



FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

of SAN DIEGO

OCTOBER 4TH, 2026 – 9:00 AM



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

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

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 in the sun even when it is not shining.
And I believe in love, even when there’s no one there.
And I believe in God, even when he is silent.”
~Anonymous, written during the Holocaust

Prelude Sarah Amos, Director of Music Ministries

Prelude on “Bryn Calvaria”

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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** Amy Moberly, 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.
But sometimes we listen and hear nothing.
The silence stretches. The questions remain.
Still we wait, still we watch.
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.

- **Hymn of Celebration, UMH #451: *Be Thou My Vision***

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

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

- **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. Hannah Ka

*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: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:2-3

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

- Sermon: *The Long Silence*** Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

TO RENEW COMMITMENT

Faith in Action

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



Offertory Anthem Chancel Choir; Brian Lustig, Director

Salmo 150

Ernani Aguiar (b. 1950)

Laudate Dominum in sanctis ejus:	Praise the Lord in his sacred places,
Laudate eum in firmamento virtutis ejus.	Praise him in the firmament of his power.
Laudate eum in virtutibus ejus:	Praise him for his mighty acts,
Laudate eum secundum multitudinem magnitudinis ejus.	Praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Laudate eum in sono tubae:	Praise him with the sound of trumpet,
Laudate eum in psalterio et cithara.	Praise him with the psaltery and the harp.
Laudate eum in tympano et choro:	Praise him with the timbrel and the dance,
Laudate eum in chordis et organo.	Praise him with strings and pipes.
Laudate eum in cymbalis benesonantibus:	Praise him with high-sounding cymbals,
Laudate eum in cymbalis jubilationis:	Praise him with cymbals of joy.
Omnis spiritus laudet Dominum.	Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

• 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, TFWS #2209: *How Long, O Lord*

TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

Prayer After Communion

Holy God,
We have been fed by grace and gathered in love.
Now send us from this table with open hearts and willing hands,
that the love we have received may take shape in the lives we live.
Amen.

- Hymn of Commitment, UMH # 438: *Forth in Thy Name*
- Benediction Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

Postlude

Toccata on "Duke Street"
Gilbert M. Martin (b. 1941)

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