



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.

ASH WEDNESDAY

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

“Be transparent. Let’s build a community that allows hard questions and honest conversations
so we can stir up transformation in one another.” ~ Germany Kent

Prelude Dr. Jaebon Hwang

Give Me Jesus

arr. Marques L. A. Garrett (b. 1984)

• Call to Worship Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin

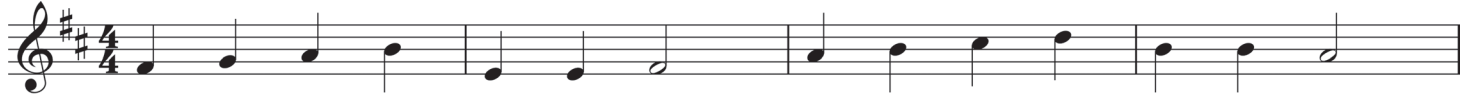
No one is perfect.
We are all human.
There is no need to feel vulnerable.
You are in the presence of a loving God.
There is no reason to question your worthiness.

You are a beloved child of God.
There is no cause for worry about what is unknown.
You are surrounded by grace, sufficient for every need.
**It is the way of Christ that leads to fulfillment
and confidence.**



TO OFFER OUR PRAISE & PRAYERS

• **Opening Hymn: *Forty Days and Forty Nights***



1. For - ty days and for - ty nights You were fast - ing in the wild;
 2. Shall not we Your sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
 3. Then if Sa - tan on us press, flesh or spir - it to as - sail,
 4. So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be,
 5. Keep, O keep us, Sav - ior dear, ev - er con - stant by Your side;



for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with You to suf - fer pain?
 vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant that we not faint nor fail!
 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as served You faith - ful - ly.
 that with You we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

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Unison Prayer Rev. Tamara Walker

Let us pray.

Holy God,
 You have made us from the dust of creation,
 and to dust we will one day return.
 In our days on earth, help us be fully Yours.
 Come to us now and grant us the grace to grow in faith.
 Grant us the wisdom to recognize Your Spirit's movement.
 Grant us the courage to receive Your guidance
 and to become who You hope we will be.
 In the Holy Name of Christ we pray, Amen.

Private Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Solo Brian Lustig, *tenor*

Give Me Jesus

arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus. You may have all this world:
 Give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus. You may have all this world,
 with its troubles and cares, for of this I am sure, give me Jesus.

(traditional spiritual)

TO HEAR THE WORD

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: *Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21***

The word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: “Honest to God” Rev. Dr. Hannah Ka

• **Hymn of Faith: *Sunday’s Palms Are Wednesday’s Ashes***

1. Sun-day's palms are Wednes-day's ash - es as an - oth - er Lent be - gins;
 2. We have failed to love our neigh - bors, their of - fenc - es to for - give,
 3. We are hast - y to judge oth - ers, blind to proof of hu - man need;

thus we kneel be - fore our Mak - er in con - tri - tion for our sins.
 have not lis - tened to their trou - bles, nor have cared just how they live,
 and our lack of un - der - stand - ing, dem - on - strates our in - ner greed;

We have marred bap - tis - mal pledg - es, in re - bel - lion gone a - stray;
 we are jeal - ous, proud, im - pa - tient, lov - ing o - ver - much our things;
 we have wast - ed earth's re - sourc - es; want and suf - fering we've ig - nored;

now, re - turn - ing, seek for - give - ness; grant us par - don, God, this day!
 may the yield - ing of our fail - ings be our Len - ten of - fer - ings.
 come and cleanse us, then re - store us; make new hearts with - in us, Lord!

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TO RENEW COMMITMENT

Pastoral Prayer of Confession Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

Words of Assurance

Hear the good news:

God’s love in Christ Jesus is great enough to cover all of our sin!
 In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.

Psalm 51

Kyrie / Lord, Have Mercy
 Kathleen Hart Brumm (b. 1958)

Kyrie. Lord, have mercy.
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 (Kathleen Hart Brumm)

Invitation

• **Imposition of Ashes**

• **Passing the Peace of Christ**

Let us offer the Peace of Christ to one another as brothers and sisters.
May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

• **Hymn of Consecration #451: *Be Thou My Vision***



1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
3. Great God of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!



Thou my best thought, by day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart, great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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• **Benediction** Rev. Dr. Hannah Ka

Postlude

Kyrie eleison

Angela Kraft Cross (b. 1958)



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