



## 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.

### ALL ARE WELCOME



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'S MINISTRIES

Children are welcome to remain in worship or take part in our Children's Ministries:

#### Nursery Care

(Infant–4 years old)

Nursery care is available every Sunday from 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

#### Children's Sunday School and Music

(PreK–6th Grade)

We will have One Room Sunday School in Room 104 during worship. Child Pick Up (for ages 4+) is in Room 104 at 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

*The Lone, Wild Bird*

Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

### + CALL TO WORSHIP

“The heavens are telling your glory, God;  
and the firmament proclaims your handiwork.  
**Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares your Word.”**

The stars have lit their candles

**The dawn puts on its robe and begins the procession.**

The great organ of the wind and the choir of the sea lift up their music.

**The trees and mountains stand in awe of you.**

The whales and the meadowlarks sing their praise.

**The rivers flow with their offerings.**

And even the continents, ever so, slowly, dance with joy.

**And we, your creatures, gather with all of creation  
to glorify you, to hear your Word, and to worship. Alleluia!**

### + OPENING PRAYER

**God, you spun the stars out of the Word, you molded planets with your hands, you brought forth green living things with your breath and birthed every creature with love. The winds praise you, the mountains stand in awe, and the birds sing hymns of gratitude. We share the thanks of the waving grasses, the joy of the leaping dolphins, and the reverence of the seas. We belong to your Creation; may we honor your work, live peaceably with all living things, and work for the healing of the wounds of the earth. Amen.**

### + OPENING HYMN

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

UMH 147

### + WELCOME AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

### COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

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

I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

## GATHERING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

### CENTERING SONG

*As the Deer*

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As the deer pants for water, so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.  
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

*Moment for Silent Meditation*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

### A READING FROM THE GOSPEL

Luke 12: 22-31

He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith! And do not keep seeking what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that seek all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

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

### ANTHEM

*The Majesty and Glory of Your Name*

Tom Fettke

Joslyn Sarshad, soprano

### SERMON

*Considering the Lilies*

Pastor Amy Aitken

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AMONG US

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Giving supports all of the ministries of the church. If you'd like to partner with us and make a financial gift today, you may use your phone to scan the QR code or place your offering in the wooden offering boxes near the doors.



### +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

God of abundance,  
We give you thanks for the gifts of the earth  
and the gifts of your people.  
Knit us together as one in you  
that we may know connection, joy, and peace  
with all of creation.  
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 9

### 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.

## GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

### +CLOSING HYMN

*His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

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### +BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Festival March*

Christian Tielman (1843-1909)

## IN OUR PRAYERS...

As a community of faith, praying for others is an important part of our practice. We encourage you to add those on our prayer list to your personal prayers.

To view our prayer list, scan the QR code:



Prayer requests may be shared via [connect@fumcpasadena.org](mailto:connect@fumcpasadena.org) and we will gladly add them.

## REFERENCES

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer  
written by Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes.

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

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

### TODAY

**Friends and Family Lunch** - Whether it's your first time joining us, or you attend every Sunday, we invite you to join us for some lunch and fellowship time after worship in Fellowship Hall.

**Film Screening of 1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture today at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Lounge** - This feature documentary follows the story of tireless researchers who trace the origins of the anti-gay movement among Christians to a grave mistranslation of the Bible in 1946. Researcher Ed Oxford, a contributor to the film, will be in attendance.

### COMING UP

**Special Bible Study addressing the "Clobber Passages" on August 7, 14, and 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Lounge** - This Bible study will take a fresh and faithful look at the so called "clobber passages," which have been used to marginalize LGBTQ+ individuals. We will examine the cultural and historical contexts in which these passages were written and uncover alternative readings that affirm love, inclusion, and acceptance. All are welcome.

**Note Date Change: Blessing of the Backpacks on August 17 During Worship** - Next month we will have our annual blessing of the backpacks. Have your child bring their backpacks for a special blessing and some goodies!

**Turn-A-Page Book Group on August 17 at 11:30 a.m. in the Church Lounge** - We will meet to discuss this month's book choice: The Fight in the Fields-Cesar Chavez & the Farmworkers by Susan Ferriss and Ricardo Sandoval. All are welcome, even if you have not read the book.

**Young Adult Group Barbecue, August 24 at 5:00 p.m.** - Join the Young Adults Group for for a barbecue at Pastor Amy's home. Bring a side or a dessert to share and come enjoy a chill afternoon. To ensure there's enough food, please RSVP by emailing [gabrielmalasig@gmail.com](mailto:gabrielmalasig@gmail.com).

**Labor Day Camp - Our annual All-Church Labor Day camp is August 29 through September 1.** Join us in the beautiful San Bernardino mountains. Camp begins Friday, August 29, after 3:00 p.m. (Dinner will be on your own and a continental breakfast provided on Saturday, August 30.)

Full meals begin with lunch on Saturday, going through breakfast on Monday, September 1. Spend the day or the full weekend. Register for camp below!

Register at the QR code below:



**UWF Women's Retreat, Sept. 12 - 13** - Join us for a meaningful time of fellowship, renewal, and connection at this year's Women's Retreat, hosted by the United Women of Faith Evening Circle. We will gather at the Mariposa Retreat Center in South Pasadena from Friday, Sept. 12 to Saturday, Sept. 13. Contact Heidi Neuroth ([hneuroth@outlook.com](mailto:hneuroth@outlook.com)) for more information. Registration is coming soon!

## TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 10:00 a.m. - Sunday Worship (Chapel)
- 10:15 a.m. - Children's Sunday School (Education Wing)
- 11:15 a.m. - Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:30 a.m. - Friends and Family Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. - Film Screening of 1946 (Church Lounge)

## 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:**  
Randy Godshall

**Director of Music Ministries:**  
Scott Lehmkuhl

**Organist:**  
Aaron Shows

**Ministry Coordinator:**  
Dori Fotsch

**Facilities & Office Manager:**  
Aisha Williams

**Business Manager:**  
Jami Carrera

**Communications Director:**  
Ashley Slade

**Administrative Assistant:**  
Joy Atrops-Kimura

**Leadership Council Chairperson:**  
Kevin Lussier

**Lay Leader for Finance & Generosity:**  
Mikala Rahn

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

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