



150 YEARS OF SERVICE  
**PASADENA  
FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST  
CHURCH**

**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.

**‘Ohana Sunday School**

(PreK–6th Grade)

Children age 3 yrs. through 6th grade are invited to one room Sunday School (rm 104) after the Children's Sermon in Worship. Pickup time is 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.



**PRELUDE**

*Gradual*

Edouard Batiste (1820-1876)

**+ CALL TO WORSHIP**

For the beauty of the summer day,

**And the comfort of friends nearby;**

For the invitation to love and be loved,

**For our God who extends that call;**

For time set apart to nourish the soul,

**For time to go out into the world armed with love:**

For all these things we give thanks. Let us worship God.

**+ OPENING HYMN**

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

UMH 126

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

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

**COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES**

**TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS**

*We are the Church*

UMH 558

*Children are invited to come forward or remain seated.  
As the children gather, we sing together.*

I am the church! You are the church!

We are the church together!

All who follow Jesus, all around the world!

Yes, we're the church together!

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

**GATHERING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER**

**CENTERING SONG**

*Live in Charity*

TFWS 2179

Live in charity and steadfast love,  
live in charity; God will dwell with you.

Live in charity and steadfast love,  
live in charity; God will dwell with you.

*Moment for Silent Meditation*

## IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

**Newly Added:** Gordy Wenzel

**For Healing:** Ruby Alcantara, Ronan Bessler, Sharon Ann Brown, Carol Browne, Joey Cooper, Fred Copeland, Nicholas Cukurs, Willa Dalrymple, Albert Davis, Mary Davis, Arlene Duncan, Melissa Giles, Suanne and Eric Dewey-Hoffman, Family of Ann Dougherty, Family of Eric and Darla Dyson, John Evans, Cameron Fernandez, Cosette Fester, Chris Gillmon, Tom Griffith, Nathan Hahn, Brett Hain, Sofia Hain, Cindy Heckman, Efren Hernandez, Family of Larry Jaffe, Lisa Jaffe, Norman Jensen, Stephen Kastner, Lori Ketterling, Laurie Strathdee King, Julie-Ann Kosakowski, Rachel Lang, Milika Laulile, Meredith Lyon, Michael McRae, Judith Mueller, Carol Nunemaker, Katherine Olivas, Leslie Parham, Tommy Parham, Jonathan Poutney, Sarah Rudchenko, Irv Seidman and family, Kathleen Sesplaukis, Hazel Slaughter, Frances Smith, Tim Snider, Jim and Amy Sommerville, Jeffrey Stephens, Marge Strand, Tim Sun, Keno Sy and family, David T., Karen Thompson, Carolyn Tokunaga and family, Crystal Ward and family, Deb and Gary Webster, Jan Wentz, Nadine Witty and family, Sonia Witty, Ann 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 box 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).

## 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

Exodus 20:8-11

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it

### GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.

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

### ANTHEM

*The Call*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Eric Werner, tenor

### SERMON

*Ohana: The Political Community*

Rev. Amy Aitken

## 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 here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### +PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of love, your Word is love. In the reading of your holy scriptures today, in the songs we sing, the prayer we offer, and in the proclaiming of your Word, may we hear your love in our hearts, and may it fill us, so that we be people of love and tenderness in our hurting world. Amen.

### GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

+CLOSING HYMN *Lord of All Hopefulness* TFWS 2197

### BLESSING OF A PRAYER QUILT

Today we tie prayers of celebration and well wishes for Deb and Gary Webster.

### +BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE *Postlude* Edouard Batiste (1820-1876)

### JOIN US FOR LABOR DAY CAMP!

Ohana in the Woods: No One Gets Left Behind, August 30 - September 2 - Come fellowship with us in the beautiful, scenic San Bernardino mountains at Camp Sky Meadows. Information and registration Forms are available in Fellowship Hall, the Church Office, and the News@First email. **The registration deadline is Sunday, August 18.** There is a \$25 late fee/family after August 20 and no registrations can be accepted after August 22.

Download the  
registration forms:



## 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.



### REVISED SOCIAL PRINCIPLES

Capturing the Wesleyan spirit of social holiness and ethical action, over 4,000 United Methodists from around the world participated in an eight-year process to review and update the United Methodist Social Principles. Completed in 2020, this new draft document reflects the United Methodist response to today's most pressing social issues and was adopted at The General Conference 2024.



### RESOURCES

The Call to Worship was written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, "Hold Fast to What Is Good."

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

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

### TODAY

#### **Centered Sundays, August 18, and 25 at 11:30 a.m. in the Church Library**

- Today Pastor Amy Aitken will lead Prayer 101: An Introduction to Beginning a Daily Prayer Practice. If you have always wanted to develop a daily prayer practice but haven't really known where or how to begin, this session could be a good place to start.

#### **Turn A Page Book Group on August 18 at 11:30 in the Church Lounge**

- We will be discussing *Genghis Khan and The Making of the Modern World* by Jack Weatherford. All are welcome to join, even if you have not read the book.

### COMING UP

#### **Entheos Potluck, August 24 at 6:00 p.m.**

- Join us for a potluck at Beth and Robert Gerber's home to reconnect with old and dear friends and meet new ones. All are invited. Please bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert to share.

Donations to our Community Pantry are also welcome! To RSVP, contact Beth at [beth@lighttext.com](mailto:beth@lighttext.com).

#### **Hospitality Ministry Training, August 25 after worship in the Sanctuary**

- Come join us for a hospitality ministry training after worship. Learn how to greet and welcome new visitors so that they feel at home in our community. Training lasts about an hour. Please contact Dori Fotsch ([dfotsch@fumcpasadena.org](mailto:dfotsch@fumcpasadena.org)) for more details.

#### **Movie Night, August 25 at 5:00 p.m.**

- We will be viewing "Nyad" starring Annette Bening and Jodie Foster. Supper will be available at 5:00 p.m. and the movie will begin at 5:30 p.m. Reservations for supper may be directed to Priscilla Baca ([priscillabaca1@gmail.com](mailto:priscillabaca1@gmail.com)) and all are invited to attend.

#### **Save the Date for our Ministry Fair Fiesta, September 15**

- We will be having our annual ministry fair on September 15 after worship on our Colorado Patio. This is a great opportunity to ask questions about the church, learn about our ministries, become a volunteer, and deepen our relationship with each other through fellowship—tacos included!

#### **Celebrate Willa Dalrymple's**

**Birthday With Us!** - We are inviting everyone to come celebrate Willa Dalrymple's 90th birthday here at the church on August 31st at 2:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP with Cheri Ehrlich ([cheriehrlich@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cheriehrlich@sbcglobal.net)) to attend.

## TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 11:00 a.m. - Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:30 a.m. - Centered Sundays (Church Library)
- 11:30 a.m. - Turn-a-Page (Church 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:

#### **Pastor**

Rev. Dr. Amy Aitken

#### **Associate Pastor:**

Rev. Mina Nau-Mahe

#### **Liturgist:**

Cynthia Crass

#### **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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