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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 16, 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

Prelude and Fugue in B-flat Major J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

## + INVITATION TO WORSHIP

We come into this time of worship so God might open our eyes,

**That we may discover the wonders surrounding us;  
that we may embrace the joy deep within us.**

We gather in this time of worship so Christ might widen our hearts,

**that we may hear the sounds of brokenness around us;  
that we may sing the melodies of hope.**

We are here in this time of worship so the Spirit might teach us the ways of humility,

**that we may walk in the ways of gentleness,**

Serving one another with kindness, reverence and compassion.

## + OPENING HYMN

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above UMH 126

## + 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:** Aidan Millsap, Katherine Olivas, Francis Verniere

**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, 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, Helen Kinel, Jocelyn Medina, Aidan 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 3:1-8

My child, do not forget my teaching,  
but let your heart keep my commandments,  
for length of days and years of life  
and abundant welfare they will give you.

Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you;  
bind them around your neck;  
write them on the tablet of your heart.  
Then you will find favor and high regard  
in the sight of God and of people.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
and do not rely on your own insight.  
In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths.  
Do not be wise in your own eyes;  
fear the Lord and turn away from evil.  
It will be a healing for your flesh  
and a refreshment for your body.

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

### SERMON

*The Blessing of Uncertainty*

Kevin Lussier

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AMONG US

#### OFFERTORY

*Spirit, Sing*

Joseph M. Martin

**+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**

*They'll Know We are Christians By Our Love*

TFWS 2223

**+BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Improvisation*

*Aaron Shows (b.1989)*

**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.

**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](mailto:connect@fumcpasadena.org)

### TODAY

**Turn-A-Page Book Group** - Today we will meet in the Church Lounge at 11:30 p.m. 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.

### 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 News@First email. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Beth Gerber at [beth@lighttext.com](mailto:beth@lighttext.com).

**Children's Ministry - Swim Party & Potluck** - Join us this Saturday July 15 from 3-7 p.m. for some Summer fun at the Niemann's house! In addition to swimming, we ask each family to bring something to grill for your own family and a side dish to pass. Thank you to Daniel and Sarah Niemann for hosting us! For the address, please contact the church office at 626-796-0157 or email Heidi Neuroth ([hneuroth@outlook.com](mailto:hneuroth@outlook.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](mailto:dmharris150625@gmail.com))

**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.

**Pathfinders Events** - Pathfinders is the place for 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](mailto: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 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 for adults / \$10 for children). Please call 626-796-0157 for meal reservations.

## TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 10:00 a.m.: Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00: Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:30: Turn-a-Page Book Group (Church Lounge)

## 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

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

**Director of Music Ministries:**  
Scott Lehmkuhl

**Organist:**  
Aaron Shows

**Lay Leader:**  
Kevin Lussier

**Intentional Faith Development Lay Leader:**  
Mikala Rahn

**Extravagant Generosity Ministry Lay Leader:**  
J.P. Harris

**Risk-Taking Mission Ministry Lay Leader:**  
Rosalie Niemann

**Passionate Worship Lay Leader:**  
Paul Audley

**Director of Media Ministries**  
Dave Lohr

**Today's Worship Leader:**  
Grace Danziger

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