



# FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
of SAN DIEGO

APRIL 5, 2026 – 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM



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

## EASTER 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

Words of Inspiration

“Most good things have been said far too many times and just need to be lived.”  
~ Shane Claiborne

Prelude . . . . . Easter Brass; Sarah Amos, Director of Music Ministries

*Prelude from Three Pieces for Brass Quintet, Timpani, and Organ*

Richard Hillert (1923-2010)

*Easter Fanfare*

Kevin Hildebrand (b. 1973)



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



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- **Call to Worship** . . . . . Carl Meuser (9 AM), Liturgist  
Skip Faulkner (11 AM), Liturgist

Today, we might think we've come to the end of the story. But it is just beginning.

**We must live in the story**  
to see the possibilities of life, even in death;  
to listen to the confusion, yet hear hope emerge;  
to recognize the Christ, despite the change in appearance;

to feel the necessity to share what we've felt in our spirits;  
to lean into the Risen Christ whose presence surrounds us.

**Christ is Risen!**  
Christ is Risen Indeed!  
**Thanks be to God. Amen!**

## TO OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

- **Hymn of Celebration, UMH #302: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* (v. 1-4)**

**A Time with Children** . . . . . Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin

**Anthem** . . . . . Chancel Choir; Brian Woods-Lustig, Director

### *Now the Queen of Seasons*

Stephanie Martin (b. 1962)

Now the queen of season, bright  
With the day of splendor,  
With the royal feast of feasts,  
Comes its joy to render;  
Comes to glad Jerusalem,  
Who with true affection,  
Welcomes in unwearied strains  
Jesu's Resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death,  
Nor the tomb's dark portal,  
Nor the watchers, nor the seal,  
Hold thee as a mortal;  
But today amidst thine own  
Thou didst stand, bestowing  
That thy peace which ever more  
Passeth human knowing.

Alleluia, now we cry, yet again,  
Alleluia.  
(St. John of Damascus; trans. J. M. Neale)

**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.**

## TO HEAR THE WORD

**Anthem** . . . . . Chancel Choir; Brian Woods-Lustig, Director

### *Light's Glittering Morn*

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

Light's glitt'ring morn bedecks the sky,  
Heav'n thunders forth its victor-cry;  
The glad earth shouts its triumph high,  
And groaning Hell makes wild reply.  
While He, the King of glorious might,  
Treads down death's strength in death's despite,  
And trampling Hell by victor's right,  
Brings forth His sleeping saints to light.

Hell's pains are loos'd, and tears are fled;  
Captivity is captive led;  
The Angel, crown'd with light, hath said,  
"The Lord is risen from the dead."  
We pray Thee, King with glory deck'd,  
In this our Paschal joy, protect  
From all that death would fain effect,  
Thy ransom'd flock, Thine own elect.  
Alleluia.  
(Latin hymn, 5th century)

• 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 28:1-8* . . . . . Rev. Dr. Hannah Ka  
The Word of God for the People of God: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: *The People of the Passion—The Ones Who Get The Job Done* . . . . . Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

**TO RENEW COMMITMENT**

Hymn of Faith, UMH #304: *Easter People Raise Your Voices*

Offertory, scan QR code or visit [fumcsd.org/eastergiving](http://fumcsd.org/eastergiving) to give online



Offertory

*Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals*  
Sigfried Karg-Elert (1877-1933) arr. Sondra K. Tucker (b. 1957)

**TO DISPERSE IN MISSION**

- Hymn of Commitment, UMH #90: *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*

- Benediction . . . . . Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

- Benediction Response

*Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah*  
George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.  
The Kingdom of this world is become  
the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ;  
And He shall reign forever and ever.  
King of kings! and Lord of lords!  
(Revelation 19:6; 11:15; 19:16)

Postlude

*Toccata from Symphony V*  
Charles Marie Widor (1844-1937) arr. Christina Harmon and Matthew Mondragon

**THANK YOU TO OUR EASTER BRASS**

John Wilds, trumpet; Rachel Allen, trumpet; Tricia Skye, horn;  
Eric Starr, trombone; Joe Mora, tuba; David Whitman, timpani

## 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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