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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)

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.

MARCH 12, 2023

## THIRD SUNDAY IN THE SEASON OF LENT

### 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 THE BELLS

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

### PRELUDE

*Elevation of Communion*

Louis Lefébure-Wély (1817-1869)

### + INVITATION TO WORSHIP

We've come to worship God,  
who makes streams flow from rock,  
who turns the parched earth into springs of water,  
who sends the rain from heaven  
and makes the wilderness blossom and flourish.

**As the deer thirsts for flowing streams,  
so we thirst for you, O God.**

Come, let's worship our life-giving God,  
who pours out living water on all who thirst.

### + OPENING HYMN

*Gather Us In*

TFWS 2236

### + WELCOME AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

**COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES** United Women in Faith - Mission Recognition

### TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

The Servant Song

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.

We are pilgrims on a journey;  
we're together on this road.  
We are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

## IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

**For Healing:** Mark Audley, Eric Brubaker, Patricia Bruce, Ann Burke, Phil Chavez and family, Mary Davis, Cecilia DePippo, Pauline Dominguez, Joyce Dorn, Ann and Neal Dougherty, Brett Hain, Sofia and Woody Hain, René Handley-Arriaza, Rob Hayes, Laura Hevia Del Puerto and family, Sallie Higginbotham, James Jensen, Lynnel Jensen, Stephen Kastner, David Kinel, Jocelyn Medina, The Molitor family, John Moran and family, The family and friends of Corina Moray, Sharon Garrison Morrow, Kaz Mousavi's niece, Johnathan Nieto, Carol Nunemaker, Rev. Pyong Oh, Tommy Parham, Paula Anderson Peacock, Carlos Peraza, Stephanie Peraza, Lidiya Potapenko and family, Celina Romero, Wayne Schenck, Ha-yeong Shin, Donna Shook, Jill Shook, Wendy Stiver, Tim Sun, Phyllis and Howard Underwood, Deb and Gary Webster, Jan Wentz, Sonya Wittry, Richard Zeiss, Rosy Zide.

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 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).

## GATHERING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

### CENTERING SONG

*Restore in Us, O God*

Bring us, O Christ, to share  
the fullness of your joy;  
baptize us in the risen life  
that death cannot destroy.

*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 READING

John 4:5-26

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."

Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that the Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

John 4:39-42

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

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

SERMON In Spirit & In Truth Rev. Jen Chapman

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AMONG US

OFFERTORY My Jesus, I Love Thee arr. Paul Sjolund

+PRESENTATION MUSIC Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God, above ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
God who sees us in spirit and in truth, receive our gifts from the open hearts from which we give them. Thank you for blessing each of us with gifts to share. We offer our gifts gladly. May what we give be used to meet the needs of one another and the world you so love. Amen.

GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

+CLOSING HYMN  
Spring Up O Well Mary A. Lathbury (1841-1913)

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE  
Postlude in D Minor Julius Andre (1808-1880)

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 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.

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FLOWERS

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Regan Farmer's first birthday today. Regan is the daughter of Maggie Audley and Brian Farmer, and is Paul Audley's granddaughter. Even though Regan, Maggie, and Brian cannot be here in person, they wanted to celebrate this special day with their PFUMC family!

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

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

**Lenten Series** - On March 15, we continue our Lenten Series on Forgive Everyone Everything by Father Greg Boyle with art by Fabian Debora. This session will cover Kinship (pgs. 50-75).

Each session will begin at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP via the link in News@First, or email [connect@fumcpasadena.org](mailto:connect@fumcpasadena.org).

The book is available to purchase for \$15 in the church office or you may purchase a copy online (copies are limited).

**Spirit Seekers Class** - Sundays at 8:45 a.m. in the Church Lounge. In the Season of Lent, Spirit Seekers will also use Father Boyle's book Forgive Everyone Everything as a modern-day devotional guide for the course. This study concludes on Palm Sunday, April 2.

**Children's Lenten Mission for Heifer International** - On March 19 we will have a coffee hour craft and bake sale to support our Sunday School children as they raise money for Heifer International. Heifer International sends the gift of living animals as a continuous source of nutrition and financial support for hungry people around the world. Come by to support this annual mission effort that has been going on for at least 40 years each Lent at FUMC.

**Red Cross Blood Drive**, March 19, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - There will be a blood drive held with the Red Cross Bloodmobile in the parking lot behind the church off of Green Street and Los Robles. To schedule an appointment please log onto [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) enter sponsor code: FUMCPASADENA.

**Turn-A-Page Book Group**, March 19, 11:30 a.m. in the Church Lounge to discuss this month's Choice: The Night Watchman by Louise Erdrich. Even if you haven't read the book please feel free to join the discussion.

**Weekly Yoga Class led by Darby Orr**, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. in the beautiful outdoor Cloister (depending on the weather) The suggested donation is \$15 per class. (FUMC and FCC church folks may attend for the supplemented amount of \$10. ) Cash and/or e-payments are accepted.

**Youth Cabaret Auction Donations** - The youth will host our annual Cabaret (dinner and show) fundraiser on Sunday, March 26, (12:00 p.m.). We are asking for donations for this year's Silent Auction, which will feature items donated by local businesses, church members and friends, as well as items created and services offered by youth.

For information on how to donate and purchase tickets, please see the News@First email.

**New Support Ministry: Care for the Caregiver.** Meets the 3rd Thursday of the month (Starting March 16), 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. - This group is designed to give support to caregivers of an aging parent or relative.

The group will meet in the Church Lounge and via Zoom. Registration encouraged, especially for those wanting to participate via Zoom. Contact [connect@fumcpasadena.org](mailto:connect@fumcpasadena.org) to register. A Love Offering is suggested to support special guests.

**Camp Sky Meadows Beautification Weekend** - April 15 and 16 (Saturday and Sunday) Enjoy the beautiful mountain air and brilliant sunshine in the San Bernardino Mountains. Attend for one day or for the whole weekend! Food will be provided. For more information on what to bring and what we will be doing, contact Danny Carrera or sign up in Fellowship Hall after worship on Sunday.

**FCC Women's Scholarship Applications due March 31** - First Congregational Church of Pasadena is offering scholarships to women of all ages for Fall 2023 enrollment in a trade school, Junior college, college or graduate school. We will be offering five scholarships this year of \$4500 each. Here is the link for the application: <https://www.uccpasadena.org/womens-scholarship-application>

## TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 10:00 a.m.: Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00: Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:15: Youth Sunday School (207)
- 11:15: Confirmation Class (106)
- 12:00 p.m.: Youth Bell Choir (204)
- 12:45: Adult Bell Choir (204)
- 4:30: Youth Choir (Choir Room)
- 5:30: Youth Group (Fellowship Hall)

## FIRST UMC STAFF AND LAY LEADERSHIP

### Pastor

Rev. Dr. Amy Aitken

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