



FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

of SAN DIEGO

OCTOBER 25TH, 2026 – 9:00 AM



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

TWENTY-SECOND 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

“What I try to tell young people is that if you come together with a mission, and it’s grounded with love and a sense of community, you can make the impossible possible.” ~ John Lewis

Prelude Sarah Amos, Director of Music Ministries

Chorale Prelude on “Martyrdom”

C. Hubert Parry (1848-1918)

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** Tamara Cunningham, Liturgist
 Coming together in this moment,
 we hear the invitation to hear the good news,
 to watch for God’s activity, and to see what God asks of you.
Coming together in this community,
 we hear the invitation to recognize we are not alone,
 we work together, we make a difference.
 Coming together in this season,
 we hear the invitation to reflect and evaluate,
 to calculate and respond.
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, UMH #547: O Church of God, United**
 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.*

- Anthem** Chancel Choir; Brian Lustig, Director

Take My Life and Let It Be
 Kevin A. Memley (b.1971)

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. Take my voice and let me sing always only for my King.	Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee. Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise. Take my intellect and use ev’ry pow’r as thou shalt choose.	Take my will, and make it thine; It no longer shall be mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; It shall be thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, and all for thee!
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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.

- Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:16-21

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

Sermon: *We have a Worthy Mission!* Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

Choral Response: *For the Fruits of This Creation*

TO RENEW COMMITMENT

The Heart of Who We Are Garrett Doss-Ganuchau, Director of Stewardship and Development

Invitation to Be a Part, Scan QR code or visit fumcsd.org/egive to give online.

If you prefer to give in person, you're invited to place your cash or check in the offering area at the back of the sanctuary.



- Hymn of Faith: UMH #430 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

- 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 #2237: *As a Fire Is Meant for Burning*

- Benediction

Postlude

Postlude on "Ellacombe"

Robert J. Powell (1932-2025)

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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