FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
of SAN DIEGO

NOVEMBER 15TH, 2026 – 9:00 AM



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

TWENTY-FIFTH 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

"The value of a man resides in what he gives and not in what he is capable of receiving."~ Albert Einstein

Prelude . . . . . .Handbell Choir; Sarah Amos, Organ

Chorale Prelude on "Nun danket alle Gott"
Douglas E. Wagner (b. 1952)

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

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• **Call to Worship** . . . . . George Blessing, Liturgist

Dancing in our hearts,
we hear the invitation to celebrate the gift of faith,
to honor the life we live, and to proclaim God's love and mercy.
Dancing through our lives,
we hear the invitation to walk together to a place only God knows,
toward a world only God can give.
Dancing for the world,
we hear the invitation to be a part of God's dream,
Christ's mission and the Spirit's prompting.
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 #103:** ***Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise***

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 . . . . . Handbell Choir; Sean Smith, Director

Thanksgiving Blessing
Bob Wayne

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 . . . . . Chancel Choir; Sean Smith, Director
Carly Cummings, Soprano

Laudate Dominum
from *Solemn Vespers for a Confessor*
W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes
Laudate eum, omnes populi
Quoniam confirmata est
Super nos misericordia eius,
Et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.
Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto.
Sicut erat in principio,
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Praise the Lord, all nations;
Praise Him, all people.
For He has bestowed
His mercy upon us,
And the truth of the Lord endures forever.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever,
and for generations of generations. 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.

• **Gospel Lesson: John 4:13-15, 28-30**

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

Sermon: ***We Don't Keep it for Ourselves!*** . . . . . Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

Choral Response: ***Fill My Cup, Lord***

TO RENEW COMMITMENT

Our Hope for First Church

Response and Invitation

• **Hymn of Faith, UMH #347:** ***Spirit Song***

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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.

• **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 Consecration** . . . . . Garrett Doss-Ganucheau, Director of Stewardship and Development

O God, You have walked with us as we've heard the invitation.
You know our gifts, our resources, and our hearts.
We know the need, the urgency, the hope.
Let our gifts serve the need,
our resources meet the urgency
and our hearts bear the hope.
These pledges are given in faith, with hope, for the need.
Consecrate them to Your purpose for this church in this time.
We place ourselves in Your hands. Amen.

TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

• **Hymn of Commitment, UMH #664:** ***Sent Forth by God's Blessing***

• **Benediction**

Postlude

Allegretto* from *Sonata in A
Sophia Dussek (1775-1831)

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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