



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

Lent Lillies

Richard Lloyd (1933-2021)

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

We have come together into the presence of our Lord,
So, let us quieten our hearts and minds,
put aside our concerns and distractions,
Let us open ourselves to listen for God’s voice,
for the word God has for his people.

+ A GATHERING PRAYER

Almighty God, you speak to us in so many ways.
Help us, in our worship today, to hear your voice and know it is you.
Speak to us in the silence, through Scripture and by the Spirit.
Speak through others and through your creation,
through images, experiences, music and encounters.
Speak in ways that we can understand.
So, speak, Lord—and help us to listen.

Amen.

+ OPENING HYMN

We Are Called

TFWS 2172

+ 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: Ann Burke, Stone Ma

For Healing: Victoria Audley, Ronan Bessler, Lynette and Delano Black, Joyce Breslin, 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, 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.**

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

GOSPEL READING

John 1: 43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

ANTHEM

O, Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem

Herbert Howells

SERMON

Anything Good?

Rev. John Fanestil

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AMONG US

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

+PRESENTATION MUSIC *O God Beyond All Praising* TFWS 2009

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

Loving God, may these gifts and the shared ministries of this church be a sign of your tender presence to all who journey in faith. Guide us through the wilderness and show us how to love you with our whole lives. In Christ's name we live, love and serve, Amen.

GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

+CLOSING HYMN *For the Healing of the Nations* UMH 428

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE *Improvisation* Aaron Shows (b.1989)

REV. DR. JOHN FANESTIL BIO

Rev. Dr. John Fanestil is a graduate of Dartmouth College, Oxford University, where he studied as a Rhodes Scholar, and the Claremont School of Theology. Ordained in the United Methodist Church, Rev. Dr. Fanestil served as a pastor in Southern California. He earned his Ph.D. in History from the University of Southern California, specializing in early American religion and history.

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.

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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. Confirmation Class (Youth Lounge Room 207)
- 11:30 a.m. Sunday Conversation: Understanding White Nationalism (Church Lounge)
- 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)
- 5:00 p.m. Movie Night (Church Lounge)
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Group and Dinner (Youth Lounge)

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

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

TODAY

Understanding White Christian Nationalism, today after Worship:

After worship in the Church Lounge, we will be hosting Rev. Dr. John Fanestil to speak about his book *American Heresy* and discuss the issue of White Christian Nationalism. This is an important topic to address as so many communities are struggling with ideological divisions along race, gender, class, race, and political affiliation.

Movie Night is tonight at 5:00 p.m. in the Church Lounge: We will be viewing the movie "Unbroken".

COMING UP

United Women in Faith Daytime Group meeting is Feb. 26 at 1:00 p.m. - The UWF Daytime Group will meet in the Church Lounge. Bring a recipe (not a dish) to share! We will be giving an update on Homeboy Industries.

Dream Again Event with Jen Hatmaker and Tyler Merritt on March 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary: We all have dreams—and the desire to pursue them—but life can leave us feeling overwhelmed with expectations, stress, and burnout. It can be difficult to move forward under the weight of it all.

But, Jen Hatmaker and Tyler Merritt are here to show you the magic that can happen when you're committed to dreaming again. Don't miss this rare opportunity to spend an evening with Jen and Tyler. Find the link to purchase tickets AND a discount code in the News@First email (or email Ashley at ashleys@fumcpasadena.org)

WANT TO GO TO THE JEN HATMAKER EVENT FOR FREE?

Volunteer as an usher or guide at the event. Contact Jami Carrera (jamicarrera@yahoo.com) for more information.

The Next Amen Effect discussion meeting is March 3 at 11:30 a.m.:

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? We will have discussion sessions on March 3 March 17 in room 205. You can purchase a copy after worship in Fellowship Hall (\$25) or from your favorite bookseller.

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.

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:
Kelly Ma

Pastor
Rev. Dr. Amy Aitken

Associate Pastor:
Rev. Mina Nau-Mahe

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