand Choeur
 Théodore Salomé (1834-1896)

Community and Fellowship at First Church

*Connect, learn, serve, and grow with your church family!
Here are some of the many ways you can get involved:*



Support Our Church Family: Prayers & Squares Quilt Prep
1st Sat. & 3rd Thurs. | Aug. 2 | 9 AM - 12 PM | Linder 2
Help assemble prayer quilts! Learn more: fumcsd.org/quilt



Serve Our Neighbors: Back Pack Stuffing & Distribution
Cherokee Point Back-to-School Luau: August 8
Email Julie Hatch: juleshatch61@gmail.com



Become a Member: FUMCSD New Beginnings Class
Sun. Aug. 24 | 12:15-2 PM | Linder Lounge
RSVP by 8/20: fumcsd.org/member



Meet Your Church Neighbors: Monthly Meet Ups
Life is richer with friends! Contact Rev. Hannah or watch the eNews for info about a group near you.



Grow Your Faith: In-Person & Online Groups
Heart of Christianity | Sundays at 11 AM | Zoom
Member-led book study; details: fumcsd.org/ministries/adults
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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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