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GATHERING TOGETHER

Welcome to Worship. We are so glad that you are joining us today. We worship God in ways that are both ancient and modern, steeped in church tradition and open to God's ongoing call in our lives.

We invite you to open your spirit to this time of worship, prayer and song, that we may be grounded in God's grace and sent forth in God's love.

In consideration of others, please silence electronic devices.

“+” indicates to stand in body or spirit as you choose.

UMH indicates the use of United Methodist Hymnal
FWS indicates the use of The Faith We Sing songbook.

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.

As the bell tolls, we invite you to simply pause as we center our hearts, our spirits, and our bodies in God's presence.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME HERE!

Nursery Care

(Infant–4 years old)
Nursery care is available every Sunday from 9:30 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 11:30 a.m.

Questions? Early Pick Up? See the Children's Ministry Superintendent in the Children's Ministry Office.

PRELUDE

Aria on the Hymn, "For All the Saints" David Cherwien (b.1957)

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

In all our weakness and strength,
with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies,
we come to be your people, O God.

Strong in faith and eager with questions,
singing our praise and whispering our prayers,
we come to be your people, O God.

Filled with saintly determination
yet mindful of our human limitations,
we come to be your people, O God.

Made strong in your endless love for us,
we know ourselves to be yours, and
we come to be your people, O God.

May we truly become your people today. Amen.

+ OPENING HYMN

For All the Saints UMH 711

+ WELCOME AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

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, and they are considered to be one of the two most prominent California tribes without federal recognition. We honor their connection to this region and give thanks for the opportunity to live, work, worship and learn on this sacred land.

IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

Newly added: Pauline Dominguez, Stephen Kastner, Carlos Peraza, Stephanie Peraza, Ara Lou Tamkin, Len Tamkin, Celina Romero,

For Healing: Pat Audley, Mark Audley, Joan Bothast, Nancy Brubaker and Eric Brubaker, Patricia Bruce, Kathy Brunkow, Mary Davis, Joyce Dorn, Ann and Neal Dougherty, Zina Figilis, Family of Barbara Frank, Kristina Frank, Peggy Gott, Barbara Gorton, Brett Hain, Sofia Hain, Sallie Higginbotham, James Jensen, Harry Kuruma, Family of Carolyn Lussier, Sharon Garrison Morrow, Marilyn Nobori, Carol Nunemaker, Rev. Pyong Oh, Paula Anderson Peacock, Donna Shook, Doug Shook, Ashley Slade, Wendy Stiver, Deb and Gary Webster, Jan Wentz, Sonya Wittry, Earline Woodard, the Youngstrom family, Richard Zeiss, Wayne Zhang, Rosy Zide.

Prayer requests may be shared via connect@fumcpasadena.org and we will gladly add them.

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

King of Kings (FWS 2075)

Children are invited to come forward or remain seated.
Sunday School begins after the Time for Young Christians.
As the children gather, we sing together.

King of kings and Lord of Lords, glory, hallelujah!
King of kings and Lord of Lords, glory, hallelujah!
Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory Hallelujah!
Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory Hallelujah!

GATHERING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

CENTERING SONG

Holy Ground (FWS 2272)

We are standing on holy ground,
And I know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now.

We are standing in His presence, On holy ground!

Moment for Silent Meditation

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:16-23

I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

SERMON

A Gathering of Grace: Practicing Communion

Pastor Amy Aitken

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

With grateful hearts, O Lord, we remember before you this day your faithful followers of every age – among them now our own mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, pastors, teachers, and friends – who cared for us, labored in faith, and bore witness to your light and love in our lives. Loving God, draw near to us now, as we give thanks and remember these beloved saints who have touched our lives.

...personal prayers of remembrance follow in silence...

The names of those who have died in the past twelve months will be read, followed by the lighting of a candle, the placing of a rose and a tolling of a bell.

After each name, we say:

Absent from the body, **present with the Lord**

Audrey Binkley

Kay Brown-Rodgers

Hester Buhlman

Frank Gonzalez Carrera

Penny Eiker

Steve Gruber

Nancy Hardaway

Lynn Wilson Jinks Jr.

