



FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

of SAN DIEGO

AUGUST 14, 2022 – 9:00 & 11:00 AM



The Silver Lining...
... in the Gospel of Luke

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

10TH 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 In-Person and Online Community

Invitation

*"A bend in the road is not the end of the road unless you fail to make the turn."
~ Anonymous*

Prelude Dr. Jaebon Hwang

Adagio from Symphony No. 3
Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

• **Call to Worship** . . Barr Ambrosio (9:00); George Wesley (11:00), *liturgist*

People of faith, trust in God.

We seek resolution, but more patience is needed.

People of faith, wait with God.

We seek the sun, but rain drenches everything.

People of faith, be ready for God.

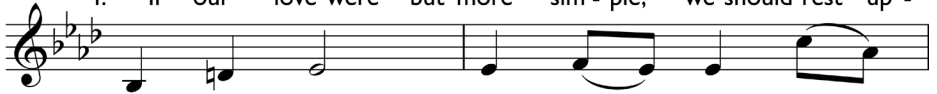
We look for God to use the rain to bring forth a good harvest.

TO OFFER OUR PRAISE & PRAYERS

• Hymn of Celebration #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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Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Anthem..... Vocal Quartet

Remember O Thou Man
arr. Mark Schweizer (1956-2019)

Remember O thou man, thy time is spent, how thou art dead and gone, for our sake God sent His Son, Repent, that this for us is done. Remember O thou man, that Adam's fall from heaven to hell, condemned us ever to dwell, in darkness there perpetual. Remember O thou man God's goodness, And the promise made, Our flesh to take, our sin to pay, Remember and be not afraid. (Thomas Ravenscroft ca. 1590-1633)

Sacrament of Baptism (11:00) Alexander Anotidaishe Chingwena

The Profession of Faith by Parents

Congregational Pledge

The pastor addresses the congregation, and the congregation responds:

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this person now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this person with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in their service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be true disciples who walks in the way that leads to life.

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Baptism of Alexander

Congregational Welcome & Affirmation

When the candidate has been baptized, the pastor invites the congregation to welcome them:

Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother in Christ.

Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God’s new creation and made to share in Christ’s royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as members of the family of Christ.

Baptism Response #611: *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* (vs. 1, 4)



1. Child of bless- ing, child of prom- ise, bap- tized with the Spir- it's sign;
4. Child of God your lov- ing Par- ent, learn to know whose child you are.



with this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di- vine.
Grow to laugh and sing and wor- ship, trust and love God more than all.

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A Time with Children. Kenton Reaves Hundley (9:00)
Ja'Bri Begay (11:00)

TO HEAR THE WORD

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. Summer Choir, Brian Lustig, *director*

Draw Us In The Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, For when humbly in Thy name, Two or three are met together Thou are in the midst of them; Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now Thy garment's hem. As the brethren used to gather In the name of Christ to sup, Then with thanks to God the Father Break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit Thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living Make as sacraments of Thee, That by caring, helping, giving We may true disciples be. Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve Thee faithfully. (Percy Dearmer 1867-1936)

• **Gospel Lesson:** *Luke 13:1-9*

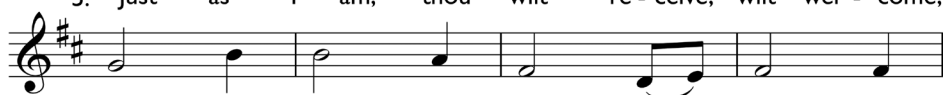
The word of God for the People of God: **thanks be to God.**

Sermon: *"Equal Opportunity Repentance"*. Rev. Trudy Robinson

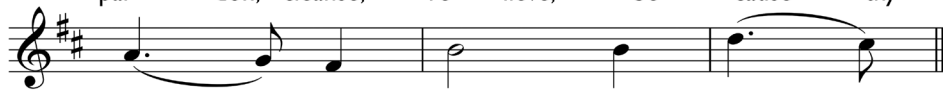
• Hymn of Faith #357: *Just as I Am, Without One Plea* (vs. 1-3, 5)



1. Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy
 2. Just as I am, and wait - ing not to rid my
 3. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with many a
 5. Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come,



blood was shed for me, and that thou
 soul of one dark blot, to thee whose
 con - flict, many a doubt, fight - ings and
 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy



bidst me come to thee,
 blood can cleanse each spot,
 fears with - in, with - out,
 prom - ise I be - lieve,

Refrain



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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TO RENEW COMMITMENT

Faith in Action

Offertory

Prelude on "Union Seminary"

James Biery (b. 1956)

• **Doxology:** (*Hymnal #95*)

• **Collect**

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

Let us pray.

On You, O God, we can rely.

Shape us with Your beautiful hope.

Bring us into Your beautiful future.

Amen.

TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

• Hymn of Consecration: *Come to Tend God's Garden*



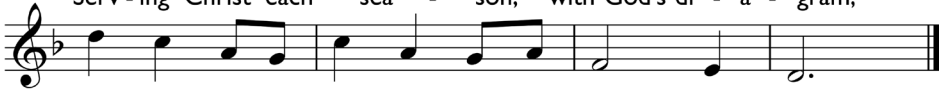
1. Come to tend God's gar - den, seeds of hope to sow,
2. As we tend God's gar - den, from its fur - rows rise
3. May God's gar - den flour - ish, may our toil suc - ceed,



plant-ing fields of jus - tice, watch-ing mer - cy grow!
stems of fresh be - gin - nings, stretch-ing toward the skies!
may God bless our ac - tions, ev - ery word and deed!



In an ar - id waste - land, spread a ver - dant heath!
Gra-cious-ness, our mead - ow, joy - ful-ness, our root,
Serv-ing Christ each sea - son, with God's di - a - gram,



In a land of tu - mult, cul - ti - vate God's peace!
u - ni - ty, our fo - liage, righ-teous-ness, our fruit!
chart - ed by the Spir - it, for the task at hand!

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• Benediction Rev. Trudy Robinson

Postlude

Marcia from Symphony No. 3
Charles-Marie Widor

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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,*

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!

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



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