



## 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.

### 'Ohana Sunday School

(PreK–6th Grade)

Children age 3 yrs. through 6th grade are invited to one room Sunday School (rm 104) after the Children's Sermon in Worship. Pickup time is 11:00 a.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

Meditation on "Blessed Assurance"

Robert Lau (b.1943)

## + CALL TO WORSHIP

As followers of Christ, we are called to bring a hopeful understanding of our world declaring that God called the created universe "good."

We are called to bring this hope in God with us wherever we go declaring that God makes all things new again.

Jesus taught that we should love God and love one another. So let's join together in our love of God to worship and give thanks.

## + OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, we come this morning seeking to abide in your presence.

Open our minds to your spirit of wisdom, that we may know how to live as your people.

Open our hearts to your spirit of truth, that we may love all your people with a love that speaks of justice, kindness, and radical grace.

May this time of worship be pleasing to you. **Amen.**

## + OPENING HYMN

All Creatures of our God and King

UMH 62

## + WELCOME AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

## COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

## 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.

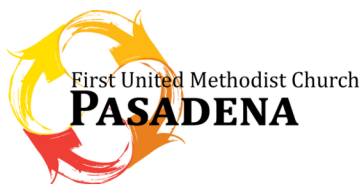
## IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

**Newly Added:** Willa Dalrymple, Michael McRae, Kathleen Sesplaukis

**For Healing:** Ruby Alcantara, Ronan Bessler, Lynette Black, Joyce Breslin, Carol Browne, Fernando Carrillo, Albert Davis, Mary Davis, Curt Elrod, John Evans, Cameron Fernandez, Cosette Fester, Linda Gerkin, Tom Griffith, Nathan Hahn, Brett Hain, Sofia Hain, Cindy Heckman, Larry Jaffe, Lisa Jaffe, Ami Jenkins, Norman Jensen, Stephen Kastner, Lori Ketterling, Julie-Ann Kosakowski, Rachel Lang, Meredith Lyon, Allison Masquez, Cecilia Militante, Lois Moe, Randy Moe, Carol Nunemaker, Katherine Olivas, Leslie Parham, Tommy Parham, Jonathan Poutney, Sarah Rudchenko, Mario San Juan, Irv Seidman and family, Priscilla Shurney, Frances Smith, Jeffrey Stephens, Tim Sun, David T., Stan Von Mayrhauser, Karen Thompson, Deb and Gary Webster, Jan Wentz, family of Kathy Windsor, Nadine Wittry and family, Sonia Wittry, Ann 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 chapel. 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 chapel. 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

What Does the Lord Require of You

TFWS 2174

What does the Lord require of you?

Unison 1, 2, 3

What does the Lord require of you?

Justice, kindness,  
walk humbly with your God.

To seek justice, and love kindness,  
and walk humbly with your 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

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:24-31

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humans in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

## EPISTLE READING

Romans 12:9-18

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

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

## ANTHEM

*Amazing Grace*

arr. Donald Moore

## SERMON

Ohana: The Community of All Creation Pastor Amy Aitken

## 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

Lord of heaven and earth, we give you thanks for the beautiful bounty of creation that makes all of life not only possible, but radiant with your glory. We give you thanks for the love that holds our hearts together, for this community of belonging and hope, and for the ministries we share. Guide your church, Loving God, that we might be a sign of your love, hope, peace and presence. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

## GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

+CLOSING HYMN *I Sing the Almighty Power of God* UMH 152

### +BENEDICTION

### +POSTLUDE

*Music for a Sunday Morning: Postlude* Harald Rohlig (1928-2014)

## 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.



## REVISED SOCIAL PRINCIPLES

Capturing the Wesleyan spirit of social holiness and ethical action, over 4,000 United Methodists from around the world participated in an eight-year process to review and update the United Methodist Social Principles. Completed in 2020, this new draft document reflects the United Methodist response to today's most pressing social issues and was adopted at The General Conference 2024.



## SUMMER WORSHIP

It's getting hot! Let's cool off in our chapel this Summer. We will worship in the chapel through September 1.

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

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

### TODAY

**The Friends of Drama** will be having a bake sale to support Friends In Deed after church today. Come to Fellowship Hall to get some goodies for a good cause!

### COMING UP

**You Can Still Register for Vacation Bible School! VBS 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. Visit [fumcpasadena.org/vbs](http://fumcpasadena.org/vbs) to learn more and sign up.

**The United Women in Faith (UWF) Evening Circle Game Night on July 19, 7 - 9 p.m.** - UWF is hosting a game night at Heidi Neuroth's home (email [connect@fumcpasadena.org](mailto:connect@fumcpasadena.org) for the address). Join in for a relaxing summer night of friends, food, and easy games.

**RSVP/Food:** We ask those coming to bring a little something to the event. Heidi will provide the main dish, so your signup helps in preparation. Sign up here:



**Turn-A-Page Book Group on July 21, 11:30 a.m. in the Church Lounge** - We will discuss *In The Distance* by Hernan Diaz. Even if you haven't read the book, please feel free to join the discussion.

**Disability Pride Book Discussion on July 28, 11:30 a.m. in the Church Library** - July is Disability Pride Month. Join us for a discussion of the book *My Body is Not a Prayer Request* by Amy Kenny. Please purchase at your favorite bookseller. We will talk about the book and resources on disability justice from the UMC will be available. Please email Ashley ([ashleys@fumcpasadena.org](mailto:ashleys@fumcpasadena.org)) for more information.

**ACAC Back to School Drive Due July 28** - First UMC has long sponsored the Adopt a Child Abuse Caseworker (ACAC) Back to School Program by providing backpacks and school supplies.

Please deliver backpacks, school supplies and any monetary donations to the church by Sunday, July 28. See the supply list in the News@First email. There will be a collection container in front of Fellowship Hall. For any questions contact Diane Harris ([dmharris150625@gmail.com](mailto:dmharris150625@gmail.com)).

**Summer Musical: Save the Dates** - Performances of the musical "Honk!" will be July 31, August 1, August 2, and August 3 at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be served before performances at 5:30 p.m. and end at 6:30 p.m. sharp (\$25 for adults and \$12 for kids 12 and under). Please fill out this form to get a ticket and visit the donate page on our website to purchase dinner.



**Family Promise, August 11 - 17** - We are very excited that FUMC will once again be hosting families who have been admitted into the Family Promise of San Gabriel Valley (FSPGV) program! The Family Promise mission is to help families challenged with homelessness to attain sustainable independence. As part of the shelter network, our church will provide shelter, meals and hospitality to our guests the week of August 11th - 17th.

Volunteers are needed to be dinner hosts, evening hosts, and overnight hosts that week. You can sign up at the QR code below.



## TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 11:00 a.m. - Coffee Hour and Friends of Drama Bake Sale

## 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

**Liturgist:**  
Stone Ma

**Director of Music Ministries:**  
Scott Lehmkuhl

**Organist:**  
Aaron Shows

**Ministry Coordinator:**  
Dori Fotsch

**Facilities & Office Manager:**  
Aisha Williams

**Interim Business Manager:**  
Jami Carrera

**Communications Director:**  
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

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