



# FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

of SAN DIEGO

OCTOBER 19, 2025 – 9:00 AM



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

## NINETEENTH 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

“I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; I will remember your wonders of old.  
I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds.”  
~ Psalm 77:11-12 (NRSV)

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

*Fanfare on “Unser Herrscher”*

Mary Beth Bennett (b. 1954)



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



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- **Call to Worship** . . . . . Laurie St. Gean, Liturgist  
 God's story is about grace and freedom.  
**God invites us into these things.**  
 God's story is about healing and abundance.  
**God invites us into wholeness of life.**  
 God's story is about manna in the wilderness,  
 character in the making,  
 community with whom to grow.

**The Church is part of God's story.**  
 The Church feeds our souls for the journey.  
 The Church nurtures our spirits for love.  
**May the Church's story always be**  
**about grace, freedom, healing and abundance.**  
 May we respond with heart and soul.

## TO OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

- **Hymn of Celebration, UMH #578: *God of Love and God of Power***

**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.

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

### *The Gift to Be Simple*

arr. Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,  
 'Tis the gift to come down where you oughta be,  
 And when we find ourselves in a place just right,  
 'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.  
 When true simplicity is gained,  
 To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,  
 To turn will be our delight, till by turning we come round right.

(Traditional)

### A Time with Children

## TO HEAR THE WORD

### Anthem

### *O Food to Pilgrims Given*

Daniel Burton (b. 1944)

O food to pilgrims given,  
 O bread of life from heaven,  
 O manna from on high!  
 We hunger, Lord, supply us,  
 Nor thy delights deny us,  
 Whose hearts to Thee draw nigh.

O stream of love past telling,  
 O purest fountain wellbeing,  
 From out the Savior's side!  
 We faint with thirst; revive us,  
 Of Thine abundance give us,  
 And all we need provide.

O Jesus, by Thee bidden,  
 We here adore Thee,  
 Hidden in forms of bread and wine.  
 Grant when the veil is riven,  
 We may behold, in heaven,  
 Thy countenance divine.

(Maintzich Gesangbuch, 1661)

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: *Exodus 16:11-18*

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

Sermon: *Our Money Story: Remember* ..... Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

- Hymn of Faith, TFWS #2126: *All Who Hunger*

TO RENEW COMMITMENT

Faith in Action

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Offertory

*Meditation on “St. Andrew”*  
Camil Van Huse (1897-1988)

- 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,  
As we offer our gifts to You, remind us that  
    We give as a sign of gratitude.  
    We give because we belong to one another.  
    We give to bring healing and grace to the world.  
    We give because we love, and that’s what love does.  
In hope, we pray. Amen.

TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

- Hymn of Consecration, UMH #127: *Guide Me O, Thou Great Jehovah*
- Benediction ..... Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

Postlude

*Toccata from Suite Gothique*  
Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

## 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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