



FIRST CHURCH
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
of SAN DIEGO

MAY 31, 2026 – 9:00 AM



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

TRINITY SUNDAY

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. Dr. Hannah Ka

Words of Inspiration

“Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul;
it is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us.”
~ Martin Luther

Prelude Sarah Amos, Director of Music Ministries

Acclamation on “Azmon”
Rebecca Groom the Velde (b. 1956)

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



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- **Call to Worship** Carol Blessing, Liturgist

There is a singing something, deep inside of us.
It moves us to hum, dance, and dream.
 This singing calls us to something bigger than ourselves.
It leads us to hope, love, and compassion.
 The something that sings is ancient, wise, and comforting.
It is the call of sacred, and it can never be squelched.
 So, let us hear, listen, and sing.
Today and all days.

TO OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

- **Hymn of Celebration, UMH #68: *When in Our Music God is Glorified***

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Dr. Brittany Juliette Hanlin

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 Choirs; Sarah Amos, Director; Brian Woods-Lustig, piano

How Can I Keep From Singing?
 arr. Matthew Culloton (b. 1976)

My life flows on in endless song
 Above Earth's lamentation,
 I hear the real, though far off hymn
 That hails a new creation.

Through all the tumult and the strife
 I hear that music ringing.
 It sounds an echo in my soul;
 How can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm
 While to the rock I'm clinging.
 Since love is Lord of heaven and Earth
 How can I keep from singing?

What tho' the tempest round me roar
 I hear the truth, it liveth.
 What tho' the darkness round me close,
 Songs in the night it giveth.

A Time with Children Dana Zimbric, Director of Children's Music

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: *Psalm 150*

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

Hear My Prayer

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Hear my prayer, O God, incline Thine ear!
Thyself from my petition do not hide!
Take heed to me! Hear how in prayer I mourn to Thee!
Without Thee all is dark, I have no guide.

The enemy shouteth, The godless come fast!
Iniquity, hatred, upon me they cast!
The wicked oppress me, Ah, where shall I fly?
Perplexed and bewildered, O God, hear my cry!

My heart is sorely pained within my breast,
My soul with deathly terror is oppressed,
Trembling and fearfulness upon me fall,
With horror overwhelmed, Lord, hear me call!

O for the wings of a dove!
Far away would I rove!
In the wilderness build me a nest,
And remain there for ever at rest.

(William Bartholomew)

- Hymn of Faith, UMH #126: *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

TO RENEW COMMITMENT

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Offertory

Meditation on "How Can I Keep from Singing?"

Rebecca Groom te Velde (b. 1956)

- 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, who sang the world into being and nurtured people with Your song,
whose creative gifts continue to inspire and uplift, we give you thanks.
May the impact of Your melody lead us in our gratitude
to equip your church to sing out loud and strong for all to hear. Amen.

TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

- Hymn of Commitment, UMH #57: *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (v. 1-5, 7)*

- Benediction

- Benediction Response Combined Choirs

Postlude

Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

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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