



FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

of SAN DIEGO

NOVEMBER 16, 2025 – 9:00 AM



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

TWENTY-THIRD 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 Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

Words of Inspiration

“I want to live in a world where people become famous because of their work for peace and justice and care.
I want the famous to be inspiring; their lives an example of what every human being
has it in them to do — act from love!”
~ Patch Adams

Prelude Sarah Amos, Director of Music Ministries

Fantasia on St. Helen

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
- Friends, we hear what God desires of us:
 That we do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.
Now is always the right time to do these things.
 We gather this morning to consider
 the opportunities that God is showing us,
 the places where God is leading us,
 and the call that God is speaking to us.
Now is always the right time to respond to God.
So with thankful hearts, we listen, reflect, and respond.

TO OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

- **Hymn of Celebration, UMH #57: *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing, v. 1-5, 7***
- 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.
- Sacrament of Baptism, UMH pg. 39** Rabeh Dinarani
- A Time with Children** Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin

TO HEAR THE WORD

- Anthem** Chancel Choir; Brian Woods-Lustig, Director
- We Shall Overcome*
 arr. Rollo Dilworth (b. 1970)

We shall overcome someday!
 Oh, deep in my heart
 I do believe
 We shall overcome someday!

We shall live in peace someday!
 Oh, deep in my heart
 I do believe
 We shall live in peace someday!

We’ll walk hand in hand!
 Oh, deep in my heart
 I do believe
 We shall overcome someday!
- 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: *Micah 6:8***
- The Word of God for the People of God: **Thanks be to God.**
- Sermon: *Justice, Compassion, and Belonging*** Bishop Grant J. Hagiya
 President, Claremont School of Theology
- **Hymn of Faith, UMH #441: *What Does the Lord Require***

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Trio in G Minor

Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

- 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

Generous God, giver of every good gift.
Teach us to be thankful
for how mercifully You bring about justice,
for how extravagantly You offer compassion,
for how graciously You invite belonging.
Then, let us generously do the same. Amen.

TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

- Hymn of Consecration, UMH #383: *This Is a Day of New Beginnings*

- Benediction Bishop Grant J. Hagiya

Postlude

Toccata in G Minor

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)



For such a time as this.



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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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