Christina Knight

Carolyn Lussier

Wendy Molitor

Luther Nash

Consuello Nieto

LaVerne Price

Maria Reid

Sandy Spencer

Matthew Tamkin

Julan Wang

Heinz Zaiser

Nancy Zeider

A PRAYER MEDITATION FOR ALL SAINTS DAY

Written by Safiyah Fosua

We give you thanks, O God,
for all the saints who ever
worshiped you,
whether in arbors or
cathedrals,
wooden churches or cement
meeting houses.

We give you thanks, O God,
for hands lifted in praise:
manicured hands and hands
stained with grease or soil,
strong hands and hands
gnarled with age,
holy hands.

We thank you, God, for
hardworking saints,
whether hard-hatted or
aproned,
blue-collared or three-piece-
suited.
They left their mark for you,
for us, for our children to
come.

Thank you for the sacrifices
made by those who have
gone before us.
Bless the memories of your
saints.

May we learn how to walk
wisely from their examples of
faith, dedication, worship, and
love.

OFFERING TO GOD OUR HEARTS, OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether Harold W. Friedell (1905 - 1958)

Draw us in the Spirit's tether,
For when humbly in Your name
Two or three are met together,
You are in the midst of them;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Touch we now Your garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather
In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father
Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
So now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living
Make as sacraments of You,
That by caring, helping, giving,
We may be disciples true.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
We will serve with faith anew.

+PRESENTATION MUSIC *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

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 uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God who calls and God who gathers, you invite us into a future filled with possibilities and promises. As you have nurtured, inspired and strengthened the saints of this church, so equip us to serve you with faithfulness and joy. Guide this church, that our ministries and our shared witness might be a beacon of hope for our community. Through what we offer for your service today, magnify your love and make your glory known, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

OFFERING TO GOD OUR HEARTS, OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS

An offering is an act of gratitude and faithfulness in response to God's love and grace in our lives. 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 to access the church's online giving website. Offering baskets are available by the exits to receive checks and currency.



However you choose to share your gifts, we thank you for being here and sharing in the ministries of First United Methodist Church.

LET'S CONNECT!

Connect cards are located in each pew. 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 boxes near the back and parking lot doors to the sanctuary. If you are part of the Connected (Online) Campus, send an email to connect@fumcpasadena.org.

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. Whether we are in this sanctuary together or apart from one another, we recognize that God's love knows no bounds. At this Table, as we celebrate Christ's presence and give thanks for our identity and our unity in Christ.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Congregational responses can be found on p.2257a-d in TFWS

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

You are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion at the stations in each aisle. If you wish be served in your seat, servers will gladly come to you.

GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

+CLOSING HYMN

Sing with All the Saints of Glory

UMH 702

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

Improvisation on "For All the Saints"

Aaron Shows (b.1989)

TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 8:00 a.m.: General Election (Great Hall)
- 9:00: Spirit Seekers: Lounge
- 10: 00: Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00: Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:15: Youth Sunday School (rm. 207)
- 11:15: Confirmation Class (Library)
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Bell Choir (rm. 204)
- 12:45: Adult Bell Choir (rm. 204)
- 5:30: Youth Group (rm. 207)

FIRST UMC STAFF AND LAY LEADERSHIP

Pastor

Rev. Dr. Amy Aitken

Director of Intentional Faith Development:

Rev. Jennifer Chapman

Minister of Hospitality & Congregational Care:

Rev. Connie Tamkin

Director of Music Ministries:

Scott Lehmkuhl

Organist:

Aaron Shows

Intentional Faith Development Lay Leader:

Mikala Rahn

Extravagant Generosity Ministry Lay Leader:

J.P. Harris

Risk-Taking Mission Ministry Lay Leader:

Beth Gerber

Passionate Worship Lay Leader:

Paul Audley

Director of Media Ministries

Dave Lohr

Today's Worship Leader:

Iris Perez

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

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

Youth Evergreen Fundraiser Orders Due Today

It's time to order your Christmas Greens! The Evergreen Fundraiser supports our youth programs and outreach activities. Greens are available for PICK-UP or DIRECT DELIVERY. The order deadline is November 6. Delivery is estimated to be the first week of December.

