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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)
We will have One Room Sunday School in Room 201 during worship. Child Pick Up (for ages 4+) is in Room 202 at 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.

JUNE 11, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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.

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

O Perfect Love

Edwin Childs (b. 1945)

+ INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Welcome! Welcome one and welcome all!

Every being of our rich variety, you are welcomed by God!

Baptized in one Spirit, we are members of one body. Many and varied in gender, color, sexuality, age, class, and ability, we are members of Christ's beautiful body.

**None of us can say to another, "I have no need of you."
For only together can we find wholeness.**

God calls the peace-filled spirits, and the hopeful, filled with joy.

God calls the marginalized many, and the vulnerable who walk alone.

In this place, God's love is unconditional. In this place, all are welcome.

Let us worship, welcoming God into our hearts together.

+ OPENING HYMN

They Will Know We Are Christians by our Love

TFWS 2223

+ WELCOME AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Halle, Halle, Halleluja (TFWS 2026)

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.

Halle, Halle, Halleluja!
Halle, Halle, Halleluja!
Halle, Halle, Halleluja!
Halleluja! Halleluja!

IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

Newly Added: Frances Smith

For Healing: Lisa Brown, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Eric Brubaker, Nancy Brubaker, Patricia Bruce, Albert Davis, Mary Davis, Ceclilia DePippo, Joyce Dorn, John Evans, Zina Figilis, Randy Godshall, Tom Griffith, Juliette De Guzman, Charif Masri, Gail Nance, Ann and Neal Dougherty, Brett Hain, Rob Hayes, Patricia Herrera-Neito, Sallie Higginbotham, Norman Jensen, Janice Jones, Stephen Kastner, Carole Kathman, Tom Kosakowski, Jocelyn Medina, Kendra Millsap, Pastor Mina Nau-Mahe, Carol Nunemaker, Leslie Parham, Tommy Parham, Jim Prior, Wayne Schenck, Donna Shook, Jill Shook, Cory Skook, Wendy Stiver, Beck Summers, Cordelia Vogel, Deb and Gary Webster, Jan Wentz, Sonya Wittry, Richard Zeiss

Prayer requests may be shared via 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.

GATHERING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

CENTERING SONG

Sanctuary (TFWS 2164)

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

Acts 10:1-35

In Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of the Italian Cohort, as it was called. He was a devout man who feared God with all his household; he gave alms generously to the people and prayed constantly to God. One afternoon at about three o'clock he had a vision in which he clearly saw an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius." He stared at him in terror and said, "What is it, Lord?" He answered, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. Now send men to Joppa for a certain Simon who is called Peter; he is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the seaside." When the angel who spoke to him had left, he called two of his slaves and a devout soldier from the ranks of those who served him, and after telling them everything he sent them to Joppa.

About noon the next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while it was being prepared he fell into a trance. He saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. Then he heard a voice saying, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But Peter said, "By no means, Lord, for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean." The voice said to him again, a second time, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times, and the thing was suddenly taken up to heaven.

Now while Peter was greatly puzzled about what to make of the vision that he had seen, suddenly the men sent by Cornelius appeared. They were asking for Simon's house and were standing by the gate. They called out to ask whether Simon, who was called Peter, was staying there. While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Look, three men are searching for you. Now get up, go down, and go with them without hesitation, for I have sent them." So Peter went down to the men and said, "I am the one you are looking for; what is the reason for your coming?" They answered, "Cornelius, a centurion, a righteous and God-fearing man who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish people, was directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear what you have to say." So Peter invited them in and gave them lodging.

The next day he got up and went with them, and some of the brothers and sisters from Joppa accompanied him. The following day they came to Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. On Peter's arrival, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, worshiped him. But Peter made him get up, saying, "Stand up; I am only a mortal." And as he talked with him, he went in and found that many had assembled, and he said to them, "You yourselves know that it is improper for a Jew to associate with or to visit an outsider, but God has shown me that I should not call anyone profane or unclean. So when I was sent for, I came without objection. Now may I ask why you sent for me?"

