



150 YEARS OF SERVICE  
**PASADENA  
 FIRST UNITED  
 METHODIST  
 CHURCH**

**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**

*Liturgical Prelude No. 2*

George Oldroyd (1887-1956)

**+ CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesus began his ministry to the world, led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

**As we begin our Lenten journey, let us be led by the Spirit, even into the uncomfortable places.**

In those forty days, and in that place,

Jesus was faced with hunger, doubt, and temptation.

**As we seek to follow Jesus, we also will face our temptations, doubts and fears.**

As Christ was attended to by the angels in the midst of the wilderness,

**Our God is always present to us, patiently waiting for us with grace and mercy.**

Jesus left the wilderness, faithful and obedient to God, rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted.

**As we continue on our path to faithfulness, we will be led by our Christ, rejoicing in the Lord our God.**

**+ OPENING HYMN**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

UMH 140

**+ 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:** Ronan Bessler, Cindy Heckman, Jacques Woodard

**For Healing:** Victoria Audley, Lynette and Delano Black, Joyce Breslin, Family of Patricia Bruce, Erika Carillo, Willa Dalrymple, Albert Davis, Mary Davis, Trygve Gangnes, Jr., Juliette De Guzman, Joyce Dorn, Charlotte Dyson, John Evans, Cameron Fernandez, Cosette Fester, Zina Figilis, Brett Hain, Sofia Hain, Friends and family of Muriel Henderson, Sallie Higginbotham, Kendall In, Lisa Jaffe, Norman Jensen, Stephen Kastner, Greg Klimuck, Julie-Ann Kosakowski, Julie and Henry Lee and their family, Sam El Masri, Jocelyn Medina, Heidi Neuroth, 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, 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).

## 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

Mark 1: 9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tested by Satan, and he was with the wild beasts, and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

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

### ANTHEM

*Hear Me, Redeemer*

Henry Mollicone  
Joslyn Sarshad, solo

### SERMON

*Life in the Wilderness*

Pastor Amy Aitken

## 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      *Hope of the World*      UMH 178

### BLESSING OF A PRAYER QUILT

Today we tie blessings of healing and strength into a prayer quilt for Rita Elshout, friend of Ann Zeiss, as she recovers from surgery.

### +BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE      *Mountains and Valleys*      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.



## 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)
- 11:00 p.m. Resound Ringers Rehearsal (Handbell Room)
- 11:15 a.m. Confirmation Class (Youth Lounge Room 207)
- 11:30 a.m. The Amen Effect (Room 205)
- 11:30 a.m. Turn-a-Page Book Group (Church Lounge)
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Handbells Rehearsal (Handbell Room)
- 12:00 p.m. Children and Youth Games and Lunch - Optional (Youth Room)
- 2:00 p.m. Children and Youth Skating Trip (off-site)

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

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

### TODAY

**Amen Effect discussion series begins today 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 three discussion sessions from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **today**, March 3, and March 17 in room 205). You can purchase a copy after worship in Fellowship Hall (\$25) or from your favorite bookseller.

**Turn-A-Page Book Group today at 11:30 a.m. in the Church Lounge:** The February Book Pick is *Refuge: An Unnatural History of Family and Place* by Terry Tempest Williams. All are welcome, even if you haven't read the book.

### COMING UP

**United Women in Faith Evening Circle Feb. 16 at 7:00 p.m.:** UWF will be gathering for fun and fellowship at Marilynne Wilander's home this week. Please email Jami Carrera ([jamicarrera@yahoo.com](mailto:jamicarrera@yahoo.com)) for the address.

**Understanding White Christian Nationalism, Feb. 25 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 Feb. 25 at 5:00 p.m. in the Church Lounge:** We will be viewing the movie "Unbroken". Please contact Priscilla Baca ([priscillabaca1@gmail.com](mailto:priscillabaca1@gmail.com)) to reserve dinner.

**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.

**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 contact Janet for the Zoom link ([janet@childcenteredspirituality.com](mailto:janet@childcenteredspirituality.com)).

**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](mailto:ashleys@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:**  
Grace Danziger

**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:**  
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**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

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

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