Find us at coffee hour after worship to place your order, or visit <https://sherwoodfundraiser.com/FUMCPasadena>

Spirit Seekers

Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in the Church Lounge. This fall, the class will be looking at Dr. Amy Jill Levine's book, "Short Stories by Jesus." This is a fascinating book on the parables of Jesus as interpreted by a Jewish scholar of the New Testament. All are welcome.

First UMC Voting Center

Pasadena has partnered with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to host as an official Voting Center in the upcoming November 8, 2022, General Election.

Voting begins on November 5 through November 8, 2022

Polling Location Hours:

Tue., Nov 8 - 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Great Hall Early Vote Site Dates:

11/05/2022 to 11/07/2022, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Great Hall Drop Off Location Dates:

11/05/2022 to 11/07/2022 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

11/07/2022 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Harvest Festival

Join us for Harvest Festival on Sunday, Nov. 13 during coffee hour. We need your help to raise funds for services for our unhoused neighbors! Donate handcrafted holiday and decor items, plants, gently used holiday decorations, gently used jewelry and baked goods for sale. Proceeds are split between FUMC Social Services and Friends In Deed.

Craft items, plants and jewelry can be dropped off at the church in Fellowship Hall during set up on the morning of Thursday, Nov. 10. Baked goods can be dropped Sunday morning before worship. Please bring all items and baked goods priced for sale.

Baked goods and frozen casseroles are a big money maker so please get out your measuring cups and spoons! If you have questions, contact pamelamarx@sbcglobal.net.

Save the Date

Charge Conference: Monday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m. This Charge Conference will be in-person in the Lounge.

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GriefShare Groups

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. The following sessions will be about various aspects of grief.

- Surviving The Holidays, is a seminar developed by GriefShare and will meet via Zoom. Two sessions are being offered: Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 2:00-3:30 p.m. and, an evening session on Nov.15, 7:00-8:30 p.m. A workbook/resource is available.
- Grief at Holiday Time, a FUMC ministry, continues as a place to find comfort, understanding and hope will gather on Wednesday, November 16-December 14 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. on Zoom. Registration is required. Please email connect@fumcpasadena.org for more information.
- Longest Night Service, a service of remembrance, comfort and hope: Dec. 21, 7 p.m, in the Chapel and also via Zoom. GriefShare participants are invited to share a meal before the service.

Third@First Presents: Colburn School Showcase

Nov. 19 at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary: Get a taste of the incredible talent at the Colburn School during this vibrant showcase of music and dance. Students from all units of the school will perform curated programs of varied works.

Camp Sky Meadows

Over the last couple of months, a group of people from the Finance, Navigation and Camp Sky Meadows teams and the Methodist Foundation have met to discuss the current missional, operational and financial status of the camp. Next Sunday, November 13 at 11:30 a.m. we will meet in room 205 to discuss the working group report and recommendations.

Rise Against Hunger - Final Push!

If you missed last weeks bulletin, with our partners from The Islamic Center of Southern California and First Congregational Church we succeeded in packaging 30,024 meals for Rise Against Hunger! We are still a little short on donations to cover the costs of the supplies.

If you forgot to donate or would like to give a little more, please go to the giving portal on our website and make your donation today! [We are within \\$750 of our goal!](#)

Thanks to all that participated in the event and another big thank you to those who have already monetarily given toward this incredible undertaking.

FUMC Blood Drive

Our next blood drive will be held in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, Dec. 14 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter [FUMCPASADENA](#) to schedule an appointment.

Pastor's Bible Study meets on Zoom at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Each week we will study and reflect on the text for the following week's worship service. Next week (11/9), we will be discussing Ephesians 4:11-16, 25-5:2.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Who have been the "saints" in your life? What persons have stood as a witness or companion to you, offering a living sign of God's love, grace and hope?

How would describe the "glorious inheritance" of the presence of Christ in your life? In this church?

How might you offer yourself as a witness/companion to someone else in their faith journey?
