



# FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

of SAN DIEGO

AUGUST 17, 2025 – 9:00 AM



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

## TENTH 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 be great is to be misunderstood.”  
~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

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

*Fantasia on “Italian Hymn”*

Philip Moore (b. 1943)



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



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• **Call to Worship** ..... Tobias Crislip, 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 spoke in common language and broke things down  
to explain. Yet many misunderstand.

**Jesus teaches everyone, seeking understanding.**

**Let us always strive to understand.**

## TO OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

• **Hymn of Celebration #73: O Worship the King (vs. 1-3, 5)**

1. O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly  
2. O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace, whose robe is the  
3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, thy  
5. Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail, in thee do we  
sing God's power and God's love; our Shield and De - fend - er, the  
light, whose can - o - py space, whose char - iots of wrath the deep  
power hath found - ed of old; hath stab - lished it fast by a  
trust, nor find thee to fail; thy mer - cies how ten - der, how  
An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.  
thun - der - clouds form, and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.  
change - less de - cree, and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
firm to the end, our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

Words: Robert Grant, 1833

Music: LYONS, Attr. to Johann Michael Haydn; arr. by William Gardiner, 1815

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**Pastoral Prayer** ..... Rev. Dr. Hannah Ka

**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

### *My Song is Love Unknown*

Mark Schweizer (1956-2019)

My song is love unknown,  
My Savior's love to me;  
Love to the loveless shown,  
That they might lovely be.  
O who am I, that for my sake  
My Lord should take, frail flesh and die?

Christ came from heaven's throne  
Salvation to bestow;  
But people scorned, and none  
the longed for Christ would know:  
But O! my Friend, my Friend indeed,  
Who at my need His life did spend.

Here might I stay and sing,  
No story so divine;  
Never was love, dear King!  
Never was grief like Thine.  
This is my Friend, in Whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend.

(Samuel Crossman)

### • Prayer for Illumination

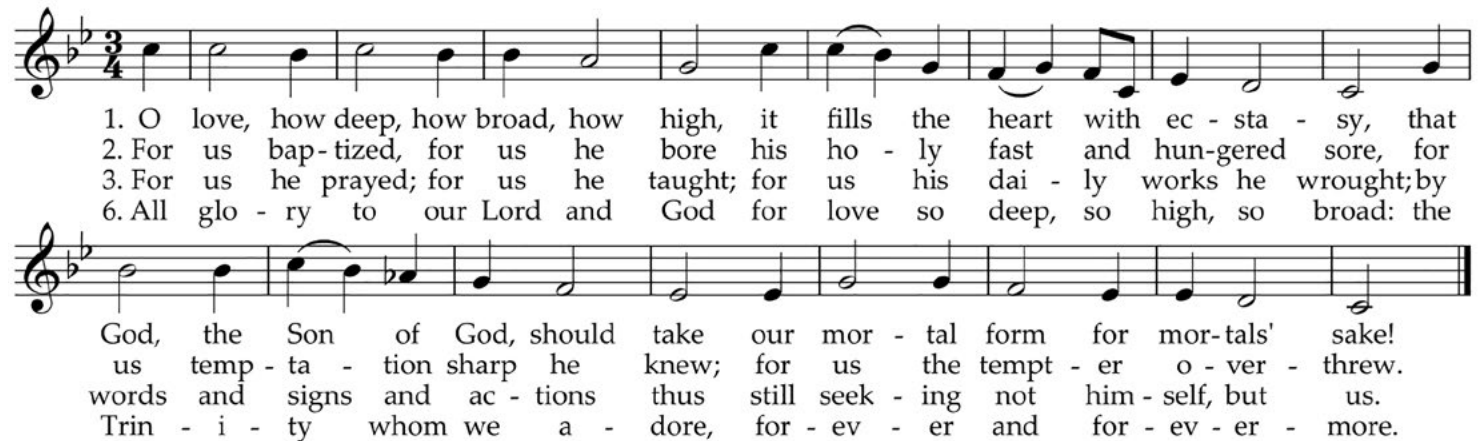
Holy God,  
In the reading of the scriptures, may Your Word be heard.  
In the meditations of our hearts, may Your Word be known.  
In the faithfulness of our lives, may Your Word be shown.  
Amen.

### • Gospel Lesson: *Mark 15:1-5*

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

**Sermon:** *"The Christ-Like Journey: Jesus Was Misunderstood"* ..... Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

### • Hymn of Faith #267: *O Love, How Deep* (vs. 1-3, 6)



1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high, it fills the heart with ec - sta - sy, that  
2. For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore, for  
3. For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his dai - ly works he wrought; by  
6. All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad: the  
God, the Son of God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
us temp - ta - tion sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
words and signs and ac - tions thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
Trin - i - ty whom we a - dore, for - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

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Music: English melody  
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## TO RENEW COMMITMENT

### Faith in Action

### Offertory

### *"Nimrod" from Enigma Variations*

Edward Elgar (1857-1934), 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 #61: *Come, Thou Almighty King***



1. Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing, help us to praise!  
 2. Come, thou in - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword, our prayer at - tend!  
 3. Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear in this glad hour.  
 4. To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be, hence, ev - er - more.

Fa - ther all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days!  
 Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess; Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend!  
 Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power!  
 Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore!

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- **Benediction** . . . . . Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

Postlude

*Marche d'Athalie*  
 Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)



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