



### 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 9:00 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.

**PRELUDE** Llanfair (a Welsh Easter tune) Benjamin Cornelius-Bates (b.1979)

### + CALL TO WORSHIP

You called me from the grave by name, you called me out of all my shame. The old has passed away, the new has come!

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.**

Your Holy Spirit now lives within me. I am no longer bound by sin and darkness. I’m dressed in your royalty and I see my past has been redeemed.

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until my will is one with yours, to do and to endure.**

All Say Together: **Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with you the perfect life for all eternity. Amen**

Singing Together (UMH 503): **Let it breathe on me, let it breathe on me. Let the breath of the Lord now breathe on me.**

+ **OPENING HYMN** Breathe on Me, Breath of God UMH 420

### + 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!  
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Halleluja! Halleluja!

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## IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

**Newly Added:** Almeda Kerwin,  
Donald Palmer

For Healing: Victoria Audley, Ronan Bessler, Lynette Black, Joyce Breslin, Ann Burke, Albert Davis, Mary Davis, Joyce Dorn, Neal Dougherty, Charlotte Dyson, John Evans, Cameron Fernandez, Cosette Fester, Brett Hain, Sofia Hain, Cindy Heckman, Lisa Jaffe, Norman Jensen, Stephen Kastner, Julie-Ann Kosakowski, Meredith Lyon, Allison Masquez, Carol Nunemaker, Rachel Lang, Ann Larson and Family, Stone Ma, Katherine Olivas, Mardy Olivas, Donald Palmer and Family, Leslie Parham, Tommy Parham, Jonathan Poutney, Mikala Rahn, Ben Ridgway, Donna Shook, Olivia Schott and family, Priscilla Shurney, Frances Smith, Jeffrey Stephens, Tim Sun, David T., Stan and Barbara von Mayrhauser, Deb and Gary Webster, Jan Wentz, Leilani Williams, Nadine Wittry and family, Sonia Wittry, Jacques Woodard, 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 box 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

*Spirit of the Living God*

UMH 393

Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.

*Moment for Silent Meditation*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

### GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

### ANTHEM

*Cornerstone*

Shawn Kirchner

### SERMON

*Sweet, Holy Breath of God*

Pastor Mina Nau-Mahe

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AMONG US

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

### +PRESENTATION MUSIC

*O God Beyond All Praising*

TFWS 2009

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word,  
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

## +PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God of Light and Hope: We bring our offering to your altar this morning, still riding the joy of our Easter celebration of your triumph over the grave! Scripture has reminded us that we have been given the pathway for new birth, the promise of an imperishable heavenly inheritance, and the power of God's protection. Silent in the realization of these priceless gifts, we offer ourselves to make this good news known to those who have not yet heard the good news. With praise and thanksgiving, we dedicate these gifts. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

## CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

In the United Methodist Church, all who love God and are striving to love their neighbor are invited to share in this holy meal. Our communion elements are gluten and alcohol-free so that all may share in this sacrament together.

## INVITATION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Pastor

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord! God of power and might! Everywhere we see your glory! Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!**

Pastor

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pastor

## 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**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

### +CLOSING HYMN

*God Be With You till We Meet Again*

UMH 672

### +BENEDICTION

### +POSTLUDE

*Easter Alleluia*

Colin Mawby (1936-2019)

## 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.



## TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 10:00 a.m. - Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 a.m. - Children's Sunday School (Education Wing)
- 11:00 a.m. - Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00 a.m. - Children's Music Classes (Education Wing)
- 11:15 a.m. - Friends and Family Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:15 a.m. - Confirmation Class (Youth Lounge Room 207)
- 12:00 p.m. - Youth Handbells Rehearsal (Handbell Room)
- 12:45 p.m. - Resound Ringers Rehearsal (Handbell Room)
- 4:30 p.m. - Youth Choir (Choir Room)
- 5:30 p.m. - Youth Group and Dinner (Youth Lounge)

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

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### TODAY

**Silent Auction donations for Cabaret are due today!** Bring your item to Fellowship Hall for donation. Questions? Contact Kelly Ma ([miustone0621@gmail.com](mailto:miustone0621@gmail.com)).

**Join us for a Friends and Family Lunch in Fellowship Hall after worship.**

### COMING UP

**Youth Cabaret and Auction is April 13, at 5:30 p.m.** - The youth will host their annual cabaret, dinner and silent auction to raise money in support of Friends In Deed and the 2024 Youth Mission Trip. This year's theme, An Evening with The Beatles, guarantees everyone will "Come Together" for a good time!

Tickets are \$25, which you can [purchase online](#). Ticket holders will receive a call from Amy Jaffe to inquire about meal preferences.

**United Women in Faith Morning Group will meet Monday, April 15 at 1:00 p.m. in the Church Lounge** - All are invited to join our United Women in Faith fellowship. Willa Dalrymple, Marilyn Nobori, Barbara Gorton, and Marilynne Wilander will be leading the meeting with a focus on climate justice.

As part of our time together we will be decorating glass votive candle holders with the UWF logo that each member can take home. A special offering will be taken to support climate justice.

Refreshments will be provided by Rosalie Niemann and Crystal Ward.

**We will be celebrating Earth Day on April 21 after worship on our Colorado Patio.** We are encouraging everyone to drop by and learn about how we can adopt new habits to help our planet.

**Turn-A-Page Honors Earth Day on April 21 at 11:30 a.m. in the Church Lounge** - For Earth Day Turn-A-Page is asking participants to choose one of the books below (or a climate change book not listed) to read and discuss:

- *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer
- *Don't Even Think About It: Our Brains Are Wired to Ignore Climate Change* by George Marshall
- *The Sixth Extinction* by Elizabeth Kolbert
- *The Future We Choose* by Christiana Figueres

**All are welcome for the discussion, even if you haven't read a climate change book.**

**Crop Walk - April 21 at 1:00 p.m. starting at St. Elizabeth School** - FUMC Pasadena is committed to ending hunger in our community and around the world. CROP Hunger Walk is a nationwide walk that addresses hunger both locally and globally.

Join the FUMC walking team (or make a donation) for the three mile trek starting south on Lake/Woodbury to Washington (we'll visit Friends in Deed on the walk). Visit the QR code to join:



You're welcome to bring your pet and it's easy to return to the starting point if you get tired.

Our goal is to raise \$500 to help those facing hunger in our community.

## SERVING IN MINISTRY

The entire congregation shares in offering the ministries of this church. Some of the people who help lead our ministries include:

**Today's Worship Liturgist:**  
Sue Sun

**Pastor**  
Rev. Dr. Amy Aitken

**Associate Pastor:**  
Rev. Mina Nau-Mahe

**Director of Music Ministries:**  
Scott Lehmkuhl

**Organist:**  
Aaron Shows

**Director of Resound Ringers**  
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Mikala Rahn

**Lay Leaders for Missions:**  
Pam Marx & Rosalie Niemann

**Chair of Trustees:**  
Paul Audley

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Bring your used sneakers to Fellowship Hall for recycling. Funds from recycling support our drama program.

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