



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.

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

Invitation

“There is sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness,
but of power. They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues.
They are messengers of overwhelming grief...and unspeakable love.”

~ Washington Irving

Prelude:

Selig sind, die da Leid tragen (Blessed are they that mourn)
from “*Ein deutsches Requiem*” Johannes Brahms

Dr. Jaebon Hwang, Associate Director / Organist

Words of Welcome. Rev. Trudy Robinson

Opening Song: *Out of the Depths*



1. Out of the depths, O God, we call to you.
2. Out of the depths of fear, O God, we speak.
3. God of the loving heart, we praise your name.



Wounds of the past re - main, af - fect - ing all we do.
Break - ing the si - lenc - es, the sear - ing truth we seek.
Dance through our lives and loves; a - noint with Spir - it flame.



Fac - ing our lives, we need your love so much.
Safe a - mong friends, our grief and rage we share.
Your light il - lu - mines each fa - mil - iar face.



Here in this com - mu - ni - ty, heal us by your touch.
Here in this com - mu - ni - ty, hold us in your care.
Here in this com - mu - ni - ty, meet us with your grace.

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Unison Prayer:

Let us pray.

Jesus, God in human flesh, scripture tells us you wept at the grave of your friend, Lazarus. You know our sorrows. You know our pain. Behold our tears, and bind up the wounds of our hearts. You know the lives we live, and the deaths we die—woven so strangely of purpose and of chance, of strength and of frailty, of happiness and of sorrow.

Give us faith to believe that every good that seems to be overcome by evil, and every love that seems to be buried in death, shall rise again to live in the mystery of the divine forever. Through your grace that can do far more than we can think or imagine, tend to us in our need. Hold us in your care. Guard us with your love. And guide us to your peace.

Amen.

Lesson from the Hebrew Bible: *Psalms 23 (KJV)*

Response: Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain

Heal - er of our ev - ery ill, light of each to - mor - row,
 give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

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Lesson from the Epistles: Romans 8:35-29 (NRSV)

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Lesson from the Gospels: John 11:32-37 (NRSV)

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1. You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your peace and glad - ness;
D.C.

Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.

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A Message of Hope Rev. Trudy Robinson

Solo: I Know That My Redeemer Liveth George Frideric Handel
 Carolyne DalMonte, *soprano*

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the firstfruits of them that sleep. (Job 19:25, 26; I Corinthians 15:20)

Naming

Solo: *Pie Jesu*. Gabriel Fauré

Carolynne DalMonte, *soprano*

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem sempiternam.

Blessed Lord Jesus, give them everlasting rest.

Prayer Rev. Trudy Robinson

Lord's Prayer Albert Hay Malotte

Prayer of Dismissal:

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
When there is injury, pardon;
When there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.**

**Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood, as to understand,
To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying (to ourselves)
that we are born to eternal life.**

Closing Song: *Amazing Grace*

Blessing Rev. Trudy Robinson

Postlude: *In Paradisum* from "*Requiem*" Gabriel Fauré



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