



# FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
of SAN DIEGO

MAY 24, 2026 – 9:00 AM



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

## PENTECOST

### 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

“Understand the differences; act on the commonalities.”  
~ Andrew Masondo

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

*Chorale Prelude on “Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott”*

Dietrich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707)



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



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- **Call to Worship** . . . . . Dione Taylor, Liturgist  
 Suddenly, a voice from heaven filled the house.  
**Come, Holy Spirit! Fill this place with your presence and power.**  
 The Spirit came with wind and fire, resting upon all who gathered.  
**Come, Holy Spirit! Move among us and awaken our hearts.**  
 God poured out the Spirit on all people, and every voice was made new.  
**Come, Holy Spirit! Give us the courage to speak new words of hope and love.**

**TO OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS**

- **Hymn of Celebration, UMH #541: *See How Great a Flame Aspires***

**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** . . . . . Handbell Choir; Sean Smith, Assistant Director

*Song of the Wind*  
 Arnold B. Sherman (1948-2024)

**A Time with Children**

**TO HEAR THE WORD**

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

*Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song*  
 Robert Lau (b. 1943)

Like the murmur of the dove’s song, like the challenge of her flight, like the vigor of the wind’s rush, like the new flame’s eager might: Come, Holy Spirit, come.	To the members of Christ’s body, to the branches of the Vine, to the church in faith assembled, to her midst as gift and sign: Come, Holy Spirit, come.	With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer, with the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare: Come, Holy Spirit, come.
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**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: *Acts 2:1-21***

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

**Sermon: *Suddenly, a Sound from Heaven*** . . . . . Rev. Dr. Brittany Juliette Hanlin

- **Hymn of Faith, UMH #537: *Filled with the Spirit’s Power***

## TO RENEW COMMITMENT

### Faith in Action

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

### Offertory

*Aire on "Bridegroom"*

Mary Beth Bennett (b. 1954)



- 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

Spirit of the Living God,  
You came suddenly with the sound of wind and the fire of new life,  
reminding your people that your presence still moves among us.  
Pour out your Spirit upon us again,  
that our hearts may be opened,  
our voices may boldly speak hope and love,  
and our lives may bear witness to your grace, power, and transforming presence.  
Set us aflame with your Spirit,  
that through us the world may see the living Christ at work today. Amen.

## TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

- Hymn of Commitment, UMH #539: *O Spirit of the Living God*

- Benediction . . . . . Rev. Dr. Brittany Juliette Hanlin

### Postlude

*Postlude on "Veni, Sancte Spiritus"*

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

## 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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