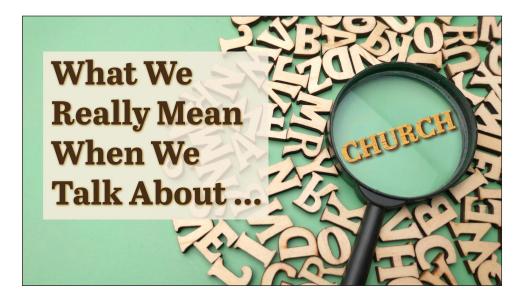


FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  $\it of$  SAN DIEGO

OCTOBER 12, 2025 - 9:00 AM



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

#### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

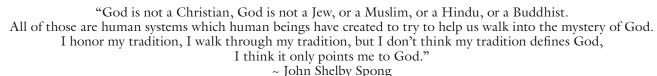
### THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

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



"Wonderful, Merciful Savior" and "How He Loves"

arr. Peggy Betcher (b. 1961)

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



Assistive listening and transcription available in First Church Sanctuary. See pew card or usher to connect to Listen EVERYWHERE or Epiphan LiveScrypt. • Call to Worship . . . . . . Lisa Meuser, Liturgist How is it that the Church is spread all across the world? The Spirit moves in mystery

The same ideas, stories, and rituals, in different

languages, styles, and cultures?

Church is the beauty of belonging, and the evidence of unity.

Could it be that the mystery that is God be found beyond our ideas, our stories, our rituals?

and still so much is unknown.

So we come: to be curious, not certain, to ask questions without answers, to learn the unknowable.

We come to humbly be together in the Church.

# TO OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

• Hymn of Celebration, UMH #660: God is Here

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.

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

# Look at the World

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Look at the world

Everything all around us

Look at the world

And marvel every day

Look at the world

So many joys and wonders

So many miracles

Along our way

Refrain

Praise to thee O Lord for all creation

Give us thankful hearts

that we may see

All the gifts we share

and every blessing

All things come of thee

Look at the earth

Bringing forth fruit and flowers

Look at the sky

The sunshine and the rain

Look at the hills

Look at the trees and mountains

Valley and flowing river

Field and plain

Think of the spring

Think of the warmth of summer

Bringing the harvest

Before the winter's cold

Everything grows

Everything has a season

'Til it is gathered to the fathers fold

Every good gift

All that we need and cherish

Comes from the Lord

In token of his love

We are his hands

Stewards of all his bounty

His is the earth and his

the heavens above

# TO HEAR THE WORD

#### Anthem

### God is Everywhere

Jay Althouse (b. 1951)

All who seek God's love and grace Find His love in every place, And a friend in every face. God is everywhere.

When our earthly comforts fail, When the woes of life prevail, When we feel alone and frail, God is everywhere. And when we are lonely, We go to God in prayer. He is always with us; He is everywhere.

In abundance and in need, When we follow, when we lead, We will know by word and deed. God is everywhere. All who seek God's love and grace, Find that love in every place, And a friend in every face. God is everywhere. Amen.

# 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.

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 55:8-9

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

Sermon: What We Really Mean When We Talk About Church . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

• Hymn of Faith, UMH #124: Seek the Lord

# TO RENEW COMMITMENT

### Faith in Action

Offertory, scan QR code or visit fumcsd.org/egive to give online

Offertory

Trio on "The Ash Grove"

Michael Bedford (b. 1949)

### 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

Gracious God, who calls us together and invites us to belong, and who send us out to open our hearts to others, we give You thanks for surrounding us with community.

Grant that through being at Church, we may expand our generosity beyond these walls and into the world,

beyond our faith tradition into Your mystery. Amen.



### TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

| • Hymn of Consecration, UMH #664: Sent Forth by God's Blessing |                        |
|--|------------------------|
| • Benediction  | Rev. Trudy D. Robinson |
| Postlude   |                        |

# Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

### 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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