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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.

JULY 23, 2023

SIXTEENTH 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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

+ INVITATION TO WORSHIP

As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us let go . . .

Of the things that trap us, the fears that silence us, the anger that haunts us.

As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us let go . . .

Of the worry, stress or anxiety that have filled us since the last time we gathered in your presence.

As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us let go . . .

Of grief, sadness, or a desire for something else.

As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us pick up . . .

The gift of your grace, your love and your life that fills us.

As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us pick up . . .

The gift of each other, the gift of this community, the gift of this time of worship.

As we gather for worship O Lord, help us say together,

We are here. We are not alone.

Jesus Christ is among us today.

Alleluia! Amen.

+ OPENING HYMN

There is a Wideness in God's Mercy

UMH 121

+ 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.

IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

Newly Added: Mando Bayan, Maral Donikian, Norma Parga, Tommy Parham, Jeffrey Stevens, Tim Sun

For Healing: Don Aitken, Lisa Brown, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Eric Brubaker, Nancy Brubaker, Patricia Bruce, Albert Davis, Mary Davis, Family of Cecilia DePippo, Joyce Dorn, John Evans, Zina Figilis, 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, Helen Kinel, Jocelyn Medina, Aidan Millsap, Pastor Mina Nau-Mahe, Anthony Manousos, Israel Murphy, Carol Nunemaker, Katherine Olivas, Leslie Parham, Tommy Parham, Jim Prior, Wayne Schenck, Donna Shook, Jill Shook, Cory Skook, Frances Smith, Wendy Stiver, Eric Wolf, Beck Summers, Francis Verniere, Cordelia Vogel, Deb and Gary Webster, Jan Wentz, Family of Eric Werner, 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

Alleluia (UMH 186)

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

Matthew 7:1-5, 12

Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For the judgment you give will be the judgment you get, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' while the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye.

In everything do to others as you would have them do to you, for this is the Law and the Prophets

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

SERMON

Extraordinarily Ordinary

Paul Audley

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AMONG US

OFFERTORY

In This Very Room

Ron and Carol Harris

And in this very room there's quite enough love for all the world.
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all the world.
And there's quite enough hope, and quite enough power,
to chase away any gloom. For Jesus. Lord Jesus (Jesus),
is in this very room.

+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

O Lord, you have filled the earth with good things and invited us to share freely in the blessings of life. By sharing our gifts with others, we proclaim your grace. May the offerings we present be a sign of the abundant life you intend for all your people. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

BLESSING OF THE QUILT

This morning we tie prayers for healing, hope and strength into a quilt for Katherine Olivas.

+CLOSING HYMN

Filled with the Spirit's Power

UMH 537

+BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

David Cherwien (b. 1957)

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.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

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

TODDAY

Registration for All Church Labor Day Camp begins after worship today - Join us for a fun weekend at Camp Sky Meadows, Sept. 1-4. Information and registration will be available after in Fellowship Hall and the church office.

Are you a registered nurse? We are looking for a nurse to travel to camp with us and attend for FREE! Please contact the church office if you are interested: 626-796-0157

COMING UP

The First UMC Summer Musical is NEXT WEEK! We will present 42nd Street on Wednesday, July 26 through Saturday, July 29 at 7:00 p.m. We ask that our audience bring canned tuna and peanut butter, which will be donated to Friends In Deed to help stock their summer pantry. Dinner will be served before the performance at 5:30 p.m. (\$20 per guest). Please call 626-796-0157 for meal reservations.

Family Promise - As part of the Family Promise of San Gabriel Valley (FPSGV) shelter network, FUMC will be hosting Family Promise guests the week of 8/6 - 8/12. Volunteers are needed as dinner hosts, evening hosts and overnight hosts. This is an amazing opportunity to offer community support to families challenged with homelessness. To sign up, find the link in the News@First email. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Beth Gerber at beth@lighttext.com.

Adopt a Child Abuse Caseworker (ACAC) Back to School Program - It's that time again! First UMC will support the ACAC Back to School Program AND the Friends in Deed Backpack Program by providing backpacks and school supplies. You can find a list of needed items in the News@First email. Please deliver backpacks, school supplies and any monetary donations to the church by Sunday, July 30th. There will be a collection container in front of fellowship hall. For any questions contact Diane Harris (dmharris150625@gmail.com)

Our next **Movie Night will be July 30**. We will screen *A Man Called Otto* starring Tom Hanks. For *Otto*, it may seem that life has come to an end...but could there be more yet to do? A light supper is served at 5:00 p.m. with the movie beginning at 5:45, both in the church lounge. The movie is rated PG-13 and covers topics that might be triggering to some viewers. Viewer discretion is advised. Contact Priscilla Baca (priscillabaca1@gmail.com) to reserve a place at the supper table.

There will be a **Friends and Family lunch** on August 6 at 11:15 a.m. following worship service. Join us!

Turn-A-Page Book Group will meet August 20 at 11:30 a.m. in the Church Lounge - Our next book pick, *The World in a Grain* by Vince Beiser, is the story of sand and how it changed civilization. After water and air, sand is the natural resource that we consume more than any other—even more than oil. Every concrete building and paved road on Earth, every computer screen and silicon chip, is made from sand. From Egypt's pyramids to the Hubble telescope, from the world's tallest skyscraper to the sidewalk below it, from Chartres' stained-glass windows to your iPhone, sand shelters us, empowers us, engages us, and inspires us. It's the ingredient that makes possible our cities, our science, our lives—and our future.

And, incredibly, we're running out of it.

All are welcome to join in the discussion, even if you haven't read the book.

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 a.m. to learn a simple anthem for that day's service. All are welcome. Come once or every Sunday and join the happy chorus.

TODAY AT FIRST UMC

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

FIRST UMC STAFF AND LAY LEADERSHIP

Pastor

Rev. Dr. Amy Aitken

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Rev. Mina Nau-Mahe

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Rosalie Niemann

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