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NOVEMBER 5, 2023
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

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

Rise Up, O Saints of God

Michael Burkhardt (b.1957)

+ INVITATION TO WORSHIP

We remember, O God...

**The gentle strength of grandmothers,
the loyalty of friends,
the kindness of strangers,
the joy of children,
the sacrifice of parents.**

We remember, O God...

**The supreme love of Jesus,
the blessing of his Spirit,
the reminder of his words,
the sharing of his suffering,
the glory of his resurrection:
shown forth in the lives of his disciples,
young and old,
dead and living,
articulate and silent,
strange and familiar,
brilliant and ordinary.**

We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us the Lord.

**Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...
let us worship God with joy!**

+ OPENING HYMN

For All the Saints

UMH 711
vs. 1-2, 4-6

+ WELCOME AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

Newly Added: Millsap/Tamkin family, Kristine

For Healing: Christy Bootjer and Family, Joyce Breslin, Lisa Brown, Patricia Bruce, Erika Carillo, Albert Davis, Mary Davis, Juliette De Guzman, Joyce Dorn, John Evans, Zina Figilis, Brett Hain, Sofia Hain, Colin Harwood, Friends and family of Muriel Henderson, Sallie Higginbotham, Amy Jaffe, Norman Jensen, Stephen Kastner, Family of Helen Kinel, Greg Klimuck, Family of Randy Leach, Julie and Henry Lee and their family, Charif Masri, Jocelyn Medina, Ken Morrow, Gail Nance, Jonathan Nieto, Carol Nunemaker, Katherine Olivas, Leslie Parham, Tommy Parham, Crystal Powers, Josh Riaille, Donna Shook, Frances Smith, Jeffrey Stephens, Family of Doris Stiver, Tim Sun, Deb and Gary Webster, Jan Wentz, Leilani Williams, Nadine Wittry and family, Sonia Wittry, Mona Woodard, 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 plate near the back of the sanctuary. If you are part of the Connected (Online) Campus, send an email to connect@fumcpasadena.org.

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS *This Little Light of Mine* UMH 585

Children are invited to come forward or remain seated.

GATHERING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

CENTERING SONG Give Thanks TFWS 2036

Moment for Silent Meditation

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

HOMILY

O Blest 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**

Kanani Blaisdale and baby Ulu	Ann Higginbotham
Timm Boatman	Sandy Kipp Iles
Joan Bothast	Lynnel Jensen
Rick Brown	Helen Kinel
Violet Davidson	Randy Leach
Dr. Peggy Gott	Robert E. Millsap III
Michael Grego	Doris Ann Stiver
Shirley G. Hall, M.D.	Shakila Subash
Garry Hart	Howard Underwood
	Roy Wiegand

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AMONG US

ANTHEM

Saints Bound for Heaven

Mack Wilberg

+PRESENTATION MUSIC

Now Thank We All Our God

UMH 102

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

+PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

GIVING TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES

Over the next few weeks, we are asking each person who shares in the ministry of First UMC to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider how you will support the church in 2024. Each year, we engage in a season of reflection on our commitment to our shared ministries and our financial stewardship. On November 19, as we celebrate a Service of Thanksgiving, you will be invited to offer your "Estimate of Giving" cards (or pledges) for the coming year.

Be on the lookout for pledge cards arriving in your mailbox. If you have never pledged or given before, we want to invite you to consider taking the next step in your faith journey and partner with the church by becoming a regular financial contributor.

You can also make your pledge online:



fumcpasadena.org/stewardship

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.



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. At this Table, as we celebrate Christ's presence and give thanks for our identity and our unity in Christ.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 20

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

GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

+CLOSING HYMN

Marching to Zion

UMH 733

+BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

John Henry Hopkins (1861-1945)

arr. by Aaron Shows

TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 9:00 a.m.: Blood Drive (Church Parking Lot)
- 10:00: Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15: Coffee Hour and Harvest Festival (Fellowship Hall)
- 4:30 p.m.: Youth Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 5:30: Youth Group (Youth Lounge)

SERVING IN MINISTRY

Pastor

Rev. Dr. Amy Aitken

Associate Pastor:

Rev. Mina Nau-Mahe

Director of Music Ministries:

Scott Lehmkuhl

Organist:

Aaron Shows

Guest Musician:

Julian Hallmark, violin

Ministry Coordinator:

Dori Fotsch

Facilities & Office Manager:

Aisha Williams

Finance Manager:

Tim Sun

Communications Director:

Ashley Slade

Leadership Council Chairperson:

Kevin Lussier

Lay Leader for Faith Development

Mikala Rahn

Lay Leader for Finance & Generosity:

J.P. Harris

Lay Leader for Missions

Rosalie Niemann

Chair of Trustees

Paul Audley

Director of Media Ministries:

Dave Lohr

Today's Worship Leader:

Sue Sun

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

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

TODAY

Red Cross Blood Drive in the Church Parking Lot: The Red Cross will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Walk-ups are welcome

Harvest Festival is Today: We hope you will. come and shop for goods and treats as we support the First UMC Community Pantry and Friends In Deed.

The Order Deadline for the Christmas Greens Youth Fundraiser is Today: Visit: <https://sherwoodfundraiser.com/> FUMCPasadena

COMING UP

Turn-a-Page Book Group - Nov. 12 in the Church Lounge at 11:30 a.m.: We will meet to choose books for 2024.

Third@First: Paris in Pasadena No. 1 "Joy of Chamber Music Nov. 18 in the Sanctuary: We will create the air of a Parisian musical salon in Pasadena, presenting French songs. Come join us for an afternoon of beautiful music!

Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner - Nov. 23 at noon: Join hosts Diane and Rich Garner for a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner in the Church Lounge. Please reserve a place at the table by Friday, November 17, 2023, by contacting Diane Garner (rdgarner47@hotmail.com). Donation for the meal and the fellowship: \$15 per person.

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