



FIRST CHURCH
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
of SAN DIEGO

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 – 9:00 AM

EVERYDAY FAITH DANCE



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

18TH 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.*

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Welcome In-Person and Online Community

Invitation

“The Bible has a clear and odd notion of justice. It does not mean that one gets what one deserves. Rather it means that one gets what one needs in order to live, no matter how marginal or weak one is.” ~ Walter Brueggemann

Prelude Nick Grant, *violin*; Dr. Jaebon Hwang
Waltz-Scherzo, op. 34
Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

• **Call to Worship** Yasmin Hubert, *Students 1st*

Whoever follows Christ will never walk in darkness.

**The crowded alleys, the shadowed corners,
the dead ends, and shady circumstances hold no power.**

Whoever follows Christ will never walk in darkness.

**Moments of devastation and pain, moments of betrayal and
abuse, moments of hopelessness are temporary.**

Whoever follows Christ will never walk in darkness.
**Christ's light is enough to help us see,
 enough to banish all evil, enough to fill the world.**

Whoever follows Christ will never walk in darkness.
Let us see Christ's light!

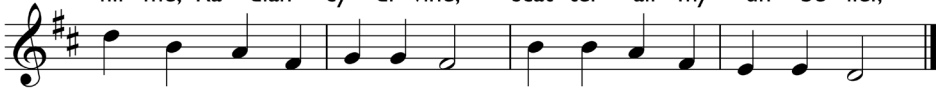
• **Hymn of Celebration #173: Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies**



1. Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly light,
 2. Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;
 3. Vis - it then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of Righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri-umph o'er the shades of night;
 joy-less is the day's re-turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see;
 fill me, Ra - dian - cy di-vine, scat-ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
 till they in - ward light im-part, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.
 more and more thy - self dis-play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

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TO OFFER OUR PRAISE & PRAYERS

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Tamara Walker

The Lord's Prayer

Act of Praise Handbell Choir, Amy Mein, *tambourine*
Dance Jubilee
 Kevin McChesney (b. 1963)

A Time with Children. Kenton Reaves Hundley

TO HEAR THE WORD & RENEW COMMITMENT

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Anthem. Chancel Choir; Jill Herbold, *piano*
Light of the World
 Karen Marrolli (b. 1975)

Light of the world, you loose the bonds of night. Once we walked in darkness; now bursts forth your light. Christ, in your glory, come to light the way; teach us how to follow.

Light of our paths, you walk with us in strife. Where conflict darkens, bring the light of life. Christ, in your mercy, come to show us love.

We must be your hands, lent to heal and bless. We must be your light, rending wide the darkness. Christ, in your image, we will greet the world; this is how we follow.

Light of our days, we feel your dawning call; send us forth to serve and bring your light to all! Christ, you have claimed us; you have made us one. We will always follow!

Christ, you have claimed us; you have made us one. (Karen Marroli)

• **Gospel Lesson: John 8:2-12**

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

Sermon: "Every Day Faith: Dance" Rev. Trudy Robinson

• **Hymn of Faith #189: Fairest Lord Jesus (vs. 1-2)**

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, rul - er of all na - ture, O thou of
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the wood - lands, robed in the
 God and man the Son, thee will I cher - ish,
 bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
 thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.

Words: Münster Gesangbuch, 1677; trans. Joseph August Seiss, 1873
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Faith in Action

Offertory

Cantabile from Sonata Settima
 Francesco Maria Veracini (1690-1768)

• **Doxology: (Hymnal #95)**

• **Collect**

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

Let us pray.

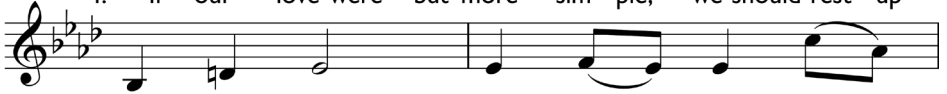
Help us to be generous givers, Oh God, both of our money and our lives, that we might make a difference in this city. In the name of Jesus Christ who gave all that he was and changed the world. Amen.

TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

• Hymn of Consecration #121: *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*



1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness
2. There is wel-come for the sin - ner, and more grac - es
3. For the love of God is broad-er than the meas-ure
4. If our love were but more sim - ple, we should rest up -



of the sea; there's a kind - ness
for the good! There is mer - cy
of our mind; and the heart of
on God's word; and our lives would



in God's jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
be il - lu - mined by the pres - ence of our Lord.

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• Benediction Rev. Trudy Robinson

Postlude

Fiat Lux

Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

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FIRST CHURCH WELCOMES YOU IF...

You are single, married, divorced, gay, transgender, filthy rich, dirt poor, o no habla ingles,

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 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,*

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 their throat as a child,
or you got lost on YouTube somehow and ended up here by mistake.*

We welcome tourists, seekers, doubters, bleeding heart...and you!

*May the Peace of Christ, which passes all understanding be with you this day,
and all the days going forward.*



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