



FIRST CHURCH
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
of SAN DIEGO

MAY 10, 2026 – 9:00 AM



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

SIXTH 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

“Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.” ~ Mark Twain

Prelude Youth Chimes; Dana Zimbric, Director

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Cathy Moglebust (b. 1958)



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.
See pew card or usher to connect to Listen EVERYWHERE or transcript service.*

- **Call to Worship** George Blessing, 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.

TO OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

- **Hymn of Celebration, UMH #577: *God of Grace and God of Glory***

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 Combined Secondary Voices and Primary Choir; Mila Shatzko and Loki Maki, Soloists;
El Zimbric, bass; Jill Herbold, piano; Dana Zimbric, Director

Wonder-Beautiful; The Light of God's Love

Mark Burrows (b.1971)

Wonder-Beautiful

Wonder-beautiful.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your hands,
The sun and the moon and the stars, so wonderful.

So beautiful.

When I witness our waters, all crafted with care,
The oceans and rivers and streams, so wonderful.

So beautiful.

Your world is great, but I am small.
But you, the Lord and maker of it all,
Still find me wonderful, and call me beautiful.

When I marvel at mountains, all sculpted by you,
The meadows and flowers and trees, so wonderful.
So beautiful.

Your world is great, but I am small.
But you, the Lord and maker of it all,
Still find me wonderful, and call me beautiful.

Thank you for making me.
Please give me the faith to see that anything you touch
Can be wonder-beautiful.

The Light of God's Love

Look into my heart, what do you see?

God's light shining in me.

And I can reflect God's image, shine so bright,

It will chase away the darkest night.

It's a light that's brighter than a thousand stars above,

The light of God's love.

Deep down in your heart, you've got it, too.

God's light shining in you.

And you can reflect God's image,

Shine so bright it will chase away the darkest night.

It's a light that's brighter than a thousand stars above,

The light of God's love.

This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

And we can reflect God's image, shine so bright,

It will chase away the darkest night.

It's a light that's brighter than a thousand stars above,

The light of God's love.

A Time with Children

TO HEAR THE WORD

Anthem Chancel Choir; Brian Woods-Lustig, Director

Canticle of Love

Hal Hopson (1933-2025)

Ubi caritas et amor
Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum
Christi amor.

*When true love and charity are shown
God is always found.
We are brought together by love,
by Christ Jesus.*

Love is kind and suffers long;
love is meek and thinks no wrong;

love than death itself is strong;
therefore give us love.

Exsulte mus et in ipso
jucundemur.

Timeamus et amemus
Deum vivum.

*Let us all be joyful in the Lord,
now and always.*

*May all people love the Lord God,
God Eternal.*

Prophecy will fade away,
melting in the light of day;
love will with us ever stay;
therefore give us love.

Faith and hope and love we see,
joining hand in hand agree,
but the greatest of all is love,
therefore give us love.

(9th century chant)

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 4:1-4*

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

Sermon: *The Do's and Don'ts of Times Like These—Love Kindness* Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

- **Hymn of Faith, UMH #557: *Blest Be the Ties That Bind***

TO RENEW COMMITMENT

Faith in Action

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



Offertory Brenda Martin, piano; Sarah Amos, organ

Ave Maria

Charles Gounod (1818-1893), arr. Tom Scott

- **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**

**Great God of kindness, justice and mercy,
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.**

TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

• Hymn of Commitment, UMH #384: *Love Divine All Loves Excelling*

• Benediction Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

Postlude

“Festive Trumpet Tune”

David German (b. 1954)

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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