



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.

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.

PRELUDE

Ah, Holy Jesus

Brenda E. Austin
Resound Ringers

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to celebrate God’s blessings to us.

And we proclaim: Surely God is in this place!

We come to open ourselves to God’s guidance and love.

And we say: Surely God is in this place!

We come to see more clearly God’s presence in our lives.

And we cry: Surely God is in this place!

We come to see God in community both far and near,

And we hold fast to the promise: Surely God is in this place!

We come to pray, praise, and offer ourselves to God.

And we exclaim: Surely God is in this place! Come, let us worship!

In our various places we look to see God with us—alive and at work.

Our God is with you!

+ OPENING HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy

UMH 64

+ WELCOME AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

The Servant Song

TFWS 2222

We are pilgrims on a journey;
we’re together on this road.
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

Children are invited to come forward or remain seated.

IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

Newly Added: Rachel Lang, Mikala Rahn, Ben Ridgway, David T.

For Healing: Victoria Audley, Ronan Bessler, Lynette Black, Joyce Breslin, Ann Burke, Albert Davis, Mary Davis, Joyce Dorn, Charlotte Dyson, John Evans, Cameron Fernandez, Cosette Fester, Brett Hain, Sofia Hain, Cindy Heckman, Lisa Jaffe, Norman Jensen, Stephen Kastner, Greg Klimuck, Julie-Ann Kosakowski, Carol Nunemaker, Stone Ma, Katherine Olivas, Leslie Parham, Tommy Parham, Jonathan Poutney, Donna Shook, Olivia Schott and family, Priscilla Shurney, Frances Smith, Jeffrey Stephens, Tim Sun, Deb and Gary Webster, Jan Wentz, Leilani Williams, Nadine Wittry and family, Sonia Wittry, Jacques Woodard, Richard 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 sanctuary. 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 sanctuary. If you are part of the Connected (Online) Campus, send an email to connect@fumcpasadena.org.

GATHERING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

CENTERING SONG

When We are Living

UMH 356

When we are Living, it is in Christ Jesus,
and when we are dying, it is in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying
we belong to God, we belong to God.
We belong to God. We belong to God.

Moment for Silent Meditation

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

GOSPEL READING

John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, with the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

ANTHEM

Hope and Quietly Wait

Rudoi/Fiscella

SERMON

Holiness of Heart, Life and Place

Rev. Amy Aitken

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AMONG US

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

+PRESENTATION MUSIC

O God Beyond All Praising

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O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, receive this offering as a sign of our love for you and for this congregation – one part of the body of Christ in the world today. Help us use these resources to build up your Realm on earth, as it is in heaven. Amen.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

In the United Methodist Church, all who love God and are striving to love their neighbor are invited to share in this holy meal. Our communion elements are gluten and alcohol-free so that all may share in this sacrament together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Hope,
you call us to be practitioners of prophetic imagination,
people who aren't afraid to dream about a better future,
and to take concrete steps to bring it to fruition.
But, too often, we settle for far less than you intend:
for what is easy, for what is convenient,
for what is better for a few, instead of what best serves all people.
Forgive us, Lord, for our lack of moral imagination.
Help us dream of your promised day,
when we shall beat our weapons into gardening tools,
unlearn the ways of war,
and plant seeds of peace in places ridden with violence.
In the name of the Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

+CLOSING HYMN

Come, Share the Lord

TFWS 2269

BLESSING OF A PRAYER QUILT

Today we tie blessings of healing and strength into a prayer quilt for Ben Ridgway, brother-in-law of Riley and John Kramar, as he prepares for surgery.

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

Postlude in C Minor Edmondstone Duncan (1866-1920)

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.



TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 10:00 a.m. - Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 a.m. - Children's Sunday School (Education Wing)
- 11:00 a.m. - Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00 a.m. - Children's Music Classes (Education Wing)
- 11:15 a.m. - Friends and Family Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:15 a.m. - Confirmation Class (Youth Lounge Room 207)
- 11:45 a.m. - The Amen Effect (Room 205)
- 12:00 p.m. - Youth Handbells Rehearsal (Handbell Room)
- 12:45 p.m. - Resound Ringers Rehearsal (Handbell Room)
- 4:30 p.m. - Youth Choir (Choir Room)
- 5:30 p.m. - Youth Group and Dinner (Youth Lounge)

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

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

TODAY

Friends and Family Lunch: Today at 11:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall: Join us for food, fun, and fellowship after worship!

Amen Effect discussion today at 11:45 a.m. in room 205: This Lenten season we have chosen Amen Effect: *Ancient Wisdom to Mend Our Broken Hearts and World* by Rabbi Sharon Brous for reading and reflection. In a time of loneliness and isolation, social rupture and alienation, what will it take to mend our broken hearts and rebuild our society? Our last discussion session is March 17 in room 205.

COMING UP

Spring Drama Camp on March 4 and March 11: The Drama Committee will be offering a short camp for children ages 3 through grade 2 on Monday nights from 6 - 7 p.m. on March 4 and 11. There will be a light dinner, Heifer craft and drama games and activities. The camp will culminate with the sharing of a mission moment on Heifer Project in worship. If you'd like to participate, please contact Pam Marx (pamelamarx@sbcglobal.net).

Choosing to Forgive Process Group from 2:00-3:00 p.m. on Thursdays, March 14, 21, 28, Apr 4 and 11: Choosing to Forgive is an online "process group" where members discuss how forgiveness could work in their lives. Janet Logan will be facilitator and participants will be provided a discussion guide. Limited to 8 participants. Open to members, non-members, those not attending any church. All are welcome and all points of view will be shown respect. Please email Connect@fumcpasadena.org for the Zoom link.

Turn-a-Page Book Group is March 17 at 11:30 a.m. in the Church Lounge: We will be reading *The Care and Management of Lies* by Jacqueline Winspear. All are welcome, even if you have not read the book.

Third@First Presents: Sligo Rags (A St. Patrick's Day Concert) - March 16 at 3:00 p.m.: Come join us at a special time, 3:00 p.m., for a program of Irish music. The FUMC sanctuary will be decorated with green as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The luck of the Irish be with you!

USC Arcadia Hospital Women's Auxiliary for Spiritual Care: Honoring our Special Heroes event - April 20 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.: "Honoring our Special Heroes" is a membership tea and fundraiser to support the chaplaincy program at USC Arcadia. Guest speaker will be Rev. Brenda Simonds, Director of Spiritual care. Click the button below for more information, ticket price, and a form to honor one of your heroes at the event.

HOLY WEEK

MARCH. 24

PALM SUNDAY - 10: 00 A.M.
Procession and Worship Service

MARCH. 28

MAUNDY THURSDAY - 7:00 P.M.
Special Service at St. James

MARCH. 29

GOOD FRIDAY - 7:00 P.M.
Worship Service in our Chapel

MARCH. 31

EASTER SUNDAY - 10:00 A.M.
Christ is risen, alleluia!

SERVING IN MINISTRY

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

Today's Worship Liturgist:
Marvine Stamatakis

Pastor
Rev. Dr. Amy Aitken

Associate Pastor:
Rev. Mina Nau-Mahe

Director of Music Ministries:
Scott Lehmkuhl

Organist:
Aaron Shows

Director of Resound Ringers
Megan Goldstein

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Mikala Rahn

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Pam Marx & Rosalie Niemann

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RECYCLE YOUR OLD SNEAKERS FOR SUMMER MUSICAL

Bring your used sneakers to Fellowship Hall for recycling. Funds from recycling support our drama program.

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