



FIRST CHURCH  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
of SAN DIEGO

JUNE 21, 2026 – 9:00 AM



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

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER 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

“A person without a purpose is a human being merely breathing because he does not know where he is, let alone knowing where he is going. Purposelessness is lifelessness.”  
~ Israelmore Ayivor



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

“*Rigaudon*” from *Idoménée*  
André Campra (1660-1744) arr. Gustave Ferrari

**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

The prophet Elijah was not an enigma, behaving in erratic and inexplicable ways.

**He was exhausted, isolated, and uncertain about how to carry on.**

God’s prophets are not emotionally distant messengers.

**They were overwhelmed by revelation and worn down by resistance.**

These biblical stories are not about another world’s experiences.

**They are experiences we all encounter in some form.**

So then, can we learn from them?

**We can learn how to survive, even thrive, in God’s grace.**

## TO OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

- **Hymn of Celebration, UMH #122: *God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale***

**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.**

### A Time with Children

## TO HEAR THE WORD

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

### *Here I Am, Lord*

Craig Courtney (b. 1954)

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry,  
 All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.  
 I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness  
 bright.  
 Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

#### *Refrain*

Here I am, Lord, is it I Lord?  
 I have heard You calling in the night.  
 I will go, Lord, if You lead me.  
 I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people’s pain.  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone.  
 Give them hearts for love alone.  
 I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?

#### *Refrain*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and  
 lame.  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
 Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
 I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?

#### *Refrain*

(Dan Schutte)

### 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 Kings 19:9b-14*

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

Sermon: *Taking Care of Purpose Fatigue* . . . . . Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

- Hymn of Faith, UMH #328: *Surely the Presence of the Lord*

**TO RENEW COMMITMENT**

Faith in Action

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Offertory

*Antiphon V: How Fair and Pleasant Thou Art*

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

- 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 us all,  
 You care for us in all difficulties,  
 for moments of fatigue and failure,  
 around each dilemma, without exception.  
 In Your knowledge of us,  
 You provide strength and guidance, comfort and mercy.  
 For all of this and so much more, we thank You.  
 May these gifts bring health and wholeness to others. Amen.

**TO DISPERSE IN MISSION**

- Hymn of Commitment, UMH #77: *How Great Thou Art* (v. 1, 2 & 4)

- Benediction . . . . . Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

Postlude

*Spring Toccata and Fanfare*

David Barron (b. 2012)

## 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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