



FIRST CHURCH
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
of SAN DIEGO

JULY 5, 2026 – 9:00 AM



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

SIXTH 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

“Grief does not change you, Hazel. It reveals you.” ~ John Green

Prelude Sarah Amos, Director of Music Ministries

Allegretto

Florence B. Price (1887-1953)



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



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- **Call to Worship** Benicio Casillas, Liturgist

Mary and Martha had faith in Jesus until their brother unexpectedly died.

They knew the grief that shakes foundations and rips apart hearts.

Jesus' first followers are not foreign to our problems.

They stood in graveyards and did not know how to build life again.

The 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.

- **Hymn of Celebration, UMH #698: *God of the Ages***

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Invitation Rev. Dr. Brittany Juliette Hanlin

- **Prayer of Confession**

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,

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.

- **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!

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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.

- **Gospel Lesson: *John 11: 1-3, 14, 17-25, 32-36, 43b-44***

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

Sermon: *Taking Care of Grief* Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

TO RENEW COMMITMENT

Faith in Action

Commissioning of Sankofa Pilgrims

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



Offertory Anthem Summer Choir; Brian Woods-Lustig, Director

Sweet Spirit, Comfort Me

Crawford R. Thoburn (b. 1933)

In the hour of my distress,
When temptations me oppress,
And when I my sins confess,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

When I lie within my bed,
Sick in heart and sick in head,

And with doubts discomforted,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!
When, God knows, I'm toss'd about
Either with despair or doubt;
Yet before the glass be out,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

When the Judgment is reveal'd,
And that open'd which was seal'd,
When to Thee I have appeal'd,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

• 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!

TO GIVE THANKS

• The Sacrament of Holy Communion, UMH pg. 17: *Musical Setting A*

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 #700: *Abide with Me*

TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

Prayer After Holy Communion

God of us all,
You gather us as a beloved community around a table of grace,
where we remember Your Son's last meal.
In this shadow of death, we are reminded of the hope of life beyond death.
For your strength and guidance, comfort and mercy, presence and grace, we thank you.
May our holy and living sacrifice bring health and wholeness to others. Amen.

• Hymn of Commitment, UMH #377: *It Is Well with My Soul*

• Benediction Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

Postlude

Sweet Sixteenths: A Concert Rag for Organ

William Albright (1944-1998)

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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