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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 9:00 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.

OCTOBER 15, 2023

TWENTY-EIGHTH 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

Prelude, Op. 18

Cesar Franck (1822-1890)

## + INVITATION TO WORSHIP

In this place, in this sanctuary,

**we seek peace.**

We seek serenity within ourselves.

**We seek harmony within our families.**

We seek goodwill among our neighbors.

**We seek a ceasefire among all nations.**

We seek not just the absence of conflict,

**But the presence of shalom–**

the abiding peace

**the healing life**

the unrelenting justice

**that God calls us to in Christ.**

**Let us worship with Divine hope.**

## + OPENING HYMN

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

UMH 57 (v. 1-3 and 7)

## + WELCOME AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

## COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

### ANTHEM

Ubi Caritas

Victor C. Johnson  
Youth Choir

### TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

This Little Light of Mine

UMH 585

Children are invited to come forward or remain seated.

## IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

**Newly Added:** Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Family of Helen Kinel, Family of Randy Leach, Family of Doris Stiver, Mona Woodard

**For Healing:** Christy Bootjer and Family, Joyce Breslin, Lisa Brown, Patricia Bruce, Erika Carillo, Albert Davis, Mary Davis, Juliette De Guzman, Joyce Dorn, John Evans, Zina Figilis, Brett Hain, Sofia Hain, Colin Harwood, Muriel Henderson, Sallie Higginbotham, Amy Jaffe, Norman Jensen, Stephen Kastner, Greg Klimuck, Julie and Henry Lee and their family, David Madrid, Charif Masri, Jocelyn Medina, Ken Morrow, Gail Nance, Jonathan Nieto, Carol Nunemaker, Katherine Olivas, Leslie Parham, Tommy Parham, Crystal Powers, Josh Riaille, 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 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

### NEW TESTAMENT

1 Corinthians 3:6-11

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and each will receive wages according to their own labor. For we are God's coworkers, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

According to the grace of God given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Let each builder choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

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

### ANTHEM

*Still, Small Voice*

Karen Marrolli

### SERMON

Rev. Collins Etchi Ako

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AMONG US

### +PRESENTATION MUSIC

*Many Gifts, One Spirit*

UMH 114

Many gifts, one Spirit,  
one love known in many ways.  
In our difference is blessing,  
from diversity we praise  
one Giver, one Lord, one Spirit, one Word  
known in many ways, hallowing our days.  
For the Giver and the Gifts,  
praise, praise, praise!

### +PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, we live in gratitude for ways that your love is known in our lives- for the gifts of homes, families, health, jobs and the ability to offer these gifts to your work in this church and to our globally connected church. We pray that through our offering, we will serve as ambassadors for Christ—bearing the good news of his love through healing, nourishment, rebuilding and hope. Multiply these gifts through our United Methodist connection to reach communities throughout your world. Amen.

## GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

### +CLOSING HYMN

Jesu, Jesu

UMH 432

### BLESSING OF PRAYER QUILTS

Today we tie prayers of strength and healing into a quilt for Melinda Songco, friend of Beth Verniere.

We also tie prayers of celebration into a quilt for the 100th birthday of Ruth Fettes.

### +BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

"Toccata" from Suite Gothique

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

## 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.



## WELCOME

### REV. COLLINS ETCHI AKO

The Rev. Collins Etchi Ako is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, providing administrative and liaison support in the East Congo Episcopal Area in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Collins is from Cameroon and an ordained elder of the United Methodist Church. He has also been deeply involved in the denomination's Young People's Ministries, related to Discipleship Ministries. Locally, Collins has served as coordinator of mission volunteers for the Cameroon Mission and as an associate pastor with Blessing UMC, Simbock, Yaounde and Mount Carmel UMC in Nkolbissong, Yaounde.

At his missionary place of assignment with the East Congo Episcopal Area, Collins is involved in ministries with vulnerable girls and women, in ministries with orphans, and in teaching ministries at the UMC University in Kindu where he offers lectures in missiology and in ecclesiology. Collins is married to Anne Greta and the couple have four children.

