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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.

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.

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

Song of Celebration

Cynthia Dobrinski (b.1950-2021)

Resound Ringers

+ INVITATION TO WORSHIP

We are called to be people of faith in the midst of the world, **and so we mix our worship and our work, our faith and our life.**

We gather here as people who live in the world and yet, **we gather as people who have been called to see the world from a different viewpoint.**

God has called us together,

God has called us to be part of a community.

God challenges us to consider questions of priority as we engage with the world.

In this time together,

may God open our hearts, minds and eyes,

allowing us to see deeper,

helping us to live in the world

while still offering a challenge to the ways of the world.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

+ OPENING HYMN

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

UMH 62

+ 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: Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Cecilia DePippo, Armadno Flores, Tom Griffith, Cordelia Vogel

For Healing: Indie Jon Baptiste, Patricia Bruce, Lorraine Chavez, Phil Chavez and Family, Albert Davis, Mary Davis, Joyce Dorn, John Evans, Zina Figilis, Juliette De Guzman, Charif Masri, Ivonne Munguia, Gail Nance, Ann and Neal Dougherty, Brett Hain, Rob Hayes, Sallie Higginbotham, Jacobson family, Norman Jensen, Janice Jones, Stephen Kastner, David Kinel, Tom Kosakowski, Jocelyn Medina, Johnathan Nieto, Carol Nunemaker, Tommy Parham, Jim Prior, Celina Romero, Wayne Schenck, Ha-yeong Shin, Donna Shook, Jill Shook, Cory Skook, Taylor family, Phyllis Underwood and family, Wendy Stiver, 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.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PAGEANT

Faith Gave Her Courage

The battle of Jericho was dramatic and a story worth telling, but the story of a single woman, Rahab, who had found a new faith, hidden two spies at great risk to herself and kept her whole family safe is the story we celebrate today—a story of action and deeds that grew out of love and faith. It is such an important story that years later, Rahab was remembered by James and held up as a woman who put her faith into action. May we all find ways each day to put our faith and love of God into action in our world.

Songs:

That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright arr. by Cathy Moglebust

Love Is Our Actions adapted from *Love is Surrender* by Ralph Carmichael

A Quiet Place by Ralph Carmichael

All My Life by Ralph Carmichael

We're Gonna Learn by Holly Goldstein

Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho - Traditional Hymn

Find a Way by Megan Goldstein

GATHERING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

CENTERING SONG

Holy Ground (TFWS 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**

SCRIPTURE READING

James 2:14-26

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Surely that faith cannot save, can it? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith apart from works, and I by my works will show you faith. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith apart from works is worthless? Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and by works faith was brought to completion. Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness," and he was called the friend of God. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

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

HOMILY

Pastor Amy Aitken

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AMONG US

OFFERTORY

Praise

Judy Hunnicutt (b. 1939)
Youth Bell Choir

+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

God of justice and mercy, you created us out of love, to embody your love in the world. Draw our faith into action for the sake of others. May our everyday lives be a witness to your compassion, mercy and grace. Bless our gifts, and guide their use that we may use them to bless our community and the world through good works that reflect your love and grace. Amen.

GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

+CLOSING HYMN

The Gift of Love

UMH 408

+BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Humoresque

Rosalie Bonighton (b.1946)

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.



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

CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY STAFF

Cantate Choir

Chrissa Hayes, director

Children's Handbells

Megan Goldstein

Cherub Choir

Eleen Hsu-Wentlandt

Arranger and Accompanist

Mark Goldstein

Choir Assistant

Caleb Dehn

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

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

TODAY

Mother's Day Flower Arrangement Sale to Benefit Friends In Deed -

Come by coffee hour today to buy a floral arrangement for a loved one. All proceeds will go to benefit services for unhoused neighbors provided by Friends Deed. We'll have small, medium and large arrangements of your choosing.

COMING UP

The Pathfinders group would like to invite all who are interested to join us for a private tour of the Pacific Asia Museum, located right around the corner from the church at 46 N. Los Robles Ave. We have reservations for Thursday, May 18, at 12:00 p.m.

UWF Evening Circle at Pastor Jen's Home - All women of the church are invited to Pastor Jen's backyard on Friday, May 19 from 6 - 8 p.m. for tacos, margaritas (including a mocktail version) and fellowship. This event is an offering of the United Women of Faith Evening Circle, which meets at various locations on the third Friday of each month. Please contact [Jami Carrera](mailto:jamicarrera@yahoo.com) (jamicarrera@yahoo.com) for more information.

Third@First - Join us as we celebrate Women Composers for our Joy of Chamber Music Third at First Concert on May 20 at 4:00 p.m. We will commemorate Clara Schumann (September 13, 1819 - May 20, 1896), one of the most distinguished pianists of the Romantic era. And, we will celebrate Amy Beach (1867 - 1944), one of the first American female composers of large-scale art music.

Please join the Turn-A-Page Book Group on May 21 at 11:30 a.m. in the Church Lounge to discuss this month's choice: The Hiding Place by Corrie ten Boom.

The final session of the Spirit Seekers Study on the Book of Psalms is Sunday, May 21. Our theme will be "The Psalms and Music." We will listen to some beautiful ways the psalms have been set to music, ancient and modern, and explore possibilities of singing and praying the psalms in worship today.

Summer Musical - This summer, the 51st FUMC Summer Musical production will be 42nd Street. Casting and rehearsals will begin soon. Auditions are Saturday, May 13 at 10 a.m.

Pasadena Methodist Foundation Scholarships 2023 - A reminder to all new applicants and renewal recipients of academic scholarships from the Pasadena Methodist Foundation, you must apply for your scholarship request annually. The deadline this year is June 01, 2023. You can pick up an application in the church office or download it at pasadenamethodistfoundation.org.

A memorial service will be held for Howard Underwood on May 20 at 10:00 a.m. in our church sanctuary with a reception to follow. The Underwood family requests donations be made to First UMC in honor of Howard's 71 years of friendship and faithful service at the church. We hope you will join us in celebration of his life.

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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