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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.

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.

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

Improvisation on "The God of Abraham Praise" Aaron Shows (b.1989)

+ INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Welcome, you who are called as disciples of Christ! Is anything too wonderful for our God?

Nothing is too wonderful for God who saves us and calls us!

We remember the goodness of God who promised Abraham and Sarah a multitude of descendants and then showed up to announce that the promise would be fulfilled.

Nothing is too wonderful for God who promises and fulfills promises!

We remember the compassion of Jesus who noticed the distress of his neighbors and acted to bring them healing and wholeness.

Nothing is too wonderful for God who heals and restores the distressed!

We remember the invitation the Spirit extends to us to join in God’s work of compassionate community building.

Nothing is too wonderful for God who empowers us to transform strangers into community through active love.

As we worship, may we receive the promise, the compassion, and the invitation to be disciples of Christ who join in God’s work of making disciples for the transformation of our households, our community, and our world.

Because nothing is too wonderful for our God! Amen.

+ OPENING HYMN

God, Whose Love Is Reigning o’er Us

UMH 100

+ WELCOME AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

Newly Added: Israel Murphy, Eric Wolf

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

Halle, Halle, Halleluja!
Halle, Halle, Halleluja!
Halle, Halle, Halleluja!
Halleluja! Halleluja!

BLESSING FOR THE YOUTH MISSION TRIP

All who take upon themselves the name of Christ are called into ministries of love and service by the example of Christ. As these youth of our community begin their work among the people who live and work in the Sierra Nevadas in the Sacramento region, we pray the blessings of God and this community upon their endeavors.

We recognize you as ambassadors of this congregation in ministry with the Sierra Nevada community and dedicate you to service in the name of Jesus Christ. Through our prayers we will be united with you in your work. May God richly bless your labors.

Let us affirm our belief in the responsibilities of Christian service.

We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts.

We commit ourselves to the rights and dignity of all persons and to the improvement of the quality of life.

We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world and to the rule of justice and law among all nations.

We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs, and gladly accept our common commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world.

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

Genesis 18: 1-12

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree.

Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?"

Genesis 21:1-3

The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him.

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

SERMON

Holy Hospitality

Pastor Connie Tamkin

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AMONG US

OFFERTORY

Praise His Holy Name

Keith Hampton

+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 God, hold up your church! We are struggling and need to be renewed and filled with your power. Open our hearts wide that we might give the full measure of our devotion. As you revived the saints who came before us, revive us to go out and welcome the forgotten, heal the sick, speak the words of comfort and hope to the discouraged in the name of Christ. Amen.

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.

GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

+CLOSING HYMN

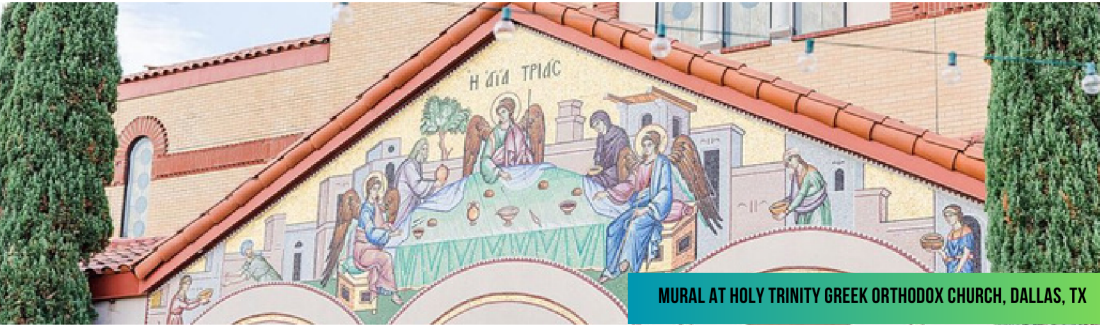
Sent Forth by God's Blessing

UMH 664

+BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)



MURAL AT HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, DALLAS, TX

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

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

TODAY

A Blood Drive is being held by the Red Cross in the upper church parking lot today from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Chalk the Walk - As part of the Pasadena Chalk Festival, we will gather on the Colorado patio on today after worship to create our own expressions of love and inclusiveness on our sidewalk. Chalk and extension sticks for those who prefer to stand while drawing will be provided. There will also be a bake sale to support the Summer Musical.

Church Docent Training - If you are interested in becoming a church docent, join us for a training with Mary Beth Hayes today at 11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Turn-a-Page Book Group will meet in the church lounge at 11:30 a.m. to discuss *The Country of Women* by Susan Straight. All are welcome, even if you haven't read the book.

COMING UP

UWF Potluck - The UWF Potluck is scheduled for June 19 at noon in the Church Lounge. Contact Barbara Gorton (h_bgorton456@sbcglobal.net) if you'd like to bring a dish.

Come celebrate the ministry of Rev. Connie and Rev. Jen on June 25 - 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).

Save the Date - Our church picnic will be July 2 at McDonald Park. More details to come!

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).

TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 9:00 a.m.: Red Cross Blood Drive (Upper Parking Lot)
- 10:00: Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00: Chalk the Walk / Coffee Hour / Bake Sale (Colorado Patio)
- 11:30: Turn-A-Page Book Group
- 11:30: Church Docent Training (Sanctuary)

FIRST UMC STAFF AND LAY LEADERSHIP

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