



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.

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

*Be Thou My Vision*

Sylvia Woods

Rachel Youngstrom, Harp

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

Throughout the ages, disciples have said, “I will follow you wherever you go.”

**Lord, give us the freedom to follow you in the ways of love.**

We come from busy homes, filled with little time to consider Christ in our lives.

**Lord, give us the strength to follow you in the ways of peace.**

In times of struggle, we look to God for help.

**Lord, give us the opportunity to follow you in the ways of kindness.**

Today, we celebrate the Holy Spirit, who shows us the joy of following God.

**Lord, give us the patience to follow you in the ways of faith. Amen.**

+ OPENING HYMN

*Of All The Spirits Gifts to Me*

UMH 336

+ WELCOME AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

**Talya Catano**, High School

**Mphatso Johnson**, High School

**Zeyun Kevin Wang**, High School

**Henry Dyson**; Bachelors Degree in Theatre, Minor in Music Theatre; Arizona State University

**Fiona Stewart**; Bachelors Degree in English Literature; Swarthmore College

**Darla Dyson**; Masters Degree in Public Administration; Touro University

**Chrissa Hayes**; Master’s Degree in Education; Cal State LA

## IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

**Newly Added:** Lois Moe, Randy Moe

**For Healing:** Ronan Bessler, Lynette Black, Joyce Breslin, Fernando Carrillo, Albert Davis, Mary Davis, Joyce Dorn, Curt Elrod, John Evans, Cameron Fernandez, Cosette Fester, Linda Gerkin, Tom Griffith, Brett Hain, Sofia Hain, Cindy Heckman, Larry Jaffe, Lisa Jaffe, Ami Jenkins, Norman Jensen, Stephen Kastner, Julie-Ann Kosakowski, Rachel Lang, Meredith Lyon, Allison Masquez, Cecilia Militante, Carol Nunemaker, Katherine Olivas, Mardy Olivas, Eric Olsen, Donald Palmer and Family, Leslie Parham, Tommy Parham, Jonathan Poutney, Ben Ridgway, Mario San Juan, Priscilla Shurney, Frances Smith, Jeffrey Stephens, Tim Sun, David T., Karen Thompson, Deb and Gary Webster, Jan Wentz, family of Kathy Windsor, 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 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](mailto:connect@fumcpasadena.org).

## TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

*I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing* UMH 333

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

*I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing,  
I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing,  
I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing,  
and obey the Spirit of the Lord.*

## GATHERING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

### CENTERING SONG

*Spirit of the Living God*

UMH 393

*Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me,  
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.*

*Moment for Silent Meditation*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

Galatians 5:22-26

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

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

### ANTHEM

*Thrive*

Mark Hall/Matthew West  
Youth Choir

### SENIOR SPEECHES

Talya Catano, Mphatso Johnson

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*Rise Up O' People of God*

Martha Lynn Thompson  
Youth Bell Choir

### SENIOR SPEECH

Kevin Wang

## 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

Spirit of the fruitful life, we thank you for the gifts that have been offered to us this morning. May they help this congregation prosper and flourish in the ways of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. 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.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 15

### 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

### RECEIVING THE ELEMENTS

## GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

### +CLOSING HYMN

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

TFWS 2120

### +BENEDICTION

### BLESSING OF THE PRAYER QUILT

Today we tie prayers of blessing and celebration for our graduates.

### +POSTLUDE

*Little Shepherd*

Claude Debussy  
Claire Martin, Piano

## 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

- 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)
- 12:30 p.m. - Resound Ringers Concert (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00 p.m. - Youth Banquet (Off-site)

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

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

### TODAY

**Friends and Family Lunch, 11:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall** - We will be having our Friends and Family Lunch in Fellowship Hall after worship. Join us for some delicious food and conversation.

**Resound Ringers Performance, 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall** - There will be a performance by the Resound Ringers in Fellowship Hall at 12:30 p.m. Come enjoy the sounds of the bells after lunch.

### COMING UP

**Family Promise Hosting Week is June 9 - 15.** - As part of the shelter network, our church will provide shelter, meals and hospitality for a family.

Volunteers are needed for the following each night that we host:

- Dinner Host – Prepare and drop off dinner for evening hosts and guests (you may share this with another volunteer)
- Evening Host – Enjoy dinner and hospitality with other evening hosts and our guests
- Overnight Host – Spend the night at church, help with breakfast and see our guests out.

To sign up scan the QR Code.



For more information, please contact Beth Gerber ([beth@lighttext.com](mailto:beth@lighttext.com)) or visit the Family Promise table at Fellowship hall after Sunday services.

### The Cal-Pac Foundation's Lois Balsley Scholarship is Now Open.

- Graduating high school seniors preparing to enroll in a two- or four-year college, or vocational school in the fall of 2024 are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be active members of a United Methodist Church within the boundaries of the Annual Conference. Deadline to apply is June 20, 2024. Apply here:



**Vacation Bible School is July 15 - 19 (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)** - This year's theme is Just Like Me! We are inviting children to have fun and make new friends in an inclusive environment. VBS will focus on supporting faith development and teaching students to celebrate their identities.

Registration is open! Visit [fumcpasadena.org/vbs](http://fumcpasadena.org/vbs) to learn more and sign up.

## 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

**Director of Music Ministries:**  
Scott Lehmkuhl

**Organist:**  
Aaron Shows

**Bell Choir Director**  
Megan Goldstein

**Ministry Coordinator:**  
Dori Fotsch

**Facilities & Office Manager:**  
Aisha Williams

**Interim Business Manager:**  
Jami Carrera

**Communications Director:**  
Ashley Slade

**Leadership Council Chairperson:**  
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**Lay Leader for Finance & Generosity:**  
Mikala Rahn

**Lay Leaders for Missions:**  
Pam Marx & Rosalie Niemann

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