



FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
of SAN DIEGO

APRIL 12, 2026 – 9:00 AM



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

“Staying vulnerable is a risk we have to take if we want to experience connection.”
~ Brené Brown

Prelude Sarah Amos, Director of Music Ministries

Chorale Prelude on a Melody by Melchior Vulpius
Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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



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- **Call to Worship** Laurie St. Gean, Liturgist

We are Easter People!

We are loved, forgiven, and living in newness.

Even though we have not heard him speak our names, we believe.

Even though we are not ok, we are loved.

Even though we have not touched his wounded hands, we believe.

Even though we do not have it all figured out, we are forgiven.

Even though we have resisted his invitation, we believe.

Even though we have made bad mistakes, we are living in newness.

Christ is risen! And new life is ours!

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TO OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

- **Hymn of Celebration, UMH #318: *Christ Is Alive***

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.

A Time with Children

TO HEAR THE WORD

Anthem Chancel Choir; Brian Woods-Lustig, Director

O for a Closer Walk with God

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy dove, return,
Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

(William Cowper)

- **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: *Luke 24:13-32***

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

Sermon: *We Don't Have to Pretend We're OK* Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin

- Hymn of Faith, UMH #309: *On the Day of Resurrection*

TO RENEW COMMITMENT

Faith in Action

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



Offertory

Meditation on "Alleluia No. 1"

A. D. Miller (b. 1972)

- 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

God of resurrection, open our hearts this day
 to welcome the presence of the risen Christ
 who surrounds us with grace,
 guides us toward others,
 and calls us to generosity in all things.
 In his name, we pray. Amen.

TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

- Hymn of Commitment, UMH #307: *Christ Is Risen*

- Benediction Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin

Postlude

Postlude on "Truro"

Michael Bedford (b. 1949)

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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& Divine Justice for All



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