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**GATHERING TOGETHER**

Welcome to Worship. We are so glad that you are joining us today. We invite you to open your spirit to this time of worship, song, prayer, inspiration and challenge.

In consideration of others, please silence electronic devices.

“+” indicates to stand in body or spirit as you choose.

**STATEMENT OF INCLUSION**



All people are welcome at First United Methodist Church. We are proudly part of the Reconciling Ministries Network and welcome all persons, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, age, physical or mental capacity, and education, socio-economic or marital status.

**CHILDREN ARE WELCOME HERE!**

**Nursery Care**

(Infant–4 years old)  
Nursery care is available every Sunday from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

**Children’s Sunday School and Music**  
(PreK–6th Grade)

Children age 3 yrs. through 6th grade are invited to Sunday School after the Children’s Sermon in Worship, followed by Children’s Music for children 4 and up. (3 year olds will go to the nursery following Sunday School.) Child Pick Up (for ages 4+) is in Room 202 at 12:00 p.m.

**Questions? Early Pick Up? See the Children’s Ministry Superintendent in the Children’s Ministry Office.**

**INDIGENOUS LAND  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We, acknowledge that the land upon which we worship was the ancestral homeland of the Tongva People for thousands of years. Approximately two thousand Tongva people still live in the Los Angeles area. We honor their connection to this region and give thanks for the opportunity to live, work, worship and learn on this sacred land.

**PRELUDE**

*He Leadeth Me*

Gordon Young (1919-1998)

**+ CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sisters and brothers, rejoice.

We live sustained by God’s presence and love.

**Thanks be to God.**

As we mourn the wounds of God’s children,

**God weeps with us.**

As we give thanks for brothers and sisters who have lived in faith,

**God gives thanks with us.**

As we struggle for justice,

**God struggles with us.**

As we strive for peace,

**God strives with us.**

As we work to build the beloved community,

**God works with us.**

As we offer our gifts to all,

**God blesses us.**

Sisters and brothers, rejoice.

**Sustained by God’s presence and love we worship God.**

**+ OPENING HYMN**

*The Summons*

TFWS 2130

**+ WELCOME AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you, **and also with you.**

**COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES**

**TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS**

*This Little Light of Mine*

UMH 585

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine!

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine!

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine!

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Children are invited to come forward or remain seated.

**HOLY BAPTISM**

Harlowe Rose Howell Wood

UMH 39

## IN OUR PRAYERS...

As a community of faith, let us hold these persons in our prayers:

**Newly Added:** Cosette Fester, Olivia Schott and family

**For Healing:** Joyce Breslin, Family of Patricia Bruce, Erika Carillo, Willa Dalrymple, Albert Davis, Mary Davis, Trygve Gangnes, Jr., Juliette De Guzman, Joyce Dorn, Charlotte Dyson, John Evans, Cameron Fernandez, Zina Figilis, Brett Hain, Sofia Hain, Friends and family of Muriel Henderson, Sallie Higginbotham, Kendall In, Lisa Jaffe, Norman Jensen, Stephen Kastner, Greg Klimuck, Julie-Ann Kosakowski, Family of Randy Leach, Julie and Henry Lee and their family, Sam El Masri, Jocelyn Medina, Gail Nance, Heidi Neuroth, Carol Nunemaker, Katherine Olivas, Leslie Parham, Tommy Parham, Katherine Schiegel, Donna Shook, Priscilla Shurney, Frances Smith, Jeffrey Stephens, Tim Sun, Deb and Gary Webster, Jan Wentz, Leilani Williams, Nadine Wittry and family, Sonia Wittry, Mona Woodard, Richard Zeiss.

Prayer requests may be shared via [connect@fumcpasadena.org](mailto:connect@fumcpasadena.org) and we will gladly add them.

## LET'S CONNECT!

Connect cards are located at the back of the sanctuary. Please use a Connect Card to provide or update your contact information, for information on church programs, make a prayer request or communicate a message to our pastors. Place completed cards in the offering plate near the back of the sanctuary. If you are part of the Connected (Online) Campus, send an email to [connect@fumcpasadena.org](mailto:connect@fumcpasadena.org).

## GATHERING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

### CENTERING SONG

*Lead Me Lord*

UMH 473

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;  
make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,  
that makest me dwell in safety.

