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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 9, 2023

FOURTEENTH 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

Be Thou My Vision

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

+ INVITATION TO WORSHIP

For the beauty of the summer day,
And the comfort of friends nearby;
For the invitation to love and be loved,
For our God who extends that call;
For time set apart to nourish the soul,
For time to go out into the world armed with love:
For all these things we give thanks. Let us worship God.

+ OPENING HYMN

I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath

UMH 60

+ 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.

GATHERING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

CENTERING SONG

Moment for Silent Meditation

Alleluia (UMH 186)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

Newly Added: Don Aitken, Family of Cecilia DePippo, Helen Kinel

For Healing: Lisa Brown, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Eric Brubaker, Nancy Brubaker, Patricia Bruce, Albert Davis, Mary Davis, 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, Pete Millsap, Rob Millsap, Pastor Mina Nau-Mahe, Anthony Manousos, 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, 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.

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

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58, 67

So he said, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old, and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites in whose land I live, but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

"I came today to the spring and said, 'O Lord, God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also"—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.'

"Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder, and she went down to the spring and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

And they called Rebekah and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will."

Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 7:15-25

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am enslaved to the law of God, but with my flesh I am enslaved to the law of sin.

OFFERTORY

Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You

Jay Althouse

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

“For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

SERMON

Praying Throughout the Task

Rev. Dr. Yvonne Williams Boyd

OFFERING TO GOD OUR HEARTS, OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS

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REV. DR. YVONNE WILLIAMS BOYD

Reverend Dr. Yvonne Williams Boyd grew up in Houston, TX. She graduated from The American University (Washington, DC) with a Bachelor's in Political Science, and Howard University Divinity School with a Master of Divinity.

Rev. Boyd received her Deacon's and Elder's ordination from the Baltimore Annual Conference in 1984 and 1986. After pastoring at Asbury UMC in Hagerstown, MD, Rev. Boyd transferred her membership to the California Pacific Annual Conference. She served as an associate pastor at Holman UMC and Simi Valley UMC, before serving as the pastor of Altadena UMC for 23 years.

In 2014, Rev. Boyd transitioned from pastoral ministry to clinical chaplaincy. She received a Doctor of Ministry from Wesley Theological Seminary in 2020.

Today, Rev. Dr. Boyd is enjoying two clinical chaplain positions, at Long Beach St. Mary's Hospital and Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AMONG US

+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

+CLOSING HYMN *O Zion Haste* UMH 573

+BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Veni Creator en taille à 5* Nicolas De Grigny (1672-1703)
Melissa Brassard, organist

TODAY

42nd Street Cast Bake Sale for Friends In Deed - Come by the baked goods table during coffee hour to buy and enjoy a special treat made by our summer musical cast—all in support of the food pantry at Friends In Deed (FID). And don't forget, when you come to the musical bring canned tuna or peanut butter for the FID food pantry because summer is one of the times of year when the cupboard gets bare.

COMING UP

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 Saturday News@First. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Beth Gerber at beth@lighttext.com.

Turn-A-Page Book Group - On July 16, we will meet to discuss "The Bee Keeper of Aleppo" by Christy Lefteri. The book tells the unforgettable love story of a mother blinded by loss and her husband who insists on their survival as they undertake the Syrian refugee trail to Europe. All are invited, even if you haven't read the book.

This summer, the **51st FUMC Summer Musical production** will be 42nd Street. Performances are Wednesday, July 26 through Saturday, July 29 at 7:00 p.m. We ask that our audience to 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.

TODAY AT FIRST UMC

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

MEETINGS

- **Finance Committee:** August 14 at 6 p.m.
- **Leadership Council:** August 14 at 7 p.m.

FIRST UMC STAFF AND LAY LEADERSHIP

Pastor:
Rev. Dr. Amy Aitken

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Director of Media Ministries
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Today's Worship Leader:
Kelly Ma

Guest Organist:
Melissa Brassard

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