



FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

of SAN DIEGO

OCTOBER 18TH, 2026 – 9:00 AM



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

TWENTY-FIRST 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

“I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things.” ~Mother Theresa

Prelude Sarah Amos, Director of Music Ministries

Prelude on “Kelvingrove”

Joshua Evanovich (b. 1984)

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** Dione Taylor, Liturgist
- Gathering in this time, we hear the invitation
to breathe deep, to be still, to rest.
- Gathering in this place we hear the invitation**
to belong, to trust, to hope.
- Gathering in this world, we hear the invitation
to act, to move, to give.
- It is an invitation to join the movement of compassion.**
- It is a call to live life with purpose.
- It is a beckoning to do what we can.**

TO OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

- **Hymn of Celebration, TFWS #2101: *Two Fishermen***
- Pastoral Prayer** Rev. Dr. Hannah Ka
- 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.
- Anthem** Primary Choir; Dana Zimbric, Director
Jill Herbold, Piano

God Walks With Me

Benjamin Kornelis (b. 1963)

God was there with me on the day I was born, God walks with me; Just a little baby cradled safe and warm, God walks with me.	<i>Refrain:</i> God walks with me, every day for the rest of my life. God walks with me, every day for the rest of my life, every day for the rest of my life.	God will be with me when the sun shines bright, God walks with me; God will be with me in the darkest night, God walks with me. <i>Refrain</i>	God will be with me when I’m old and gray, God walks with me; I’m gonna praise God every day! God walks with me! <i>Refrain</i>
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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** Jubilee Singers and Chancel Choir; Brian Lustig, Director
- The Call***
- Z. Randall Stroepe (b. 1953)
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| Come, my Way, my Truth,
my Life: Such a Way as gives
us Breath: Such a Truth as
ends all strife: Such a Life,
Such a Life, as killeth death. | Come my Life, my Feast,
my Strength: Such a light, as
shows a feast: Such a feast,
as mends in length: Such a
strength, such a strength, such | a strength as makes his guest.
Come my Joy, my Love, my
Heart: Such a Joy as none can
move: Such a love as none can
part: Such a Heart, as joys in | love. Come, my Joy, my Love,
my Heart. Come my Way, my
Truth, my Life: Come my Joy,
Come my Love, Come, come,
my Way, my Truth, my Life |
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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.

- Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:16-20

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

Sermon: *We Have a Great Staff!*. Garrett Doss-Ganucheau, Director of Stewardship and Development

Choral Response: *Be Thou My Vision*

TO RENEW COMMITMENT

The Heart of Who We Are

Invitation to Be a Part

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- Hymn of Faith, UMH #344: *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* (vs. 1-2)

- 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

O God, help us search our hearts and see our gifts.
Help us know what we can do.
Then give us the courage, faith and trust to do all we can.
We place ourselves in Your hands. Amen.

TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

- Hymn of Commitment, TFWS #2130: *The Summons* (vs. 1, 4-5)

- Benediction

Postlude

Toccata Marina

Richard Purvis (1913-1994)

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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& Divine Justice for All



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