*Moment for Silent Meditation*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

### 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**

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

#### GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

#### ANTHEM

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

arr. Tom Trenney

#### A READING

Excerpts from *Letter from Birmingham Jail*

Priscilla Bacca

Eric Dyson

Kevin Lussier

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most Holy and merciful God: we have condemned racial injustice in our pronouncement, yet we cling to the privileges derived from social inequities. All too often, we are blind to our complicity in maintaining systems of oppression and deferring the hopes and dreams of the oppressed for freedom. Give us the courage to name our sin, give us the strength to claim responsibility for our actions. Give us the grace to pay the price for changing our behavior. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AMONG US

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

**+PRESENTATION MUSIC** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures her below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### +PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of justice and grace,  
we give you thanks.  
Receive what we offer as a sign of our commitment  
to do justice for all people,  
to seek after mercy in all things,  
and to walk humbly with you all our days.  
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

### GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

**+CLOSING HYMN** *Lift Every Voice and Sing* UMH 519

### +BENEDICTION

**+POSTLUDE** *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* Aaron Shows (b.1989)

## OFFERING TO GOD OUR HEARTS, OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS

Giving supports all of the ministries of the church, making it possible for us to offer ministries of hope, hospitality, service and compassion in Pasadena, and around the world.

If you'd like to partner with us and make a financial gift today, you may use your phone to scan the QR code below.



### REFERENCES

The call to worship and prayer of confession are from the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program:  
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/>

### BECOME A MEMBER ON JAN. 28

Joining the church is an important step in claiming the Christian faith for yourself. When you join the church, you make a commitment to your own spiritual journey, nurtured through worship and the love of a faithful Christian community.

We would love for you to be a part of our community as a member here at First UMC. To learn more about membership, email [connect@fumcpasadena.org](mailto:connect@fumcpasadena.org)

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

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**Pizza with the Pastor, today at 11:15 a.m. in Church Library** - Enjoy some pizza and conversation with our pastor after worship. All are welcome!

**Turn-a-Page Book Group, today at 11:30 a.m. in the Church Lounge** - We will be discussing *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee. This novel is a beautifully crafted 20th century Korean saga filled with love, loss, determination, luck, and perseverance.

**Family Promise Hosting Week begins today** - As part of the Family Promise of San Gabriel Valley (FPSGV) shelter network, we will be hosting Family Promise guests this week. We are still in need of volunteers. This is an amazing opportunity to support families challenged with homelessness. To sign up, visit the link in Wednesday's News@First email.

**Winter Camp Sandwich Fundraiser for Children** - The Sunday School's traditional cupcake sale will include a sandwich sale on **Sunday, Feb. 11** —perfect for Super Bowl munching! There will also be baked goods and Valentine treats. Pre-Order Sandwiches to support camp in Fellowship Hall after worship.

**Save the Date: Annual Winter Camp for Youth and Children is Feb 17-19!** -Registration forms will be available this Sunday (Jan. 21) at the welcome desk in Fellowship Hall. Forms are due Feb. 11.

**United Women in Faith Morning Group Jan. 22 at 1:00 p.m. in the Church Lounge** - Pastor Amy will be sharing the stories behind her stoles. All are welcome.

**Movie Night, Jan. 28 at 5:00 p.m.** - We are watching "Barbie" for our January movie night! Supper will be served at 5:00 p.m. and the movie will screen in the Church Lounge at 5:45 p.m. How has the message of this iconic toy changed over the years? Please contact [Priscilla Baca](mailto:priscillabaca1@gmail.com) (priscillabaca1@gmail.com) if you would like to reserve dinner.

**Community Pantry Makes the News** - Local News Pasadena recently published an article about the great work our Community Pantry is doing for those in need. Aisha Figilis-Williams (our Facility Manager) and Randy Godshall (church member and regular volunteer) were interviewed. It's a wonderful piece about a vital ministry in our community. To read the article, visit this link: <https://localnewspasadena.com/2024/nourishing-souls/>

## TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 10:00 a.m.: Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:15 a.m.: Pizza with the Pastor (Church Library)
- 11:15 a.m. Harlowe's Baptism Reception (Courtyard Cloister)
- 11:15 a.m. Confirmation Class (Youth Lounge)
- 11:30 a.m. Turn-A-Page Book Group (Church Lounge)
- 4:00 p.m. Family Promise Hosting (Church Lounge)
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Group & Dinner (Youth Lounge)

## SERVING IN MINISTRY

The entire congregation shares in offering the ministries of this church. Some of the people who help lead our ministries include:

**Today's Worship Liturgist:**  
Dan Niemann

**Pastor**  
Rev. Dr. Amy Aitken

**Associate Pastor:**  
Rev. Mina Nau-Mahe

**Director of Music Ministries:**  
Scott Lehmkuhl

**Organist:**  
Aaron Shows

**Ministry Coordinator:**  
Dori Fotsch

**Facilities & Office Manager:**  
Aisha Williams

**Interim Business Manager:**  
Jami Carrera

**Communications Director:**  
Ashley Slade

**Leadership Council Chairperson:**  
Kevin Lussier

**Lay Leader for Finance & Generosity:**  
Mikala Rahn

**Lay Leaders for Missions:**  
Pam Marx & Rosalie Niemann

**Chair of Trustees:**  
Paul Audley

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