



# FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
of SAN DIEGO

MAY 3, 2026 – 9:00 AM



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

## FIFTH 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**

“I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had no where else to go.  
My own wisdom and that of all about me seemed insufficient for that day.”

~ Abraham Lincoln

**Prelude** ..... Nick Grant, violin; Sarah Amos, organ

*Salut d'Amour*

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)



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



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- **Call to Worship** . . . . . Amy Moberly, Liturgist  
 We come to be loved by God who calls us to cherish kindness.  
**God, here we are. Love us so that we may know mercy.**  
 We come to be listen to God who calls us to do justice.  
**God, here we are. Speak to us so that we may speak on behalf of others.**  
 We come to journey with God who calls us to walk humbly.  
**God, here we are. Guide us so that we may move toward You, always.**
- **Hymn of Celebration, UMH #315: *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* (v. 1-4)**

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

- **Invitation** . . . . . Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin
- **Prayer of Confession**  

<p>Merciful God, we confess that we have not          loved you with our whole heart.          We have failed to be an obedient church.          We have not done your will,          we have broken your law,          we have rebelled against your love,</p>	<p>we have not loved our neighbors,          and we have not heard the cry of the needy.          Forgive us, we pray.          Free us for joyful obedience,          through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>
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- **Words of Assurance**  
 Hear the good news:  
 Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us.  
 In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
**In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**  
**Glory to God. Amen.**
- **Gloria Patri, UMH #70**

**A Time with Children** . . . . . Rev. Dr. Hannah Ka

**TO HEAR THE WORD**

**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: *Micah 3:4-12***

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

**Sermon: *The Do’s and Don’ts of Times Like These—Walk Humbly*** . . . . . Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

## TO RENEW COMMITMENT

### Faith in Action

**Commissioning of Stephen Ministers** . . . . . Janice Roudebush (Stephen Leader)  
Steven Ford, Sharon Peterson, Laurie Willis

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



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

### *Walk Humbly with Your God*

Joel Raney (b. 1956)

What can I bring when I come before the Lord?  
What gift, what offering, what perfect song to sing?  
When I bow down before my God and King,  
What can I offer, what can I bring?  
Will the Lord be pleased if I offer my silver and gold,  
If I bring ten thousand rivers, all the wealth that I hold?  
If I offer up burnt offerings, all the precious things I own,  
If I place all my treasure at the foot of God's throne?  
The Lord has shown you what is good.  
No gift, no sacrifice is as great as God's command

To strive for justice, to act with mercy,  
And to offer God the best that you can.  
All that the Lord requires of you  
Is to walk humbly with your God,  
To speak with kindness, to seek truth,  
To live and serve with mercy and compassion,  
And to walk humbly with your God.  
All that the Lord expects of you,  
All that Lord requires for you to do  
Is to walk humbly with your God.

### • 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.

## TO GIVE THANKS

• The Sacrament of Holy Communion, UMH pg. 21: *Musical Setting C*

### 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.

### Sharing the Bread & Cup

Communion Hymn, UMH #2202: *Come Away with Me*

### Violin Solo

### *"Méditation" from Thaïs*

Jules Massenet (1842-1912)

Prayer After Holy Communion

Great God of kindness, justice and mercy,  
who nourishes us with your very presence, in the body of Christ.  
You promised us that your yoke is easy and your burden light,  
not because the path you lead us down is never hard,  
but because you bear every burden with us.  
Open our hearts, to give generously to the work of kindness and compassion.  
Open our lives, to sacrifice our comfort for your call to humbly love with justice.  
Amen.

- Hymn of Commitment, UMH #317: *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing* (v. 1-3 & 5)
- Benediction . . . . . Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

Postlude

*Fantasy on "Easter Hymn"*  
William H. Harris (1883-1973)




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