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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)

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.

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

TWENTY-FIFTH 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.

## PRELUDE

Andante from Op. 6, No. 5

John Stanley (1712-1786)

## + INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Invitation to Worship

You are at work in this place, O God,

**and you are at work in us.**

You call us to turn our minds and hearts to you,

**to direct our wills to your will, our voices to your praise.**

Guide us in joy,

**that we may worship you not only with words, but with our lives. Amen.**

## + OPENING HYMN

God of Love and God of Power

UMH 578

## + WELCOME AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

## COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

### TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

*This Little Light of Mine*

UMH 585

Children are invited to come forward or remain seated.

## GATHERING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

### CENTERING SONG

*Be Thou My Vision*

UMH 451

Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

*Moment for Silent Meditation*

## 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:** Julie and Henry Lee and their family, Jonathan Nieto

**For Healing:** Joyce Breslin, Lisa Brown, Erika Carillo, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Patricia Bruce, Albert Davis, Mary Davis, Juliette De Guzman, Joyce Dorn, John Evans, Zina Figilis, Brett Hain, Sofia Hain, Muriel Henderson, Sallie Higginbotham, Amy Jaffe, Norman Jensen, Stephen Kastner, Helen Kinel, Greg Klimuck, Veronica Kung, David Madrid, Charif Masri, Jocelyn Medina, Aidan Millsap, Gail Nance, Carol Nunemaker, Katherine Olivas, Leslie Parham, Tommy Parham, Paula Anderson Peacock, Gerry Poulin, Crystal Powers, Donna Shook, Frances Smith, Jeffrey Stephens, Tim Sun, Deb and Gary Webster, Jan Wentz, Nadine Wittry and family, Sonia 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 at the back of the chapel. 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 plate near the back of the chapel. If you are part of the Connected (Online) Campus, send an email to [connect@fumcpasadena.org](mailto: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

### EPISTLE READING

Philippians 2:1-13

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he existed in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be grasped,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
assuming human likeness.  
And being found in appearance as a human,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him even more highly  
and gave him the name  
that is above every other name,  
so that at the name given to Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

ANTHEM                      *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*                      arr. James Hopkins

SERMON                      *Faith Working Through Love:*                      Pastor Amy Aitken  
   *Growing in Grace*

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AMONG US

+PRESENTATION MUSIC                      *Many Gifts, One Spirit*                      UMH 114

Many gifts, one Spirit,  
one love known in many ways.  
In our difference is blessing,  
from diversity we praise  
one Giver, one Lord, one Spirit, one Word  
known in many ways, hallowing our days.  
For the Giver and the Gifts,  
praise, praise, praise!

### +PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

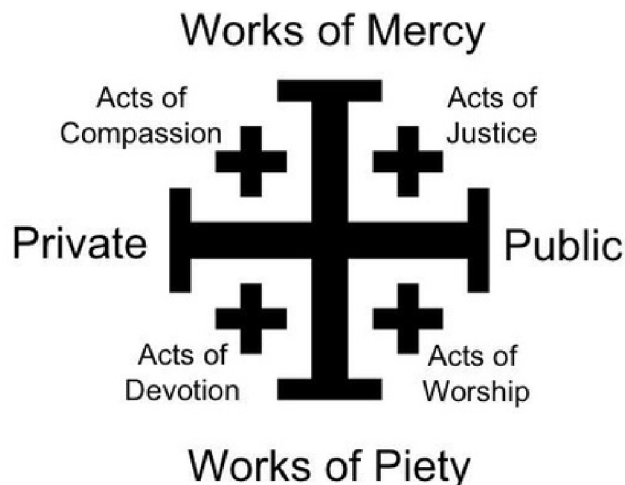
Holy God, we bless your name as we offer these tithes, offerings and gifts.  
Thank you for the abundance with which you bless us, day by day.  
Thank you for this opportunity for us to share.  
Accept our gratitude for all we've been given.  
Receive these signs of our love, and help us use them wisely. Strengthen us  
to be more and more generous even as we recognize your generosity and  
grace in our lives. AMEN.

### GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

+CLOSING HYMN  
*We Are Called*                      TFWS 2172

### +BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE  
*Sortie in B-flat*                      Louis Lefébure-Wély (1817-1869)



## 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.



## SUPPORT UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF

In light of many recent natural disasters, we want to remind you of the work of our United Methodist Committee on Relief. If you would like to make a donation toward UMCOR, please scan the QR code below.



## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

For more information, email us at [connect@fumcpasadena.org](mailto:connect@fumcpasadena.org)

### TODAY

**Welcome Luncheon - Today at 11:30 a.m.:** New to FUMC? We are so glad you are here! Join Pastor Amy for a casual lunch today in the Church Library.

**Movie Night Tonight at 5:00 p.m.:** We will be screening the newest version of West Side Story in the Church Lounge. For fun, we recommend watching the original film to see the differences.

### COMING UP

**Camp Sky Meadows Appreciation Luncheon - Sunday, Oct. 1:** Mark your calendars for a special Friends and Family luncheon hosted by the Pasadena Methodist Foundation and the PMF Camp Committee to thank all those who have worked through the years to sustain Camp Sky Meadows (CSM). If you know someone who has been involved through the years, please email Pam Marx ([pamelamarx@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pamelamarx@sbcglobal.net)) so we can invite them.

**Welcome Lunch for Pastor Mina - Sunday Oct. 8 at 11:15 a.m. in the Cloister Courtyard:** We will be celebrating Pastor Mina and the baptism of her son TJ with a feast! Pastor Mina, her husband Taniela, and their family will be bringing the main entrée to share with us. We ask that the congregation bring their favorite side-dishes to share!

**Early Response Training - Oct. 14 - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.:** Early Response Teams (ERT) are part of the first phase of disaster relief, establishing the caring presence of the church and providing hope for survivors. Train to be ready to respond and know the first steps to help.

Training will be held at First UMC Pasadena on Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Registration is limited to 25. Check the News@First email to find the registration link

**FUMC Free Drama Camp Returns This October for children grades pre-K through 2nd grade:** We will be hosting a drama camp on Tuesdays from Oct. 3 to Oct. 24. Our youth will help children with games, arts, and crafts, and short skits.

There will also be a finale performance during our Trunk-or-Treat event on Saturday, Oct. 28.

At each camp session, a light dinner will be offered for children and parents at 6 p.m. with games and crafts to follow. Parents are encouraged to stay and have a fellowship time with other parents. Camp will conclude each evening at 7 p.m. sharp.

We hope to see you this October!

#### Important Info:

- When: Tuesdays - 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, and 10/24
- Time: 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- Ages: Pre-K through Grade 2
- Contact: Pam Marx  
[pamelamarx@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pamelamarx@sbcglobal.net).

**Living with Less Worry Class - Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. from Oct. 17 through Nov. 14:**

What creates stress in your life? Kids? Finances? A packed schedule? An ever-changing world?

This course will help you find healthy ways to cope with worry and provide a space of support to explore your thoughts. Email [connect@fumcpasadena.org](mailto:connect@fumcpasadena.org) to sign up.

**October Bake Sale - Oct. 15, after worship:** Come for treats and Halloween crafts during coffee hour in Fellowship Hall. Bake sale treats will be sold to support the drama summer musical program. Also, a Harvest Festival pre-sale featuring fun Halloween crafts and decor will be held to support homeless services provided by Friends In Deed and our own Food Pantry program. If you would like to bring baked goods, please bring them with the prices marked that morning.

## TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 10:00 a.m.: Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00: Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:30: Welcome Luncheon (Church Library)
- 4:30 p.m.: Youth Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 5:00 p.m.: Movie Night (Church Lounge)
- 5:30: Youth Group (Off-Site)

## SERVING IN MINISTRY

#### Pastor

Rev. Dr. Amy Aitken

#### Associate Pastor:

Rev. Mina Nau-Mahe

#### Director of Music Ministries:

Scott Lehmkuhl

#### Organist:

Aaron Shows

#### Ministry Coordinator:

Dori Fotsch

#### Facilities & Office Manager:

Aisha Williams

#### Finance Manager:

Tim Sun

#### Communications Director:

Ashley Slade

#### Leadership Council Chairperson:

Kevin Lussier

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Mikala Rahn

#### Lay Leader for Finance & Generosity:

J.P. Harris

#### Lay Leader for Outreach:

Rosalie Niemann

#### Lay Leader for Worship:

Paul Audley

#### Director of Media Ministries:

Dave Lohr

#### Today's Worship Leader:

Diane Garner

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