



FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

of SAN DIEGO

OCTOBER 26, 2025 – 9:00 AM



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

TWENTIETH 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

“Holding on is believing that there’s only a past; letting go is knowing that there’s a future.”
~ Daphne Rose Kingma

Prelude Sarah Amos, Director of Music Ministries

Prelude on “Brother James’ Air”

Searle Wright (1918-2004)



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



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- **Call to Worship.** Barb Weicksel, Liturgist
 God's story is about blessing and generosity.
God invites us into these things.
 God's story is about kindness and compassion.
God invites us to offer open hands.
 God's story is about commandments to live by,
 embracing good and serving others,
 meeting needs wherever they may be.
- 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 blessing, generosity, kindness
 and compassion.**
 May we respond with heart and soul.

TO OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

- **Hymn of Celebration, UMH #87: *What Gift Can We Bring***

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

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.

Sacrament of Baptism, UMH pg. 40, 43 Farris Alamay Hanken

Baptism of Farris

Response, UMH #611: *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (vv. 1 & 4)*

Anthem Jubilee Singers; Sarah Amos, Director; Jill Herbold, piano

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Kathryn S. Bonner

Draw us in the Spirit's tether,
 For when humbly in Thy name,
 Two or three are met together
 Thou are in the midst of them;
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Touch we now Thy garment's hem.
 As the brethren used to gather
 In the name of Christ to sup,
 Then with thanks to God the Father
 Break the bread and bless the cup,
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 So knit Thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living
 Make as sacraments of Thee,
 That by caring, helping, giving
 We may true disciples be.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 We will serve Thee faithfully.
 (Percy Dearmer 1867-1936)

A Time with Children

TO HEAR THE WORD

Anthem Handbell Choir; Sean Smith, Assistant Director

"Morning Has Broken" and "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

arr. Douglas E. Wagner (b. 1952)

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: *Deuteronomy 15:4-11*

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

Sermon: *Our Money Story: Release* Rev. Dr. Hannah Ka

- Hymn of Faith, TFWS #2065: *More Precious than Silver*

TO RENEW COMMITMENT

Faith in Action

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



Offertory

Chorale on “Give Thanks”
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
Gracious God,
As we offer our gifts to You, release in us
the hesitation to give,
the temptation to fear,
the belief of insufficiency,
the denial of compassion,
so that Your love that we hold
can be offered to others.
In hope, we pray. Amen.

TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

- Hymn of Consecration, UMH #399: *Take My Life and Let It Be*
- Benediction Rev. Dr. Hannah Ka

Postlude

“Allegro maestoso” from Organ Sonata No. 2
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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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