



FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
of SAN DIEGO

MARCH 22, 2026 – 9:00 AM



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

FIFTH 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

Words of Inspiration

“Stories have to be told or they die, and when they die,
we can’t remember who we are or why we’re here.”
~ Sue Monk Kidd



Prelude Sarah Amos, Director of Music Ministries

Variations sur un thème de Clément Janequin
Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

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** Harper Gamache, Liturgist

Here, on the fifth 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 #577: *God of Grace and God of Glory***

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 Handbell Choir; Sarah Amos, Director

Fantasy on “Westminster Quarters”

Hal Hopson (1933-2025)

A Time with Children

TO HEAR THE WORD

Anthem Chancel Choir; Brian Woods-Lustig, Director

Thy Will Be Done

Craig Courtney (b. 1954)

Our cup was filled with darkness,
Our cup was filled with death.
Christ took our cup and drank it,
And gave us life, and gave us hope, gave us Himself.
My Father, let this cup pass from me,
Yet not my will, O Lord, but Thine be done.
In blackest night we hear Him,
In dark Gethsemane.

Pleading with the Father for one more way,
One more hope, for one more day.
They took our Savior, and led him to a tree;
And there they broke His body,
Poured out His life, put Him to death to rise again!
Thy will be done.
(Based on Matthew 26:36-42)

• **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 27:62-66*

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

Sermon: *The People of the Passion—The Narrators* Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

- Hymn of Faith, TFWS #2108: *O How He Loves You and Me*

TO RENEW COMMITMENT

Faith in Action

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



Offertory

Chorale Prelude on “Herzliebster Jesu”

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

- 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 #292: *What Wondrous Love Is This*

- Benediction Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

Postlude

Toccata on “Cwm Rhondda”

James Biery (b. 1956)

Mark Your Calendar: Holy Week & Easter



The People of The Passion:
Maundy Thursday

Communion
 Thurs. April 2, 7:30 PM
 Sanctuary & Online



The People of The Passion:
Good Friday

Tenebrae Service
 Fri. April 3, 7:30 PM
 Sanctuary & Online



The People of The Passion:
Easter Sunday

Easter Worship
 Sun. April 5, 9 & 11 AM
 Sanctuary & Online



0-Preschool
& K-5th Grade

Easter Egg Grab
 Sun. April 5, 10:15 AM
 Linder Hall

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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