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**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.

**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).

**TOLLING OF THE BELL**

*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**

*You're Never Alone*

Rob Hayes, guitar

**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.

**+ CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather here to worship seeking a focus for our being.

**God calls us to worship the Word made flesh.**

We gather here to worship, though we feel drawn in too many directions, overwhelmed with too many tasks, chasing after something we can’t quite name.

**God calls us to worship leaning into the Spirit of Truth**

We gather here to worship, wondering and hoping, doubting and uncertain, frustrated and afraid. But we are here.

**God calls us to worship with our whole selves. We are here; let us worship with joy.**

**+ OPENING HYMN**

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

UMH 126

**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.

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

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

**COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES**

## IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

**Newly added:** Sue Clairday, Family of Barbara Frank, Kristina Frank, Family of Carolyn Lussier, Sharon Garrison Morrow, Rev. Pyong Oh, Doug Shook, Donna Shook, Ashley Slade

**For Healing:** Benjamin Adame, Pat Audley, Mark Audley, Family of Mary Bohannon, Joan Bothast, Kay Brown-Rodgers, Patricia Bruce, Ramiro Carreon, Y.C. Chu, Sue Clairday, Naomi and Larry Clendenen, Mary Davis, Joyce Dorn, Ann and Neal Dougherty, Jessica Drew, Curt Elrod, Family of Barbara Frank, Kristina Frank, Joseph Gomez, Peggy Gott, Brett Hain, Sofia Hain, Nathan Hahn, Sallie Higginbotham, James Jensen, Ruby Jinks, Helen Kinel, Family of Carolyn Lussier, Kevin Lussier, Harry Kuruma, Cynthia Moran, Sharon Garrison Morrow, Rev. Pyong Oh, Donna Shook, Doug Shook, Ashley Slade, Wendy Stiver, Len Tamkin, Sue Tkocz, Deb and Gary Webster, Jan Wentz, Sonya Wittry, Earline Woodard, Richard Zeiss, 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

*I Am The Church*

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.

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.

### GATHERING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

#### CENTERING SONG

God Who Began a Good Work in You

God who began a good work in you,  
God who began a good work in you,  
will be faithful to complete it, will be faithful to complete it.  
God who started the work will be faithful to complete it in you.  
(Phil. 1:6)

*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

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 32:22-31

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

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

## SERMON

*Limping into the Sunrise*

Rev. Jen Chapman

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

### OFFERTORY

*The Heavens Are Telling*

Joseph Hayden (1732-1809)

### +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

Holy God, as we offer our gifts to you this day, we pray that, in our giving, we may be reconnected to the reason why we follow and the reason why we give. You called us to be disciples who make disciples. Help us avoid that which distracts, the desire to hear the things that please us and make the road easier, but that will not bring us to the kingdom of justice, mercy, and compassion you desire for us. In Christ, our guiding light, we pray. Amen.

## GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

### +CLOSING HYMN

*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

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### +BENEDICTION

### +POSTLUDE

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

Rob Hayes, guitar

## 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)

### Support Rise Against Hunger -

We are partnering with the First Congregational Church, Pasadena (UCC) and the Islamic Center of Southern California to support Rise Against Hunger, an organization dedicated to end food insecurity. On **Oct. 23** 12:30 p.m. -1:20 p.m. we will be gathering to package 30,000 meals for distribution to those in need. You can volunteer or donate at [fumcpasadena.org/donate](http://fumcpasadena.org/donate) and select "Rise Against Hunger."

### The Evening Circle Women's

**Group** is gathering for fun and fellowship on Friday, **Oct. 21** at 7:00 p.m. Come meet, chat, and relax with other women who attend or are involved with First UMC. We will gather at the home of Jami Carrera (please email her at [jamicarrera@yahoo.com](mailto:jamicarrera@yahoo.com)) for the address). Bring your favorite salad topping or an appetizer to share.

**United Women in Faith at First UMC** - Members of Cal-Pac UWF will come to our church later this month, **Oct 21-22** (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.) to hold our Annual Celebration and district officer trainings. Please check the Wednesday's eNews for the registration link.

**Pastor's Bible Study** meets on Zoom at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Each week we will study and reflect on the text for the following week's worship service. Next week (10/19), we will be discussing Luke 18:9-14.

**Spirit Seekers:** Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in the Church Lounge. This fall, the class will be looking at Dr. Amy Jill Levine's book, "Short Stories by Jesus." This is a fascinating book on the parables of Jesus as interpreted by a Jewish scholar of the New Testament. All are welcome.

**October's Movie Night** offers a film for all ages as we gather in the Cloister on Sunday, October 23, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. "Vivo", set in Cuba and Miami and including other Florida sites, moves quickly and unexpectedly, drawing in other characters along a journey filled with music and color in an effort to suggest how it is that love is communicated. Pizza and salad will be served at 5:30 p.m. Please let Priscilla Baca (626) 375-3081 know of your interest in supper so that she can plan accordingly.

**Are You Creative?** We are looking for painters, poets, crafters, photographers, and more to feature in the Messenger magazine. If you have photos of your work or some writing you'd love to share, please email Ashley at [ashleys@fumcpasadena.org](mailto:ashleys@fumcpasadena.org). Work must be appropriate for all ages.

**Mark your calendars for Trunk or Treat** on Saturday, October 29th from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.! This event offers a wonderful opportunity for our church to come together for fellowship and service, offering a family-friendly Halloween event for the children and families of our greater community.

## TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 9:00 a.m.: Spirit Seekers: Lounge
- 10:00: Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00: Filipino Cultural Celebration (Sanctuary)
- 11:00: Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:15: Confirmation (Library)
- 11:15: Youth Group Sunday School
- 11:30: Turn-a-Page (Church Lounge)
- 11:30: A Disciples Path (room 206)
- 12:00 p.m.: Filipino Cultural Celebration Reception (Cloister)
- 1:00: Pasadena Youth Coalition (room 207)
- 5:30 Youth Group (room 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:

Scott Lehmkuhl

### Organist:

Aaron Shows

### Worship Musician:

Rob Hayes

### Intentional Faith Development Lay Leader:

Mikala Rahn

### Extravagant Generosity Ministry Lay Leader:

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:

Grace Danziger

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