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### LET'S CONNECT!

Connect cards are located in each pew. 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 boxes near the back and parking lot doors to the sanctuary. If you are part of the Connected (Online) Campus, send an email to [connect@fumcpasadena.org](mailto:connect@fumcpasadena.org).

### 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)

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 11:30 a.m.

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

### STATEMENT OF INCLUSION



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.

**NOVEMBER 20, 2022**  
**THANKSGIVING SUNDAY**

### GATHERING TOGETHER

Welcome to Worship. We are so glad that you are joining us today. We worship God in ways that are both ancient and modern, steeped in church tradition and open to God's ongoing call in our lives. 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.

### TOLLING OF THE CHIMES

*As the chimes tolls, we invite you to simply pause as we center our hearts, our spirits, and our bodies in God's presence.*

### PRELUDE

*We Gather Together*

Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

### + CALL TO WORSHIP

Friends, we gather this day to give God our thanks and praise. We gather to celebrate life!

### **The life we have been given by God,**

The life we share with one another in this beloved community of faith, compassion and service,

**In Christ, we are offered a life of abundant joy, a wholeness centered in community, and a faith that always calls us forward with hope.**

Let us be grateful for the joys of the life, the gifts of community, the hope of God's abundant life for all.

**And let us worship God.**

### + OPENING HYMN

*We Gather Together*

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### + WELCOME AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

### COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

### GIFT OF MUSIC

*I Give Thanks*

Toni Sullivan, composer  
Cherub and Cantate choirs  
Caleb Dehn, accompanist

## IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

**Newly added:** Christina Bittar, Shane Ross, Lauren Sloboda, Brian Worth.

**For Healing:** Pat Audley, Mark Audley, Joan Bothast, Nancy Brubaker and Eric Brubaker, Patricia Bruce, Kathy Brunkow, April Charczenko, Mary Davis, Pauline Dominguez, Joyce Dorn, Ann and Neal Dougherty, Zina Figilis, Family of Barbara Frank, Kristina Frank, Peggy Gott, Barbara Gorton, Brett Hain, Sofia Hain, Sallie Higginbotham, James Jensen, Stephen Kastner, Harry Kuruma, Family of Carolyn Lussier, Sharon Garrison Morrow, Marilyn Nobori, Carol Nunemaker, Rev. Pyong Oh, Paula Anderson Peacock, Carlos Peraza, Stephanie Peraza, Celina Romero, Donna Shook, Doug Shook, Wendy Stiver, Ara Lou Tamkin, Len Tamkin, Deb and Gary Webster, Jan Wentz, Sonya Witty, Earline Woodard, the Youngstrom family, Richard Zeiss, Wayne Zhang, Rosy Zide.

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

## TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

*King of Kings*

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.

King of kings and Lord of Lords, glory, hallelujah!  
King of kings and Lord of Lords, glory, hallelujah!  
Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory Hallelujah!  
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### GATHERING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

#### CENTERING SONG

*Holy Ground (FWS 2272)*

We are standing on holy ground,  
And I know that there are angels all around.  
Let us praise Jesus now.  
We are standing in His presence, On holy ground!

*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

John 6: 5-14

When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

*The Gospel of our Lord. Thanks be to God.*

## YOUTH SELECTION

*A Song of Praise and Thanksgiving*

Youth Choir and Bells  
Caleb Dehn, accompanist

## SERMON

*A Gathering of Grace:*

*A Community of Abundance and Generosity* Pastor Amy Aitken

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

During the offertory this morning, you are invited to bring your Estimate of Giving Card and your offering and place them on the Table as a sign of your worshipful intent to support the ministries for this church coming year. If you are unable to come forward, the ushers are available on the side aisles to bring your offering and cards forward. Pledges may also be made on our website, under the "Stewardship" tab.

## OFFERTORY

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

John Rutter (b. 1945)

## +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 our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

## +PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, you have lavished your finest gifts on each one of us. We thank you for the many ways in which you have blessed our lives—with love, hope, friends, our church, and so many other things that we cherish. We dedicate these gifts to the ministries of your church. Give us hearts of courage and confidence to step out into the world in service, bringing hope where there is doubt, peace where there is strife, love where there is discord. In Jesus' name, AMEN.

## GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

## +CLOSING HYMN

*Now Thank We All Our God*

Children and Youth Choirs

## PRAYER QUILT

This morning we tie prayers for hope and strength into a quilt for Jan Wentz as she adjusts to her new living environment.

