



FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

of SAN DIEGO

AUGUST 10, 2025 – 9:00 AM



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

NINTH 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

“To touch can be to give life.”
~ Michelangelo

Prelude Sarah Amos, Director of Music Ministries

Méditation de Thaïs

Jules Massenet (1842-1912), arr. Alfred J. Silver (1870-1935)



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



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• **Call to Worship** Berkeley Lai, 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.

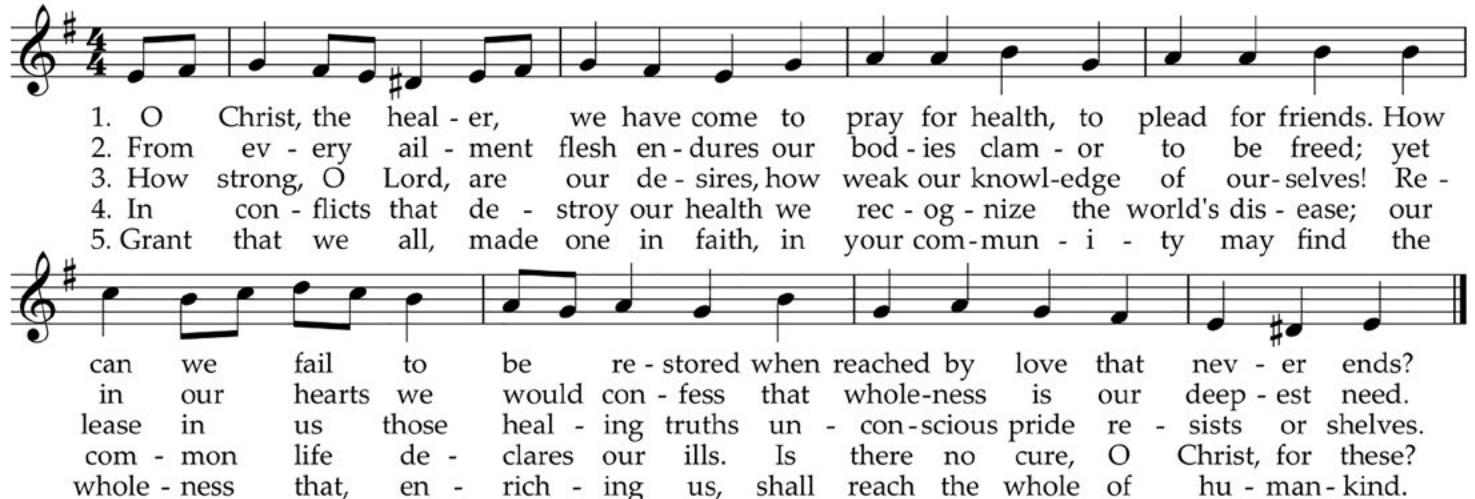
He healed with a touch and a word of compassion,
not expecting anything in return.

All were grateful. Some expressed their gratitude.

Let us also give without conditions.

TO OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

• **Hymn of Celebration #265: O Christ, the Healer**



1. O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends. How
 2. From ev - ery ail - ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or to be freed; yet
 3. How strong, O Lord, are our de - sires, how weak our knowl - edge of our - selves! Re -
 4. In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease; our
 5. Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mun - i - ty may find the

can we fail to be re - stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?
 in our hearts we would con - fess that whole - ness is our deep - est need.
 lease in us those heal - ing truths un - con - scious pride re - sists or shelves.
 com - mon life de - clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
 whole - ness that, en - rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man - kind.

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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. Trudy D. Robinson

TO HEAR THE WORD

Anthem Summer Choir; Brian Woods-Lustig, Director

There Is A Balm in Gilead

arr. Thom Pavlechko (b. 1962)

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
 there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
 then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
 there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul, you
 can tell the love of Jesus and say, “He died for all.”

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
 there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.

Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend;
 and if you lack for knowledge he'll ne'er refuse to lend.

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
 there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.

