



# FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
of SAN DIEGO

JULY 12, 2026 – 9:00 AM



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

## SEVENTH 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** . . . . . Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

**Words of Inspiration**

“I am no bird; and no net ensnares me: I am a free human being with an independent will.”  
~ Charlotte Brontë

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

*Prelude on Tallis’ “Ordinal”*  
Healey Willan (1880-1968)

**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.  
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- **Call to Worship** . . . . . Janice Roudebush, Liturgist

The Samaritan woman is without a name. She was inconsequential and invisible.  
**She was overwhelmed by cultural expectations and wrestling with her identity.**  
 The first followers of Jesus are not foreign to our problems.  
**They were emotionally raw and questioning who they were going to be.**  
 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.**

**TO OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS**

- **Hymn of Celebration, UMH #384: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling***

**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; Sean Smith, Guest Conductor

*Come to the Water*  
 Daniel Burton (b. 1944)

<p>Come to the water, all who thirst;          you without money, come and drink.          Come buy and eat, buy wine and milk;          come to the water, drink and live.</p>	<p>Seek now the Lord while he may be found,          call unto him while he is near.          Listen to him, and you will live,          come unto me, drink and live.          (Isaiah 55:1-3, 6)</p>
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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.**

- **Gospel Lesson: *John 4: 7-19, 27-29***

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

**Sermon: *Taking Care of Identity*** . . . . . Rev. Dr. Hannah Ka

- **Hymn of Faith, UMH #394: *Something Beautiful***

## TO RENEW COMMITMENT

### Faith in Action

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



### Offertory

#### *“Prrrelude” from Cat Suite*

Denis Bédard (b. 1950)

- 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 and all that we have been and will yet be,  
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 #605: *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

- Benediction . . . . . Rev. Dr. Hannah Ka

### Postlude

#### *“Allegro assai vivace” from Organ Sonata No. 1*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

## 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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