



FIRST CHURCH  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
of SAN DIEGO

APRIL 26, 2026 – 9:00 AM



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

FOURTH 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

Words of Inspiration

“If you are renewed by grace, and were to meet your old self,  
I am sure you would be very anxious to get out of his company.”  
~ Charles H. Spurgeon



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

*Variations on “Noël nouvelet”*

Philip Moore (b. 1943)

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



*Assistive listening and transcription available in First Church Sanctuary.  
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- **Call to Worship** . . . . . Richard Harris, 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!  
**We are Easter People!**

**TO OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS**

- **Hymn of Celebration, UMH #312: *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise***

**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** . . . . . Secondary Voices; Brian Woods-Lustig, Director; Jill Herbold, piano

***Sing Out Your Joy!***  
 Victor C. Johnson (b. 1978)

<p>Cantate Domino!          Sing out your joy, sing a joyful, jubilant song!          Clap your hands, ye people; Shout with a voice of praise!          Alleluia!          O make a joyful noise all the earth,          And let your gladness be known.          With grateful praise let your songs of triumph raise;          Sing to the heavens, alleluia!</p>	<p>Let the rivers clap their hands;          Let the mountains shout for joy!          Alleluia!          Sing, sun and moon, and stars of light.          Sing, all creation, both day and night!          Let the earth be filled with joyful melodies;          Awake, my soul, and sing!</p>
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**Sacrament of Baptism, UMH pg. 39** . . . . . Victor Salem Alfalem

**Response, UMH #611: *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (v. 1 & 4)***

**A Time with Children**

## TO HEAR THE WORD

**Anthem** ..... Chancel Choir; Sean Smith, Guest Conductor

### *Love Bade Me Welcome*

David Hurd (b. 1950)

Love bade me welcome:  
yet my soul drew back,  
guiltie of dust and sinne.  
But quicke'd Love  
observing me grow slack  
from my first entrance in,  
drew nearer to me,  
sweetly questioning,  
if I lacked anything.

A guest, I answer'd,  
worthy to be here:  
Love said, You shall be he.  
I, the unkinde, ungrateful?  
Ah, my deare, I cannot look on thee.  
Love took my hand  
and smiling did reply,  
Who made the eyes but I?

Truth, Lord but I have marr'd them:  
let my shame go where it doth  
deserve.  
And know you not, sayes Love,  
who bore the blame?  
My deare, then I will serve.  
You must sit down, sayes Love,  
and taste my meat:  
so I did sit and eat.  
  
(George Herbert)

### 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.

### Scripture Lesson: *1 Corinthians 15:1-8*

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

**Sermon: *We Don't Have to Get It Right*** ..... Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

- Hymn of Faith, UMH #121: *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

## TO RENEW COMMITMENT

### Faith in Action

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

### Offertory

### *Meditation on "Easter Hymn"*

Michael Bedford (b. 1949)

- 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 #311: *Now the Green Blade Riset*

• Benediction . . . . . Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

Postlude

### *“At Eastertide” from Six Occasional Preludes*

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

#### 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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