



FIRST CHURCH
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
of SAN DIEGO

FEBRUARY 8, 2026 – 9:00 AM



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

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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



“We may ignore, but we can nowhere evade the presence of God.
The world is crowded with Him. He walks everywhere incognito.”
~ C. S. Lewis

Prelude Sarah Amos, Director of Music Ministries

“*Melody*” from *Three Short Pieces for Organ*

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912)

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



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• **Call to Worship** Lisa Meuser, Liturgist

We come into this holy space, expecting to sense the Divine,
in music and silence, in poetry and contemplation.

This is the sanctuary of God, the Church of Christ, the temple of the Holy.

God dwelled in Christ, took on flesh, and lived among us.

God still dwells in us, moves in our flesh, and breathes life in all.

God is more than we are, and we are less than God.

Still, we look for the glory of God in all things and in each of us.

We come to seek and we will find. And when we leave, we will still seek and we will still find.

For God is everywhere.

May God's grace and truth grow within us, around us, and through us.

TO OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

• **Hymn of Celebration, UMH #126: *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above***

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.

Anthem Jubilee Singers; Sarah Amos, Director; Judy Krefting, Soloist; Jill Herbold, piano

And the Word Was Made Flesh

David von Kampen (b. 1986)

And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us,

and we beheld His glory,

the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,

full of grace and truth.

(John 1:14)

A Time with Children

TO HEAR THE WORD

Anthem Chancel Choir; Sean Smith, Guest Conductor

Verbum caro factum est

Hans Leo Hassler (1564–1612)

Translation:

Verbum caro factum est
Et habitavit in nobis
et vidimus gloriam ejus
gloriam quasi unigeniti a Patre
plenum gratiae et veritatis.

*And the Word was made flesh,
and dwelt among us,
and we beheld his glory,
the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,
full of grace and truth.*

- 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 1:14*

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

Sermon: *The Unexpected Divine in the Space Between* Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

- Hymn of Faith, UMH #473: *Lead Me, Lord*

TO RENEW COMMITMENT

Faith in Action

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Offertory

Scherzo on "Mit Freuden zart"

David Schelat (b. 1955)

- 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

O Gracious God,
We thank you for the gift of being with us, and for your promise of presence everywhere.
May the gifts we give back reflect our gratitude, and be used to offer shine light on your glory.
Amen.

TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

- Hymn of Consecration, UMH #120: *Your Love, O God*

• Benediction Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

Postlude

"Menuet Gothique" 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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