



FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

of SAN DIEGO

JULY 26, 2026 – 9:00 AM



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

NINTH 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

“I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.”
~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

Prelude Sarah Amos, Director of Music Ministries

Intrada on “Leoni”

Pamela Decker (b. 1955)

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.
See pew card or usher to connect to Listen EVERYWHERE or transcript service.*

- **Call to Worship** Rebecca Luers (Sankofa Pilgrim), Liturgist
 God made creation with a gorgeous display of diversity.
God made us in all shapes and shades,
with different experiences and practices.
 Made by God’s breath and in God’s image,
 we are blessed and made to be a blessing to others.
Today, we celebrate the diverse ways
God is reflected in everything we see.

TO OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

- **Hymn of Celebration, UMH #116: *The God of Abraham Praise***
Pastoral Prayer Rev. Trudy D. Robinson
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

We Are Called
 Becki Slagle Mayo (b. 1956)
 Arise, arise, O church of God!
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 We are called to be God’s people,
 going forth in love and grace.
 We are called to shine in darkness
 as we journey from this place.
 Arise, arise, O church of God!

We are called to serve each other,
 called to be God’s hands and feet.
 We are called to show compassion,
 sharing Christ with all we meet.
 We are called to love our neighbor,
 called to help a world in need.

We are called to be disciples,
 sharing Christ in word and deed.
 Arise, O church of God, proclaim in
 one accord
 the story of redeeming love, the
 message of our Lord.

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: *Genesis 12:1-3***
 The Word of God for the People of God: **Thanks be to God.**
- Sermon: *Imago Dei 2.0—Celebrating Sankofa Pilgrims.*** Rev. Dr. Brittany Juliette Hanlin
- **Hymn of Faith, UMH #386: *Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown***

TO RENEW COMMITMENT

Faith in Action

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



Offertory

“Catnap” 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

Eternal God,

we are your people,

none of us like the others,

uniquely made and unconditionally loved.

Bless our gifts and our differences today.

Help us to see how our differences are our gifts.

May our offerings serve to seek justice and redemption

to help us build a better world day by day. Amen.

TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

- Hymn of Commitment, UMH #521: *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

- Benediction Rev. Dr. Brittany Juliette Hanlin

Postlude

“Toc-cat-a” from Cat Suite

Denis Bédard (b. 1950)

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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