



FIRST CHURCH
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
of SAN DIEGO

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FIRST CHURCH IS A COMMUNITY THAT IS GROWING
IN GRACE AND REACHING OUT WITH LOVE.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

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

“Love is not patronizing and charity isn’t about pity, it is about love. Charity and love are the same—
with charity you give love, so don’t just give money but reach out your hand instead.” ~ Mother Teresa

Prelude Dr. Jaebon Hwang

They’ll Know We Are Christians

arr. Philip Gehring (1925-2020)

• Call to Worship..... Jan Hodgson, *liturgist*

God has turned our doubt into courage!
God has brought to us people in need and the power to help.
Let our whole being—body, mind and soul—sing praises to God and the Risen Christ.
O God, our Christ, we will give thanks to You forever!

TO OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

• **Hymn of Celebration #57: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**



1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,
 2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
 3. Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease;
 4. He breaks the power of can - celed sin, he sets the pris - oner free;
 5. He speaks, and listen - ing to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;
 6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;
 7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins for - given;



the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
 to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
 his blood can make the foul - est clean; his blood a - vailed for me.
 the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
 ye blind, be - hold your Sav - ior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.
 an - tic - i - pate your heaven be - low, and own that love is heaven.

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Pastoral Prayer Rev. 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*

Healing at the Fountain

Penny Rodriguez

There is healing at the fountain,
 Come and find it, weary soul.
 There your sins may all be covered;
 Jesus waits to make you whole.

There is healing at the fountain,
 Come and plunge beneath its flood.
 Come, oh come, the Savior calls you,
 Ev'ry hurt He's understood.

There is healing at the fountain,
 Look to Jesus now and live,
 At the cross lay down your burden;
 All your wanderings He'll forgive.

Oh, the fountain, healing fountain!
 I'm so glad it's flowing free;
 Oh, the fountain, precious fountain,
 Praise the Lord. It cleanses me. (Fanny Crosby)

Oh, the fountain, healing fountain,
 Come and find it, weary soul.
 There your sins may all be covered;
 Jesus waits to make you whole.

A Time with Children Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

TO HEAR THE WORD

Anthem Chancel Choir

Balm in Gilead

arr. Thomas Pavlechko (b. 1962)

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all."

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend;
and if you lack for knowledge he'll ne'er refuse to lend.

(Traditional)

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.

New Testament Lesson: *Acts 3:1-11*

The word of God for the People of God: **thanks be to God.**

Sermon: "*What Now? Help, Still.*" Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

• Hymn of Faith #561: *Jesus, United by Thy Grace (vs. 1-3)*



1. Je - sus, u - nit - ed by thy grace and each to each en - deared,
2. Help us to help each oth - er, Lord, each oth - er's cross to bear;
3. Up on - to thee, our liv - ing Head, let us in all things grow;



with con - fi - dence we seek thy face and know our prayer is heard.
let all their friend - ly aid af - ford, and feel each oth - er's care.
till thou hast made us free in - deed and spot - less here be - low.

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TO RENEW COMMITMENT

Faith in Action

Offertory

Canon in C Major

Robert Schumann (1810-1856)

• Doxology (Hymnal #94)

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!
Priase the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Aleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

• **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you: **and also with you.**

Let us pray.

God of the Resurrection

In this hour, we have been present to You, feeling the depth of Your love;

We have accepted one another in hope, faith and trust.

On this day and every day, You offer us life.

By Your grace, we accept and give You thanks. Amen.

TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

• **Hymn of Consecration #2223: *They'll Know We Are Christians***

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, we are
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, we will
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side, we will
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come, and all

one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, and we
 walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, and to -
 work with each oth - er, we will work side by side, and we'll
 praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son, and all

pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
 praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our
 love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

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• **Benediction** Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

Postlude

Fanfare-Toccata on "Azmon"

Jaebon Hwang (b. 1982)

**Please remain seated so as to enjoy the Postlude.*