FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
of SAN DIEGO

NOVEMBER 8TH, 2026 – 9:00 AM



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

TWENTY-FOURTH 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

"If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else." ~ Booker T. Washington

Prelude . . . . . Sarah Amos, Director of Music Ministries

Prelude on "Thaxted"
David Blackwell (b. 1961)

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

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• **Call to Worship** . . . . . Paul Oelkers, Liturgist

Moving slowly through days,
we hear the invitation to notice people,
to acknowledge hunger,
to boldly ask for what is needed.
Moving slowly through places,
we hear the invitation to experience delight and wonder,
to take chances, to welcome the surprise.
Moving slowly through life, we hear the invitation
to learn from everything,
to gain wisdom, and to see opportunities.
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 #548:** ***In Christ There is No East or West***

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.

Anthem . . . . . Chancel Choir; Brian Lustig, Director

Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled

Mary McDonald (b. 1956)

Let not your heart be troubled
nor let it be afraid;
have peace and calm assurance,
the debt for you is paid.
In my Father's house are mansions;
He's prepared a place for you.
Let not your heart be troubled,
Jesus has a home for you.
In heaven there's no sorrow,
no more crying, no more fear,
only joy through endless ages
and praises we will hear.
Heaven's choir sings alleluias
as they lift their praise and sing:
We have a risen Savior,
Jesus Christ, our King!
Let not your heart be troubled,
we believe in God; we believe in Jesus,
the path He has trod.
He is the way, the truth, and life;
to the Father through the Son.
Let not your heart be troubled,
the victory has been won!
When we all get to heaven,
what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus,
we'll sing and shout the victory!
We have a savior, Jesus Christ,
our Savior and King, Christ, our King!

A Time with Children . . . . . Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

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; Dr. Alexander Lloyd Blake, Guest Director

IV. *Hallelujah!*
from *The Cry of Jeremiah*

Rosephanye Powell (b. 1962)

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, above.
He will deliver me. Hallelujah!
Faithful God of love;
His glory I will see.
Rest in the Lord, O my soul.
Trust in God.
Fear not; He's always near.

Stand on the Word of the Father.
Pray in the spirit;
believing God always hears.
Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord of love,
for He will provide for me.
Hallelujah! Almighty God above;
His glory I will see.

Rest in the Lord, O my soul.
Trust in God.
Fear not; He's always near.
Stand on the Word of the Father.
Pray in the spirit;
believing God always hears.
Rejoice! God will deliver me!

- **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 19:1-10**

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

Sermon: *We invite others into Something Special!* . . . . . Rev. Dr. Hannah Ka

Choral Response: *Just As I Am, Without One Plea*

TO RENEW COMMITMENT

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

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- **Hymn of Faith, UMH #400: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

- **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 barriers and see their falsehoods.
  Help us to see 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 #2241:** ***The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve***
- **Benediction**

Postlude

Toccata on "Great Day"
Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)

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