



FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

of SAN DIEGO

NOVEMBER 9, 2025 – 9:00 AM



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

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

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

“Feeling gratitude, and not expressing it, is like wrapping a present and not giving it.”
~ Brene Brown

Prelude Sarah Amos, Director of Music Ministries

Prelude on “Duke Street”

Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)



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



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- **Call to Worship** Nicole Hadler, Liturgist

God's story is about mystery and curiosity.
God invites us into these things.
 God's story is about surprise and delight.
God invites us into wholeness of life.
 God's story is about plenty, just out of sight,
 disciples turning toward the right side,
 the spontaneous response to the blessing
 found there.

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 mystery and curiosity,
surprise and delight.
 May we respond with heart and soul.

TO OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

- **Hymn of Celebration, UMH #400: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

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

TO HEAR THE WORD

Anthem Chancel Choir; Brian Woods-Lustig, Director

Give Unto the Lord

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Give unto the Lord O ye Mighty,
 Give unto the Lord Glory and strength.
 Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name;
 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
 The God of glory thundereth,
 it is the Lord that ruleth the sea;
 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;
 The voice of the Lord is full of majesty;
 The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedars,
 Yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.

Yea, the voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire,
 Yea, the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness,
 and strippeth the forests bare.
 In His temple doth every one speak of His glory.
 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
 The Lord sitteth above the waterflood;
 and the Lord remaineth a King for ever;
 The Lord shall give strength unto His people;
 the Lord shall give His people the blessing of peace.
 (Psalm 29)

- **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: *John 21:1-13*

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

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

- Hymn of Faith, UMH #389: *Freely, Freely*

TO RENEW COMMITMENT

Faith in Action

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Offertory

Prelude on “Melita”
Christa Rakich (b. 1952)

- 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, may we respond
with gratitude more heartfelt than usual,
with generosity more expansive than expected,
with more of ourselves than others might think wise,
so that all that you give to us is shared with others.
In hope, we pray. Amen.

TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

- Hymn of Consecration, UMH #438: *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord*

• Benediction Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

Postlude

Fanfare for the Common Man
Aaron Copland (1900-1990), arr. Thomas R. Vozzella

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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