



FIRST CHURCH  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
of SAN DIEGO

MARCH 15, 2026 – 9:00 AM



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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

“When you’re accustomed to privilege, parity and equity and equality may feel like oppression.”  
~ Raphael Warnock

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

*Chorale Prelude on “Martyrdom”*

C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)

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



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- **Silent Processional**

- **Call to Worship** . . . . . Carol Blessing, Liturgist

Here, on the fourth Sunday of Lent, our journey continues.

**We remain**

standing in front of the mirrors that hide nothing;  
 listening to the ancient stories that speak truth today;  
 settling into the harsh truth and waiting for the light to shine on the exit;  
 leaning into the faith which promises to make us whole and holy.

**Here we are**

still walking through Lent, seeking God in trust.

**May it be so. Amen.**

**TO OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS**

- **Hymn of Praise, UMH #295: *In the Cross of Christ I Glory***

**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** . . . . . Jubilee Singers; Rayna Shafter, Assistant Director

*Kyrie*

Andrea Klouse (b. 1955)

Kyrie eleison.  
 Christe eleison.  
 Kyrie eleison. Amen.

**A Time with Children**

**TO HEAR THE WORD**

**Anthem** . . . . . Jubilee Singers; Sarah Amos, Director

*Soon I Will Be Done*

William L. Dawson (1899-1990)

*Refrain:*  
 Soon I will be done with the troubles of the world,  
 Going home to live with God.

I want to meet my mother.  
 I'm going to live with God.

*Refrain*

No more weeping and a-wailing.  
 I'm going to live with God.

*Refrain*

I want to meet my Jesus.  
 I'm going to live with God!

• 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: *Matthew 27:57-61*

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

Sermon: *The People of the Passion—The Privileged* . . . . . Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin

• Hymn of Faith, UMH #521: *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*

**TO RENEW COMMITMENT**

Faith in Action

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Offertory

*Meditation on “Rathbun”*  
Robert J. Powell (1932-2025)

• Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

• Prayer of Thanksgiving

For your grace, O God, we are humbled and grateful.  
In your story, O God, we see you waiting and watching.  
By your Son, O God, we stand and learn, serve and give.  
With your Spirit, O God, we live, move, and grow. Amen.

**TO DISPERSE IN MISSION**

• Hymn of Commitment, UMH #371: *I Stand Amazed in the Presence (v. 1-4)*

• Benediction . . . . . Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin

Postlude

*Toccata on “Aus der Tiefe”*  
Christopher Tambling (b. 1964)

## 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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