



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.

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.

PRELUDE

Dona Nobis Pacem

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Youth Handbell Choir

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

Our God has called us into the place, this time of worship.

We gather to root our lives in God's story, to be reminded of the ways God's love has nurtured, inspired and challenged people across time.

In this time of worship, may we hear God's loving call upon each of our lives.

Give us ears to listen, minds to discern, and hearts to follow where your love will lead us.

Let us gather our whole selves, bodies, minds and spirits, in this time of worship and praise.

As we worship, sing, pray, listen, laugh and respond, we lift our whole lives to God.

+ OPENING HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

UMH 139

+ WELCOME AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

TWO WOULD NOT OBEY

Children's Musical

The book of Exodus tells us the story of two strong Jewish women who labored during the time Jews were enslaved in Egypt. Feeling threatened by the strength and independence of the Jewish people, the Pharaoh called upon two Jewish midwives, Shiphrah and Puah, to help his soldiers seek out and kill newborn Jewish baby boys. The two brave women trusted God and defied the Pharaoh's order. Our children's Mother's Day pageant celebrates these two strong women and the model of faith and bravery that they offer us today.

Songs:

Walking with God by Holly Goldstein

A Quiet Place by Ralph Carmichael

Before It's Too Late by Megan Goldstein

Who is on the Lord's Side? by C. Luise Reichardt/lyrics Frances Havergal

No Greater Love by Ralph Carmichael

All My Life by Ralph Carmichael

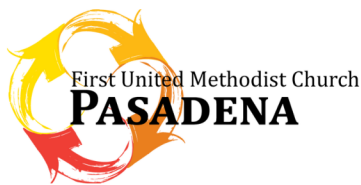
To Our God Give Praise by Ralph Carmichael

IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

For Healing: Victoria Audley, Ronan Bessler, Lynette Black, Joyce Breslin, Albert Davis, Mary Davis, Joyce Dorn, John Evans, Cameron Fernandez, Cosette Fester, Linda Gerkin, Tom Griffith, Brett Hain, Sofia Hain, Cindy Heckman, Lisa Jaffe, Ami Jenkins, Norman Jensen, Stephen Kastner, Julie-Ann Kosakowski, Rachel Lang, Meredith Lyon, Allison Masquez, Carol Nunemaker, Katherine Olivas, Mardy Olivas, Eric Olsen, Donald Palmer and Family, Leslie Parham, Tommy Parham, Jonathan Poutney, Ben Ridgway, Donna Shook, Priscilla Shurney, Frances Smith, Jeffrey Stephens, Tim Sun, David T., Stan and Barbara von Mayrhauser, Deb and Gary Webster, Jan Wentz, Nadine Wittry and family, Sonia 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 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

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.**

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

Exodus 1:8-21

Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians subjected the Israelites to hard servitude and made their lives bitter with hard servitude in mortar and bricks and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families.

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

ANTHEM

Bound for the Promised Land

Derek K. Hakes
Resound Ringers

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 Creator, you have filled the earth with good things and invited us to share freely in the blessings of life. By sharing our gifts with others, we proclaim your grace. May the offerings we present be a sign of the abundant life you intend for all your people. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

+CLOSING HYMN *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* UMH 89

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE *Postlude on "Ode to Joy"* David Cherwien (b.1957)

CHILDREN'S MUSIC STAFF

Chrissa Hayes Altice, Cantate Choir Director
 Megan Goldstein, Children's Handbell Director
 Holly Goldstein, Cantate Choir Assistant
 Eleen Hsu-Wentlandt, Cherub Choir Director
 Caleb Dehn, Cherub Choir Assistant/Accompanist
 Mark Goldstein, Cantate Choir Accompanist/Arranger
 Pam Marx, Pageant Writer/Coordinator

**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**

- 10:15 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)
- 4:30 p.m. - Youth Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 5:30 p.m. - Youth Group Dinner and Program (Youth Lounge)

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

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

COMING UP

United Women in Faith Evening Circle is Friday May 17 at 7p.m. -

Join us for an evening at the home of Pastor Mina Nau-Mahe. We will learn more about her culture, including a traditional dinner, and help make special gifts for our FUMC confirmands. Email jamicarrera@yahoo.com for the address.

Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles with Third@First at May 18 at 4:00 p.m. -

We are proud to be hosting the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles for this special concert. For over 40 years, the Chorus has built an international reputation for musical excellence while remaining deeply rooted in service to the Los Angeles community. As a leader among lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) and performing arts organizations, The Gay Men's Chorus exposes new communities to the message of equality.

United Women in Faith Morning Group is Monday May 20 at 1:00 p.m. -

Marilyn Nobori, our speaker and a United Women in Faith member, will share her journey using and leading others in Contemplative Prayer and will guide us in a short session using the process that Catholic monk Thomas Keating developed.

Turn-A-Page Book Group will meet May 19 at 11:30 a.m. in the Church Lounge to discuss this *The Little Liar* by Mitch Albom -

This story, inspired by true events, follows an innocent 11 year old Greek Jewish boy named Nico, who is tricked by Nazis into lying to his fellow Jews about the final destination of the trains they are forced to board. Even if you haven't read the book please feel free to join the discussion.

Movie Night, May 26 at 5:00 p.m. in the Church Lounge -

We will be watching "In the Heights". Taking place over three days in a New York neighborhood, this PG-13 movie, scored by Lin Manuel Miranda of "Hamilton" fame, examines the delights and stresses of an immigrant community. Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. followed by the film at 5:50 p.m. Contact Priscilla Baca (priscillabaca1@gmail.com) to reserve a dinner plate.

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. Over the course of the week, campers will be introduced to a cast of "neighborhood gardeners" who will help them explore Biblical stories of people who were able to change things for the better. Visit fumcpasadena.org/vbs for more info.

Ending Well Process Groups -

The free Ending Well Zoom Workshop will help you make sense of all the to-dos of organizing your affairs, creating ease for yourself and you loved-ones. To register, contact connect@fumcpasadena.org.

Less Worry, More Hope Process Group - Every Wednesday in May, 7:00-8:00 p.m. via Zoom -

The Less Worry, More Hope process group is for those who want to explore new ways to think about what causes anxiety and how to respond to feelings of worry. Learn more here.

To register, contact connect@fumcpasadena.org.

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:
Santiago Alvarez

Pastor
Rev. Dr. Amy Aitken

Associate Pastor:
Rev. Mina Nau-Mahe

Director of Music Ministries:
Scott Lehmkuhl

Organist:
Aaron Shows

Ministry Coordinator:
Dori Fotsch

Facilities & Office Manager:
Aisha Williams

Interim Business Manager:
Jami Carrera

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Ashley Slade

Leadership Council Chairperson:
Kevin Lussier

Lay Leader for Finance & Generosity:
Mikala Rahn

Lay Leaders for Missions:
Pam Marx & Rosalie Niemann

Chair of Trustees:
Paul Audley

Pasadena Methodist Foundation scholarships for the school year 2024-2025 are available now. -

This year the Foundation is able to accept both full- and part-time students. **The deadline for submission is June 1, 2024.** Please find both new and renewal applications on the [Foundation's website](#), or you may pick up your new or renewal application in the church office.

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