



FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

of SAN DIEGO

AUGUST 16, 2026 – 9:00 AM



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

TWELFTH 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



“The wrong idea has taken root in the world.
And the idea is this: there just might be some lives out there that matter less than other lives.”
~ Gregory Boyle

Prelude Sarah Amos, Director of Music Ministries

“Menuet gothique” from Suite Gothique

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

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



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

- **Call to Worship** Richard Harris, Liturgist

How do we speak of things that cannot be described?
 What words do we use to shine a light on the mystery?
God's wisdom stretches knowledge.
God's movement transcends understanding.
 Yet mere human beings can feel God's grace.
God stretches toward us with this sacred gift.
 So we come: to be curious, not certain,
 and to receive the unknowable.
We come to receive the mystery that is God.

TO OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

- **Hymn of Celebration, UMH #400: *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

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

Your children are invited to join our Sunday School immediately following A Time With Children. If this is your child's first time joining, please follow the kids and leaders to register your child.

TO HEAR THE WORD

Anthem Summer Choir; Brian Woods-Lustig, Director

Grace

Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
 That saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost, but now am found,
 I once was blind, but now I see.
 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
 And that same grace my fears relieved;
 How precious did that grace appear
 The hour when I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
 I have already safely come;
 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
 And surely, surely grace will lead me home,
 I shall go home.
 When we've been there ten thousand years,
 Bright shining as the sun, the glorious sun,
 We've no less days to sing God's praise
 Than since the day we first begun.

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: *Jonah 1:1-3*

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

Sermon: *What We Really Mean When We Talk About Grace* Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

- Hymn of Faith, TFWS #2162: *Grace Alone*

TO RENEW COMMITMENT

Faith in Action

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



Offertory Patricia McAfee, mezzo-soprano; Timmy Simpson, tenor

The Prayer

David Foster (b. 1949) and Carole Bayer Sager (b. 1944)

I pray you'll be our eyes
And watch us where we go
And help us to be wise
In times when we don't know

Let this be our prayer
When we lose our way
Lead us to a place
Guide us with your grace
To a place where we'll be safe

La luce che tu hai
I pray we'll find your light
Nel cuore resterà
And hold it in our hearts
A ricordarci che
When stars go out each night
L'eterna stella sei

Nella mia preghiera
Let this be our prayer
Quanta fede c'è
When shadows fill our day

Lead us to a place
Guide us with your grace
Give us faith so we'll be safe
Sogniamo un mondo senza più violenza
Un mondo di giustizia e di speranza
Ognuno dia la mano al suo vicino
Simbolo di pace, di fraternità

La forza che ci dà
We ask that life be kind
È il desiderio che
And watch us from above

Ognuno trovi amor
We hope each soul will find
Intorno e dentro a sè
Another soul to love

Let this be our prayer
Let this be our prayer
Just like every child
Just like every child

Need to find a place
Guide us with your grace
Give us faith so we'll be safe

E la fede che
Hai acceso in noi
Sento che ci salverà

- **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 whose grace is sufficient for every need,
Grant that through experiencing You, we may expand our generosity
beyond mystery to faith, ideas to action, and foes to friends. Amen.

TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

- Hymn of Commitment, UMH #378: *Amazing Grace* (v. 1-4)

- **Benediction**

Postlude

"Toccata" from Suite Gothique

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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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