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## 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 9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

### Children's Sunday School and Music (PreK–6th Grade)

We will have One Room Sunday School in Room 201 during worship. Child Pick Up (for ages 4+) is in Room 202 at 11:00 a.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.

**AUGUST 13, 2023**

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## 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.

## PRELUDE

*Day of Arising*

Aaron David Miller (b.1972)

## + INVITATION TO WORSHIP

We are called to be people of faith in the midst of the world,  
**and so we mix our worship and our work,  
our faith and our life.**

We gather here as people who live in the world and yet,  
**we gather as people who have been called to see the world  
from a different viewpoint.**

God has called us together,  
God has called us to be part of a community.  
**God challenges us to consider questions of priority  
as we engage with the world.**

In this time together,  
**may God open our hearts, minds and eyes,**  
allowing us to see deeper,  
helping us to live in the world  
while still offering a challenge to the ways of the world.  
**We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## + OPENING HYMN

*Lord of All Hopefulness*

TFWS 2197

## + WELCOME AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

## COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

### TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

*Halle, Halle, Halleluja*

TFWS 2026

Children are invited to come forward or remain seated.  
**Sunday School begins after the Time for Young Christians.  
As the children gather, we sing together.**

## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

## IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

**Newly Added:** Crystal Powers

**For Healing:** Lisa Brown, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Patricia Bruce, Albert Davis, Mary Davis, Juliette De Guzman, Joyce Dorn, John Evans, Zina Figilis, Brett Hain, Muriel Henderson, Sallie Higginbotham, Norman Jensen, Helen Kinel, Veronica Kung, Charif Masri, Jocelyn Medina, Aidan Millsap, Gail Nance, Carol Nunemaker, Katherine Olivas, Leslie Parham, Tommy Parham, Jim Prior, Donna Shook, Frances Smith, Jeffrey Stephens, Tim Sun, Deb and Gary Webster, Jan Wentz, Nadine Wittry and family, Sonia Wittry, 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 chapel. 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 chapel. 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

*Lord, Be Glorified*

TFWS 2150

In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In our lives, Lord, be glorified, today.  
In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In your world, Lord, be glorified, today.

*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

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:26-2:3

Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humans in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

The Word of God, for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION *The Sacred Ordinary: Blessed and Sent* Pastor Amy Aitken

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AMONG US

OFFERTORY *Balm in Gilead* arr. Harry T. Burleigh  
Eric Werner, soloist

+PRESENTATION MUSIC *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God the Source of all of gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, you have given each of us a vocation of holiness, offering our hearts, our minds, our service to your work in the world. Whether in an office, a field, a classroom, a courtroom, a studio or in our homes, you place within each us a call to bear witness to your love. Guide and bless our work, our lives and all that we offer. May our lives and the gifts we offer be a sign of your compassion, grace and hope for the world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

## GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

+CLOSING HYMN

*When We Are Living* (English Verses) UMH 356

+BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Improvisation* Aaron Shows (b.1989)

## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND PRACTICES TO ENGAGE

In *Liturgy of the Ordinary*, Tish Harrison Warren writes, "There is no competition between the work we do as a people in gathered worship...and our vocations in the world. For believers, the two are intrinsically part of one another." How do you see your life and your worship entwined? How do they influence and shape each other?

How might your identity as one "blessed and sent" change your life and work in the world?

Pray each morning that God would send you out to do the work he has given you to do.

Try to do a task you don't like without complaining.

## 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.



## JOIN US IN SUPPORT OF THOSE AFFECTED BY THE WILDFIRES IN HAWAII.

We are praying for those impacted by the recent wildfires in Maui. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is coordinating with the California-Pacific Annual Conference (Cal-Pac) to help. You can donate to their efforts by scanning the QR code below.



## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

For more information, email us at [connect@fumcpasadena.org](mailto:connect@fumcpasadena.org)

### TODAY

**Back-to-School Sunday is Today!**  
Don't forget to join us for some ice cream and sweet treats with us after worship.

**Backpacks and Supplies for the Adopt a Child Abuse Caseworker (ACAC) Back-to-School Program are due today** - Please deliver backpacks, school supplies to the chapel during worship. For any questions contact Diane Harris ([dmharris150625@gmail.com](mailto:dmharris150625@gmail.com))

### COMING UP

**Turn-A-Page Book Group** will meet August 20 at 11:30 a.m. in the Church Lounge - Our next book pick, *The World in a Grain* by Vince Beiser, is the story of sand and how it changed civilization. After water and air, sand is the natural resource that we consume more than any other—even more than oil. Every concrete building and paved road on Earth, every computer screen and silicon chip, is made from sand. From Egypt's pyramids to the Hubble telescope, from the world's tallest skyscraper to the sidewalk below it, from Chartres' stained-glass windows to your iPhone, sand shelters us, empowers us, engages us, and inspires us. It's the ingredient that makes possible our cities, our science, our lives—and our future.

And, incredibly, we're running out of it.

All are welcome to join in the discussion, even if you haven't read the book.

**Family Promise** - We will have our final Family Promise hosting the week of 9/17 – 9/23. If you missed out on the last opportunity, would like to volunteer again or are interested in participating for the first time, we'd love to have you! Sign up at Fellowship Hall Sundays in August or If you have questions or need more information, please contact Beth Gerber at [beth@lighttext.com](mailto:beth@lighttext.com).

**Register for All Church Labor Day Camp - Join us for a fun weekend at Camp Sky Meadows, Sept. 1-4. Information and registration will be available after in Fellowship Hall and the church office.**

**The deadline for registering for camp is August 20. If you are planning to attend, please register soon!**

**Are you a registered nurse? We are looking for a nurse to travel to camp with us and attend for FREE! Please contact the church office if you are interested: 626-796-0157**

**Hymn Sing** - On Sunday, September 3 we want YOU to choose the music! What is your favorite hymn? Send your selection to [connect@fumcpasadena.org](mailto:connect@fumcpasadena.org) and we will try to include it in worship.

**Rally Day Fiesta!** - Join us for worship, tacos, and a ministry fair on Sunday, September 10. Find study groups, fellowships, and ministries to join. Celebrate the new season with us!

**Prayer List Update** - If you or someone you know is on the prayer list, please keep us updated on your or their status. We pray for and update this list every week. If you'd like your name taken off the prayer list, please contact the church office.

## TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 10:00 a.m.: Sunday Worship (Chapel)
- 11:00: Coffee Hour and Back-to-School Treats (Fellowship Hall)

## FIRST UMC STAFF AND LAY LEADERSHIP

**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 Manager:**  
Aisha Williams

**Finance Manager:**  
Tim Sun

**Communications Director:**  
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**Lay Leader:**  
Kevin Lussier

**Intentional Faith Development Lay Leader:**  
Mikala Rahn

**Extravagant Generosity Ministry Lay Leader:**  
J.P. Harris

**Risk-Taking Mission Ministry Lay Leader:**  
Rosalie Niemann

**Passionate Worship Lay Leader:**  
Paul Audley

**Director of Media Ministries**  
Dave Lohr

**Guest Vocalist:**  
Eric Werner

**Today's Worship Leader:**  
Iris Perez