



FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

of SAN DIEGO

AUGUST 2, 2026 – 9:00 AM



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

TENTH 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

“Children are our greatest treasure. They are our future.” ~ Nelson Mandela

Prelude Brian Woods-Lustig, Director of Choral Activities

Prelude in A-flat

Ernest Alfred Dicks (1865-1948)



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** Malaika Castor (DSOA Volunteer), Liturgist
 God made humanity with the ability to create.
God made in us with imagination and inventiveness,
expressed in art, music, word and action.
 Made by God’s breath and in God’s image,
 we live in dreams and move in new ways.
 Today, we celebrate the diverse ways
 God is reflected in everything we see.

- **Hymn of Celebration, UMH #140: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness***

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Invitation Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

- **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.
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- **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!
In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
 Glory to God. Amen.

- **Gloria Patri, UMH #70**

A Time with Children & Blessing of the Backpacks. 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.

Scripture Lesson: *Joel 2:28*

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

Sermon: *Imago Dei 2.0—Celebrating Neighborhood Dreamers* Kenton Reaves Hundley,
 Executive Director of DSOA

Choral Response Summer Choir; Brian Woods-Lustig, Director
 Jesus, we are here. Jesus, we are here.
 Jesus, we are here. We are here for you.

TO RENEW COMMITMENT

Faith in Action

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



Offertory Anthem

Children of the Heavenly Father

Eric Nelson (b. 1959)

Children of the heavenly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish;
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them;
in his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
Unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.

Praise the Lord in joyful numbers,
your Protector never slumbers;
at the will of your Defender
every foe then must surrender.

No more a stranger or a guest,
but like a child at home.
Children of the heavenly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.

(Caroline Sandell Berg)

• 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 #552: *Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather*

TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

Prayer After Holy Communion

God of communion,
we are Your Church,
we are Your children,
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.
As we take in Your bread of life and cup of hope,
strengthen us to be Your love and grace in our shared world. Amen.

- Hymn of Commitment, UMH #344: *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

Verse 1 in Spanish, soloist Brian Woods-Lustig (DSOA Faculty),
followed by verses 1-2 in English by the congregation

- Benediction Kenton Reaves Hundley

Postlude Peter Braccia, Guest Organist

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter (b. 1945)

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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