## +BENEDICTION

## +POSTLUDE

*Now Thank We All Our God*

Sigfried Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

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

An offering is an act of gratitude and faithfulness in response to God's love and grace in our lives. 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 to access the church's online giving website. Offering baskets are available by the exits to receive checks and currency.



However you choose to share your gifts, we thank you for being here and sharing in the ministries of First United Methodist Church.

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

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

**Pastors Passing out Pumpkin Pie!** - Join us for pie, coffee, friendship and fun in the Fellowship Hall today.

**Hanging of the Greens:** After the pie settles, we will be decorating the church for Advent and Christmas. If you can help, we will see you in the sanctuary!

**Adopt a Child Abuse Caseworker (ACAC) Christmas Stocking program:** Diane Harris will be handing out names of foster kids from DCFS along with beautiful handmade Christmas Stockings to fill. See Diane in Fellowship Hall after church today and Dec. 4 to pick up the child's name and their stocking!  
Return stockings by Dec. 11.

**Church Conference:** A Charge Conference has been scheduled for Monday, Nov. 21 at 7:00 pm in the Chapel to vote on a church Leadership Council proposal (copies of the proposal are available in the office and in the lobby, and via email), pastor's compensation package, and a recommendation regarding Camp Sky Meadows.

**United Women in Faith Meeting** - On Nov. 21, the United Women in Faith will be meeting at 1:00 p.m. in the church lounge. We will focus on Thankfulness for God's life-saving creation and remember times of creation AND transformation in our lives. Women of all ages are invited to join us for fellowship, food, worship, and sharing.

**Mindful Yoga:** An all levels easy flow yoga class taught by Darby Orr is taking place on Mondays at 12:00 p.m. in Great Hall. The class runs weekly through Dec. 19. Suggested donation is \$15 (FUMC and FCC members and friends may attend for \$5. Cash and epayments accepted.)

**Movie Night:** Our next movie night is Nov. 27. We will be watching Belfast. A light supper (\$6 donation) is available at 5:00 p.m. in the Church Lounge, followed by the movie at 5:45 p.m.

**Rose Parade Seats and Parking - Now Taking Reservations:** We are now taking reservations for seats and parking for the Rose Parade! Our youth group will hold seats for you on the sidewalk or street (even closer than the grandstands!) Please scan the QR code below to make your reservation.



**Grief During the Holidays,** a FUMC ministry, continues as a place to find comfort, understanding and hope will gather on Wednesdays until **Dec. 14** from 2:00-3:00 p.m. on Zoom. Registration is required. Please email [connect@fumcpasadena.org](mailto:connect@fumcpasadena.org) for more information.

**Advent Events** - for more info on each of these events, please see eNews or email [connect@fumcpasadena.org](mailto:connect@fumcpasadena.org).

- **Advent Workshop** - Sunday, Dec. 4, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- **Alternative Christmas Market** Sunday, Dec. 11 in the Fellowship Hall
- **Christmas Joy Concert** - Dec.17 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- **The Longest Night Service** -Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. in the Chapel and via Zoom.
- **Advent Study** beginning 11/28 and ending 12/19 - Group 1 meets at 9:00 a.m. with Spirit Seekers on Sundays before worship in the Church Lounge. Group 2 meets on Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on Monday evenings.

## TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 9:00 a.m.: Spirit Seekers: (Church Lounge)
- 10:00: Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00: Pie Hour (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:15: Confirmation Class (Library)
- 11:15: Youth Sunday School (rm 207)
- 11:30ish: Hanging of the Greens (Sanctuary)
- 11:30: Turn-a-Page Book Group (Church Lounge)
- 12:00 p.m.: Youth Bell Choir
- 12:45 p.m.: Adult Bell Choir (rm 204)
- 5:30: Youth Group (rm 207)

## FIRST UMC STAFF AND LAY LEADERSHIP

**Pastor**  
Rev. Dr. Amy Aitken

**Director of Intentional Faith Development:**  
Rev. Jennifer Chapman

**Minister of Hospitality & Congregational Care:**  
Rev. Connie Tamkin

**Director of Music Ministries:**  
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**Organist:**  
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J.P. Harris

**Risk-Taking Mission Ministry Lay Leader:**  
Beth Gerber

**Passionate Worship Lay Leader:**  
Paul Audley

**Director of Media Ministries**  
Dave Lohr

**Today's Worship Leader:**  
Randy Godshall