



FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

of SAN DIEGO

SEPTEMBER 6TH , 2026 – 9:00 AM



What We Really Mean
When We Talk About ...

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

FIFTEENTH 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 most valuable possession you can own is an open heart.
The most powerful weapon you can be is an instrument of peace.” ~ Carlos Santana

Prelude Sarah Amos, Director of Music Ministries

Reflection on Prayer of Saint Francis

Amy Summers (b. 1996)



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** Christine Hoffman, 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 believe in God’s peace.
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.

- **Hymn of Celebration, UMH #439: *We Utter Our Cry* (vs. 1, 4, & 6)**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

- **Invitation** Rev. Dr. Hannah Ka

- **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** Rev. Dr. Brittany Juliette Hanlin

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

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: *Daniel 6:11-12*

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

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

- **Congregational Response, UMH #376: *Donna Nobis Pacem***

TO RENEW COMMITMENT

Faith in Action

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



Offertory Anthem Chancel Choir; Brian Woods, Director

They That Go Down to the Sea in Ships

Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

They that go down to the sea in ships,
and occupy their business in great
waters;
These men see the works of the Lord,
and his wonders in the deep.
For at his word the stormy wind
ariseth, which lifteth up the waves
thereof.
They are carried up to the heaven,

and down again to the deep.
Their soul melteth away, because of
the trouble.
They reel to and fro, and stagger like
a drunken man, and are at their wits'
end.
So when they cry unto the Lord
in their trouble he delivereth them out
of their distress.

For He maketh the storm to cease,
so that the waves thereof are still.
Then are they glad because they are at
rest; and so he bringeth them
unto the haven where they would be.

(Psalm 107)

• 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 #431: *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

Prayer After Communion

Eternal God whose peace is conveyed
in the sharing of a meal, in the midst of trouble,
Grant that through experiencing You, we may receive your peace,
walk through the trouble, and live our lives
beyond mystery to faith, ideas to action, and foes to friends. Amen.

- Hymn of Commitment, TFWS #2171: *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*
 - Benediction Rev. Trudy D. Robinson
- Postlude

Flourish on "Paderborn"
Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)

Join Our Church Gathering Next Sunday!



Sun. September 13
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Linder Hall & Online
presentation followed by lunch

Details & RSVP:
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