- **Prayer for Illumination**

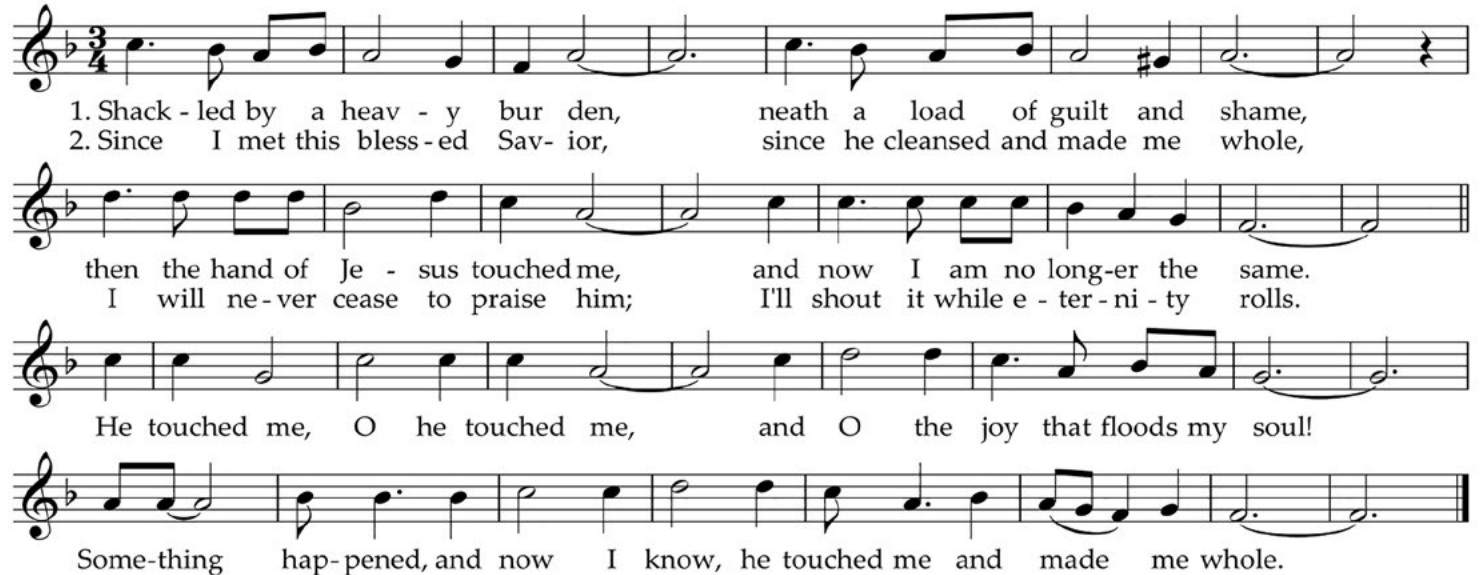
Holy God,
In the reading of the scriptures, may Your Word be heard.
In the meditations of our hearts, may Your Word be known.
In the faithfulness of our lives, may Your Word be shown.
Amen.

- **Gospel Lesson: *Luke 17:11-19***

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

Sermon: *“The Christ-Like Journey: Jesus Touched Unwell People”* Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

- **Hymn of Faith #367: *He Touched Me***



1. Shack - led by a heav - y bur den, neath a load of guilt and shame,
2. Since I met this bless - ed Sav - ior, since he cleansed and made me whole,
then the hand of Je - sus touched me, and now I am no long - er the same.
I will ne - ver cease to praise him; I'll shout it while e - ter - ni - ty rolls.
He touched me, O he touched me, and O the joy that floods my soul!
Some - thing hap - pened, and now I know, he touched me and made me whole.

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TO RENEW COMMITMENT

Faith in Action

Offertory

Reflection on “Erhalt uns, Herr”

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**

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: *Heal Me, Hands of Jesus*



1. Heal me, hands of Je - sus, and search out all my pain; re -
2. Cleanse me, cup of Je - sus, take bit - ter - ness a - way; let
3. Know me, mind of Je - sus, and show me all my sin; dis -
4. Fill me, joy of Je - sus; anx - i - e - ty shall cease, and

store my hope, re - move my fear, and bring me peace a - gain.
me for - give as one for - given and bring me peace to - day.
pel the mem - o - ries of guilt and bring me peace with - in.
heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!

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• Benediction Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

Postlude

Trauermarsch Op. 156 No. 12

Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

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