Cornelius replied, "Four days ago at this very hour, at three o'clock, I was praying in my house when suddenly a man in dazzling clothes stood before me. He said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your alms have been remembered before God. Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon, who is called Peter; he is staying in the home of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.' Therefore I sent for you immediately, and you have been kind enough to come. So now all of us are here in the presence of God to listen to all that the Lord has commanded you to say." Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him.

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

SERMON

A Different Lens

Rev. Dr. Denyse Barnes

Director of Justice and Compassion Ministries

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AMONG US

OFFERTORY

O Clap Your Hands

John Rutter

+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 of gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

For the abundance of creation Lord, we are ever thankful. May these gifts given today be a sign of our commitment to share your love and grace with all people. Guide the ministries of this church that we may show forth your compassion with gratitude, joy and hope. Amen.

GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

+CLOSING HYMN

In the Midst of New Dimensions

TFWS 2238

+BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

They'll Know We Are Christians.

Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

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.



ABOUT REV. DR. DENYSE BARNES

Rev. Dr. Denyse Barnes is the conference Director of Justice and Compassion Ministries. Born and raised in the UK, her first degree was in Electronics and Telecommunications Engineering. She holds a Masters in Divinity, and graduated with her Doctor of Ministry in May 2023. After following a career in computing and teaching in special education, she travelled extensively in Asia and Australia teaching English as second language before settling in California in 2003.

Denyse has served churches in Ojai, Hollywood, and Crescenta Valley and has been the LGBTQIA+ Advocacy Coordinator for the conference for the last three years. She has a heart for justice and equity for all and works hard at dismantling systems of oppression, rebuilding them into fair, equitable, and just ways of being instead. She has been married to Deborah since 2020. They are both avid Dodger's fans and they share their home with two dogs, Jiminy and Sheldon who love to visit the dog park.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

For more information, email us at connect@fumcpasadena.org

COMING UP

Care for the Caregiver - On June 15, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., this support group for caregivers will meet to talk about Home Health Services and learn who qualifies. Contact connect@fumcpasadena.org for more information.

United Women in Faith Evening Circle - On June 16, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., join us for this gathering of fun and fellowship at the home of Sarah Brunkow (please contact the church office for the address). This month we will focus on WELLNESS! Please bring healthy appetizers, nibbles, or side dishes to share.

Third@First: Organ-ic Soundtracks-Saturday, June 17 at 4 p.m. Organist, Aaron Shows will take us to the movies with a performance of classic movie themes and a screening of the 1923 short *The Pilgrim* starring Charlie Chaplin.

Chalk the Walk Sunday - As part of the Pasadena Chalk Festival, we will gather on the Colorado patio on Sunday, June 18 after worship to create our own expressions of love and inclusiveness on our sidewalk. Chalk and extension sticks for those who prefer to stand while drawing will be provided.

Church Docent Training - Join us at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 18. Mary Beth Hayes will lead those who are interested in learning about church history and how to provide tours in an introductory training session about the sanctuary, with some information about the Chapel. We will meet in the chancel area of the sanctuary. There will be subsequent trainings, but if you are interested in participating in this session, please contact Pam Marx (pamelamarx@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

Turn-A-Page Book Group - Please join us on June 18 at 11:30 a.m. in the Church Lounge to discuss this month's Choice: *The Country of Women* by Susan Straight. Even if you haven't read the book please feel free to join the discussion.

A Blood Drive will be held by the Red Cross in our North Church Parking Lot on Sunday, June 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment please visit redcrossblood.org and enter code FUMCPASADENA.

UWF Potluck - The UWF Potluck is scheduled for June 19 at noon in the Church Lounge. Contact Barbara Gorton if you'd like to bring a dish.

Come celebrate the ministry of Rev. Connie and Rev. Jen - June 25. Join us for lunch and a celebration after worship service. If you would like to make a love offering, you can contact Aisha in the [church office](#) or use the church's [online giving site](#)

Save the Date: Summer Musical - This summer, the 51st FUMC Summer Musical production will be 42nd Street. Performances are Wednesday, July 26 through Saturday, July 29. Dinner will be served before the performance (details to come).

SAVE THE DATE

OUR CHURCH PICNIC WILL BE
JULY 2 AT MCDONALD PARK.
MORE DETAILS TO COME!

TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 10:00 a.m.: Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00: Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

FIRST UMC STAFF AND LAY LEADERSHIP

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