



FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

of SAN DIEGO

OCTOBER 11TH, 2026 – 9:00 AM



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

TWENTIETH 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

“Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.” ~ Desmond Tutu

Prelude Sarah Amos, Director of Music Ministries

Toccata in F Major, BuxWV 157

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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



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- 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.
Darkness does not silence the voice of God.
Even there, a word can find us.
A word meets us where we are,
before the night has passed,
before the way ahead is clear.
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 #62: *All Creatures of Our God and King* (vs. 1, 4-5, 7)

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.

AnthemSecondary Voices; Brian Lustig, Director
Rayna Shafter, Piano

Mark Miller (b. 1967)

Four simple words we sing today. With these four words we ought to pray, and take to heart this sacred phrase: “More love, less hate.” It seems so easy on its face. Four words to heal the human race, and yet we struggle to create more love, less hate, more love, less hate.

For love we stand! More love in this land! Will you join? Come, take my hand! More love, less hate. When fear and violence touch our lives, hate separates, seeks to divide. Our faith in love won't be denied. More love, less hate.

Just as the night gives way to dawn,
justice shines forth before too long.
Until that day we will sing on:
“More love, less hate. More love, less
hate.” For love we stand! More love in
this land! Will you join? Come, take
my hand! More love, less hate.

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.

Anthem Chancel Choir; Sean Smith, Director

Johannes Brahms (b. 1833-1897)

Lass dich nur nichts nicht dauren mit Trauren, sei stille,
wie Gott es fugt, so sei vergnugt mein Wille.
Was willst du heute sorgen auf morgen, auf morgen,
der Eine steht allem fur, der gibt auch dir,
der gibt auch dir das Deine.
Sei nur in allem Handel ohn Wandel, steh feste,
was Gott beschleusst, das ist heisst das Beste, das Beste.
Amen.

Let nought afflict thee with grief; be calm,
as God ordains, and so may my will be contented.
Why take thought for the morrow?
The one God who gives thee.
What is thine watches over all.
All in thy doings be steadfast And True.
What God decrees Is best, and it is acknowledged.
Amen.

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: Jeremiah 33:1-3

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

Sermon: *A Word in the Darkness* Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

- Hymn of Faith, UMH #528: *Nearer My God to Thee* (vs. 1-4)

TO RENEW COMMITMENT

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Offertory



Fantasy on "O store Gud"

James Biery (b. 1956)

- 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 #77: *How Great Thou Art* (vs. 1-2, 4)
- Benediction

Postlude

Carillon

Herbert Murrill (1909-1959)

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