



# FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

of SAN DIEGO

SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2026 – 9:00 AM



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

## EIGHTEENTH 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 . . . . . Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

#### Words of Inspiration

“God’s voice is not heard easily. It requires a listening heart.” ~ Henri Nouwen

Prelude . . . . . Sarah Amos, Bell Tree; Sean Smith, Handbells; Brian Lustig, Chimes

#### *Bell Tree Processional: Love*

Louise Frier (b. 1943)

**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** . . . . . Garrett Doss-Ganucheau, Liturgist  
 There is so much to hear.  
 Voices that call for our attention,  
     noise that fills our days,  
     thoughts that follow us into the night.  
**And beneath it all, there is a voice.**  
 Not every holy word comes from somewhere new.  
**Sometimes God speaks in the places we know by heart.**  
 In a familiar place, in a familiar rhythm.  
 So, let the noise within us settle  
     and make room for what we might otherwise miss.  
**God is still speaking. May we have hearts to listen.**

TO OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

- **Hymn of Celebration, UMH #64: *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty***  
**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** . . . . . Chancel Choir; Sean Smith, Director

*In the Year that King Uzziah Died*

David McK. Williams (1887–1978)

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| <p>In the year that king Uzziah died, I saw also the Lord sitting on a throne, high, and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphim: each one had six wings; With twain he covered his face, with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.</p> | <p>And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, Woe is me!</p> | <p>for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: For mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. Then flew on of the seraphim, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from off the altar;</p> | <p>And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo this hath touched thy lips, and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin is purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I send me.</p> |
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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: Isaiah 6:1-8

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

Sermon: *A Voice in the Temple* . . . . . Rev. Dr. Hannah Ka

- Hymn of Faith, UMH #626: *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* (vs. 1, 3-4)

**TO RENEW COMMITMENT**

Faith in Action

Offertory, scan QR code or visit [fumcsd.org/egive](http://fumcsd.org/egive) to give online



Offertory

*Prelude on “Picardy”*  
Philip Moore (b. 1943)

- 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  
Still-Speaking God,  
For every word that awakens us,  
every silence that deepens us,  
and every grace that sustains us,  
we give You thanks.  
Open our lives to Your presence,  
our hands to our neighbors,  
and our hearts to the holy work of love. Amen.

**TO DISPERSE IN MISSION**

- Hymn of Commitment, UMH #593: *Here I Am, Lord*
- Benediction

Postlude

*Fanfare and Trumpet Tune on “Nicaea”*  
Christopher Tambling (1964-2015)

## 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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