



FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
of SAN DIEGO

JULY 19, 2026 – 9:00 AM



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

EIGHTH 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

“Who you are is beautiful and amazing.” ~ Laverne Cox

Prelude Sarah Amos, Director of Music Ministries

Carillon for Louise and Nick

Gabriel Jackson (b. 1962)



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



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| God made human beings
with an immense ability to love. | Made by God's breath and in God's image,
we are loved and called to love others. |
| God made us to love broadly and generously,
and to love particularly and intimately. | Today, we celebrate the diverse ways
God's love appears in all our lives. |

TO OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

- Hymn of Celebration, UMH #206: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

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 Summer Choir; Brian Woods-Lustig, Director

The Gift of Love

Hal Hopson (1933-2025)

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.	Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be giv'n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.	Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.
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Sacrament of Baptism, UMH p. 39 Jerad Benjamin Jao

Response, UMH #611: *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (vs. 1 & 4)*

A Time with Children

TO HEAR THE WORD

Anthem Trans Chorus of San Diego; Lauren Gripenstraw, Director

Handmade

Kelvyn Koning (b. 1994)

Where are the hands that guide you and guard you? Where are the limbs to build you a home? Where are the hands that bring food to the table? Where are the arms saying you're not alone?	that want you to know? I am here, I understand, When you fall down, I will lend you a hand, So take my hand when you are weary, Take my hand when you're in need, Take my hand when you're discouraged, Let me tend your wounds that bleed, Take my hand when you are hungry,	Take my hand when you're afraid, Take my hand and we'll discover you and I are both handmade.Thanks to the hands that guide me and guard me, Thanks to the limbs that built me a home, Thanks to the hands that bring food to the table, Thanks to the arms that show me I'm not alone, Thanks to the hands	that teach me to play, Thanks to the hands that push me to grow, Thanks to the thumbs that wipe my tears away, Thanks to the ones that I'll never know, I am here, I understand, When I have fallen, you've lent me your hand, So take my hand when you are laughing, Take my hand when you can't breathe, Take my hand
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when you're distracted,
Take my hand when you
don't want to leave,
Take my hand
when you are crying,
Take my hand

when you feel betrayed,
Take my hand
and we'll recover;
you and I
are both handmade.

And we are connected,
though seemingly apart.
Love is rarely expected,
that's how it heals
the heart.

So I'll care for you just as
you've cared for me
in more ways than we
could ever dream.

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: *Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*

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

Sermon: *Imago Dei 2.0—Celebrating Pride Participants*. Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

- Hymn of Faith, UMH #707: *Hymn of Promise*

TO RENEW COMMITMENT

Faith in Action

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



Offertory

"Cats at Play" 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

Loving God,
we are first loved by you,
and we are called to share your love with others.
Help us make space in our hearts
for all of your love and all of the ways love can be shared.
May our offerings today come from love, generate love, and share love. Amen.

TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

- Hymn of Commitment, UMH #383: *This Is a Day of New Beginnings*

- Benediction Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

Postlude

Festival Voluntary

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

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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& Divine Justice for All



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