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

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

### TODAY

#### October Bake Sale after worship:

Come for treats and Halloween crafts during coffee hour in Fellowship Hall.

#### Turn-a-Page Book Group at 11:30 a.m. in the Church Lounge:

We will be discussing *The Daughters of Yalta* by Catherine Grace Katz. Even if you haven't read the book please feel free to join the discussion.

### COMING UP

**Trunk or Treat is coming!** We NEED your help to make Trunk-or-Treat a success! We're inviting the community to an evening of food, carnival games and Halloween fun. Decorate your trunk (the top trunk will win two Rose Parade Seats), volunteer the day of the event, donate cupcakes for our Cupcake Walk, or donate candy for trick-or-treaters.

Sign-up in Fellowship Hall or contact Donna Youngstrom for more information:  
[donna\\_youngstrom@yahoo.com](mailto:donna_youngstrom@yahoo.com)

#### Living with Less Worry Class - Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m from Oct. 17 through Nov. 14:

This Zoom-based course will help you find healthy ways to cope with worry and provide a space of support to explore your thoughts.

Email [connect@fumcpasadena.org](mailto:connect@fumcpasadena.org) to sign up.

**The UWF meeting on Monday, October 16, at 1:00 p.m. in the Church Lounge** will feature Rev. Mina Nau-Mahe, who will share her story of her family, her Tongan traditions, and her journey of faith. She will also share her mission experience. We will have our new banner on display. Dessert will be served.

#### FUMC Free Drama Camp for children grades pre-K through 2nd grade:

Our free drama camp has begun, but you can join in any time! We will be hosting the camp on Tuesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. until Oct. 24. There will also be a finale performance during our Trunk-or-Treat event on Saturday, Oct. 28.

At each camp session, a light dinner will be offered for children and parents at 6 p.m. with games and crafts to follow. Parents are encouraged to stay and have a fellowship time with other parents. Camp will conclude each evening at 7 p.m. sharp. For questions, contact Pam Marx at [pamelamarx@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pamelamarx@sbcglobal.net).

#### UWF Evening Circle Meeting - Oct 20

**7:00 p.m. -8:30 p.m.:** Join us for this gathering of fun and fellowship at the home of Leslie Black. Please email Jami Carrera ([jamicarrera@yahoo.com](mailto:jamicarrera@yahoo.com)) for the address.

#### Third@First Season Opening Concert "Let Music In" - Oct. 21 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary:

Third@First Series is celebrating the 10th season with the debut performance of "Let Music In," a commissioned piece by First UMC's organist and talented composer Aaron Shows. This commemorative work was created for choir, organ, cello and piano. Paul Audley, First UMC Trustee Chair and active member of the church, is the lyricist. Hope to see you all there!

#### October's Movie Night- Oct. 29 in the Church Lounge:

This month's movie is "Till" (rated PG), which recounts a brave mother's struggle for justice even as it poses the question: "How much do we need to know and how shall we know it?"

A light supper is served at 5 p.m. in the church lounge with the movie to screen at 5:45 p.m. Contact Priscilla Baca ([priscillabaca1@gmail.com](mailto:priscillabaca1@gmail.com)) to reserve dinner.

## TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 10:00 a.m.: Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15: Coffee Hour and October Bake Sale (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:30 a.m. Turn-a-Page Book Group (Church Lounge)
- 4:30 p.m.: Youth Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 5:30: Youth Group (Youth Lounge)

## SERVING IN MINISTRY

#### Pastor

Rev. Dr. Amy Aitken

#### Associate Pastor:

Rev. Mina Nau-Mahe

#### Director of Music Ministries:

Scott Lehmkuhl

#### Organist:

Aaron Shows

#### Ministry Coordinator:

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J.P. Harris

#### Lay Leader for Outreach:

Rosalie Niemann

#### Lay Leader for Worship:

Paul Audley

#### Director of Media Ministries:

Dave Lohr

#### Today's Worship Leader:

Daniel Nieman

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