



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 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

‘Ohana Sunday School

(PreK–6th Grade)

Children age 3 yrs. through 6th grade are invited to one room Sunday School (rm 104) after the Children’s Sermon in Worship. Pickup time is 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.



PRELUDE

Overture

Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767)

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship together,

Different people, different lives, different histories,

Yet all children of the same Parent,

Created lovingly by the Source of all life!

We gather to reconnect with one another,

Different people, different lives, different histories,

Yet all disciples of one Teacher.

Jesus, the Word made flesh, dwelling among us.

We gather with different joys and sorrows, different hopes and fears

Different people, different lives, different histories,

Yet one people with one God, one faith, one baptism.

Let us open ourselves to the presence of God at work in us, among us, and through us.

+ OPENING HYMN

We are Marching in the Light of God

TFWS 2235

+ WELCOME AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

We are the Church

UMH 558

*Children are invited to come forward or remain seated.
As the children gather, we sing together.*

I am the church! You are the church!

We are the church together!

All who follow Jesus, all around the world!

Yes, we're the church together!

IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

Newly Added: Nicholas Cukurs, Melissa Giles, Efren Hernandez, Milika Laulile, Hazel Slaughter, Keno Sy and family

For Healing: Ruby Alcantara, Ronan Bessler, Sharon Ann Brown, Carol Browne, Joey Cooper, Fred Copeland, Willa Dalrymple, Albert Davis, Mary Davis, Susanne and Eric Dewey-Hoffman, Family of Ann Dougherty, Family of Eric and Darla Dyson, John Evans, Cameron Fernandez, Cosette Fester, Linda Gerkin, Tom Griffith, Nathan Hahn, Brett Hain, Sofia Hain, Cindy Heckman, Family of Larry Jaffe, Lisa Jaffe, Norman Jensen, Stephen Kastner, Lori Ketterling, Laurie Strathdee King, Julie-Ann Kosakowski, Rachel Lang, Meredith Lyon, Michael McRae, Lois Moe, Randy Moe, Carol Nunemaker, Katherine Olivas, Leslie Parham, Tommy Parham, Jonathan Poutney, Sarah Rudchenko, Irv Seidman and family, Kathleen Sesplaukis, Priscilla Shurney, Frances Smith, Tim Snider, Jim and Amy Sommerville, Jeffrey Stephens, Marge Strand, Tim Sun, David T., Karen Thompson, Carolyn Tokunaga and family, Deb and Gary Webster, Jan Wentz, Nadine Wittry and family, Sonia Wittry, Ann Zeiss

Prayer requests may be shared via 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 box near the back of the chapel. If you are part of the Connected (Online) Campus, send an email to connect@fumcpasadena.org.

GATHERING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

CENTERING SONG

Live in Charity

TFWS 2179

Live in charity and steadfast love,
live in charity; God will dwell with you.

Live in charity and steadfast love,
live in charity; God will dwell with 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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 4:1-6

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Ubi Caritas

Victor C. Johnson

SERMON

Looking for Love in all the Right Places

Rev. Catie Coots

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AMONG US

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

+PRESENTATION MUSIC *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God as we offer our gifts to you, we are reminded of your call to step out into the world and make a difference. Give us courage and wisdom as we engage with the world around us, sharing your love and truth with others. Bless these offerings, that they may support ministries and missions that reach out to those in need. And empower us to be your hands and feet in the world, shining your light wherever we go.

GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

+CLOSING HYMN *When Love is Found* UMH 643

+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.



REVISED SOCIAL PRINCIPLES

Capturing the Wesleyan spirit of social holiness and ethical action, over 4,000 United Methodists from around the world participated in an eight-year process to review and update the United Methodist Social Principles. Completed in 2020, this new draft document reflects the United Methodist response to today's most pressing social issues and was adopted at The General Conference 2024.



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

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

COMING UP

Send Off Celebration for Bishop Sandra Olewine - Join Cal-Pac on Saturday, August 17 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at FUMC to celebrate Bishop Sandy and shower her with blessings as she prepares for her move to the California-Nevada Annual Conference. Bishop Dottie will provide a blessing at 3:00 p.m.

If you'd like to volunteer to be a host/hostess during the celebration or bring cookies, please sign up here.



Family Promise, August 11 - 17 - We are very excited that FUMC will once again be hosting families who have been admitted into the Family Promise of San Gabriel Valley (FPSGV) program! The Family Promise mission is to help families challenged with homelessness to attain sustainable independence. As part of the shelter network, our church will provide shelter, meals and hospitality to our guests the week of August 11th - 17th.

Volunteers are needed to be dinner hosts, evening hosts, and overnight hosts that week. You can sign up at the QR code below.



Turn A Page Book Group on August 18th at 11:30 in the Church Lounge - We will be discussing *Genghis Khan and The Making of the Modern World* by Jack Weatherford. All are welcome to join, even if you have not read the book.

Centered Sundays, August 11, 18, and 25 at 11:30 a.m. in the Church Library - We are living in times of much political and social unrest, not to mention the ups and downs of our personal lives. This August, we will present Centered Sundays—a series in which Marilyn Nobori, Pastor Amy, and Janet Logan will share practices that keep them grounded when life feels overwhelming. After each 15 min talk, we invite you to relax and listen to some soothing music. For more information, please see our latest News@First email.

United Women in Faith Evening Group, August 16 at 7:00 p.m. - The United Women in Faith Evening Circle will host their monthly meeting and fellowship time on August 16 at 7:00 p.m. We are still looking for a host for this date. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Jami Carrera (jamicarrera@yahoo.com).

Hospitality Ministry Training, August 25 after worship in the Sanctuary - Come join us for a hospitality ministry training after worship. Learn how to greet and welcome new visitors so that they feel at home in our community. Training lasts about an hour. Please contact Dori Fotsch (dfotsch@fumcpasadena.org) for more details.

Join us for Labor Day Camp! Ohana in the Woods: No One Gets Left Behind, August 30 - September 2 - Come fellowship with us in the beautiful, scenic San Bernardino mountains at Camp Sky Meadows. Information and registration Forms are available in Fellowship Hall and in the Church Office. The registration deadline is Sunday, August 18. There is a \$25 late fee/family after August 20 and no registrations can be accepted after August 22.

TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 11:00 a.m. - Coffee Hour
(Fellowship Hall)

SERVING IN MINISTRY

The entire congregation shares in offering the ministries of this church. Some of the people who help lead our ministries include:

Pastor
Rev. Dr. Amy Aitken

Associate Pastor:
Rev. Mina Nau-Mahe

Liturgist:
Kevin Lussier

Director of Music Ministries:
Scott Lehmkuhl

Organist:
Aaron Shows

Ministry Coordinator:
Dori Fotsch

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