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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 25, 2023

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Prelude on "Rhosymedre" Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

+ INVITATION TO WORSHIP

In our times of greatest joy,
God is with us.

In our times of deepest sorrow, restlessness and despair,
God is with us.

In the everyday moments, the simple pleasures and mundane tasks that make up our lives,
God is with us.

Whether surrounded by majestic mountains, glorious sunsets or simply walking in our neighborhood,
God is with us.

Let us lift our hearts and voices to worship the God whose love sustains us in each moment of our lives.

+ OPENING HYMN

Hymn of Promise UMH 707

+ WELCOME AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

UMH 33

Baptism

Leila Vasquez

New Member

Jetusha (Jaycee) Cruz

IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

Newly Added: Pete Millsap, Rob Millsap, Anthony Manousos, Family of Eric Werner

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, Israel Murphy, Carol Nunemaker, Leslie Parham, Tommy Parham, Jim Prior, Wayne Schenck, Donna Shook, Jill Shook, Cory Skook, Frances Smith, Wendy Stiver, Eric Wolf, 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.

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.

GATHERING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

CENTERING SONG

Sanctuary (TFWS 2164)

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you.

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born and a time to die;
a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill and a time to heal;
a time to break down and a time to build up;
a time to weep and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek and a time to lose;
a time to keep and a time to throw away;
a time to tear and a time to sew;
a time to keep silent and a time to speak;
a time to love and a time to hate;
a time for war and a time for peace.

What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil.

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

SERMON

The Sacred Ordinary: Pastor Amy Aitken
Encountering God in our Everyday Lives

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.

OFFERTORY

I Thank you, Lord Joseph Martin
Soloist: Carrah Stamatakis, Soprano

+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, you have given each of us gifts to use as members of the body of Christ. We offer you our gifts – the work of our hands, our hearts, and our lives. We pray that they may help to bring the joy of your love to our world, today and always. Amen.

GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

+CLOSING HYMN

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve TFWS 2241

PRAYER QUILT

This morning we tie prayers and best wishes into quilts for Rev. Jen Chapman and Rev. Connie Tamkin as they prepare to share their gifts with new congregations.

+BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata Brevis Daniel E Gawthrop (b.1949)

CONSIDERATIONS AND REFLECTIONS

What daily, repetitive habits are a part of your mornings (making the bed, scrolling through your smart phone, exercise, prayer, etc.)? How does your morning ritual or rhythm “imprint” you or your day?

In what ways do your daily or weekly practices of worship or devotion form you as disciple? What daily or weekly practices might you take on in order to help you grow in this season of your life?

Try to notice this week how you resist stillness or boredom with distraction. Carve out a few minutes of silence/stillness each day and invite God into that time (this could involve leaving your smart phone in another room for an hour or two, driving without music or podcasts, or just sitting in silence).

MUSIC

While we'd like to provide texts and translations for choir anthems, regrettably, we do not always have space to print them. We are so grateful for the beautiful music offered by our choir and musicians. With or without text, we invite you to allow the music to be a source of God's grace, joy and peace in this time of worship.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

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

TODAY

Come celebrate the ministry of Rev. Connie and Rev. Jen - 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 (select other and write "love gift to Rev. Connie or Jen" to the notes section).

Movie Night at 5:45 p.m. in the Church Lounge. We will screen the Academy Award winning film *Women Talking* (Sarah Polley's adaptation of the novel of the same name). This film raises the question: How should one respond to ongoing terror—forgive, fight, or flee? Viewer discretion advised.

COMING UP

Join Summer Choir! - Have you ever had the desire to sing with the Chancel Choir? This is an open invitation to join us in the month of July for summer choir. We will meet in the Sanctuary at 9:15 to learn a simple anthem for that day's service. All are welcome. Come once or every Sunday and join the happy chorus.

Annual All-Church Picnic - Join us for the celebration on July 2nd! This year we'll gather at McDonald Park (1000 E Mountain St, Pasadena, CA 91104) from 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Check the News@First newsletter for more information on what to bring. If you aren't receiving the newsletter please contact Ashley at ashleys@fumcpasadena.org

Pathfinders Events - Pathfinders is gearing up for a summer of fun and fellowship. Are you between 60 - 85 years young and looking for a great social group? Contact Marilynne Wilander (marilynnewilander@gmail.com) for more information!

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).

SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES

THE SACRED ORDINARY: ENCOUNTERING GOD IN OUR EVERYDAY LIVES

Just as marriages are not about the wedding, and parenting is not just about the birth, our lives as disciples are about so much more than the great celebrations of Easter, Christmas, or even baptism. It is the daily commitments and often mundane practices that become habits that form us into the partners, parents and disciples we want to be. In the church year, the longest season is "Ordinary Time," the vast stretch of nearly 6 months between Pentecost and Advent that serves as a season of growth. Admittedly, the word "ordinary" can sound pretty boring, uninspiring, and just "blah." While there are no major church holidays until November, this "ordinary" season is a time to nurture a mature and grounded faith, a season of growth (thus, its' color is green) not focused on big celebrations, but seeking to grow deeper roots and expand our hearts and lives more fully in the experience of God's love and grace.

This summer, Pastor Amy will be using Tish Harrison Warren's book, "The Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life" as a guide book as we reflect on our lives of discipleship in the day-to-day commitments and practices that form us. While there can be a tendency to become lax in our faith lives during the warm summer months, we invite you to "lean in" to the season of growth as we consider our ordinary, every day lives of Christian discipleship.

TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 10:00 a.m.: Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00: Coffee Hour / Celebration of Rev. Connie and Rev. Jen (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:45 p.m.: Movie Night (Church Lounge)

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