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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.

OCTOBER 8, 2023

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune in F Major

David Johnson (1922-1987)

+ INVITATION TO WORSHIP

God of wind and fire,

When you send your Spirit, we are created anew.

God of mighty oceans and still waters,

When we receive your baptism, we are born anew.

God of bread and wine,

When we eat at your table, we are nourished anew.

So pour out your Spirit to your church today,

Help us to recognize your gifts of grace poured out upon us.

Let us worship God with our whole lives.

May our hearts and our hands be open wide

to receive your gifts of life. Amen.

+ OPENING HYMN

Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing

UMH 400

+ WELCOME AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

This Little Light of Mine

UMH 585

Children are invited to come forward or remain seated.

HOLY BAPTISM

Taniela Ahoatu Heamasi Mahe Jr.

UMH 33

IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

Newly Added: Ken Morrow, Josh Riaille

For Healing: Christy Bootjer and Family, Joyce Breslin, Lisa Brown, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Patricia Bruce, Erika Carillo, Albert Davis, Mary Davis, Juliette De Guzman, Joyce Dorn, John Evans, Zina Figilis, Brett Hain, Sofia Hain, Colin Harwood, Muriel Henderson, Sallie Higginbotham, Amy Jaffe, Norman Jensen, Stephen Kastner, Helen Kinel, Greg Klimuck, Veronica Kung, Julie and Henry Lee and their family, David Madrid, Charif Masri, Jocelyn Medina, Aidan Millsap, Gail Nance, Jonathan Nieto, Carol Nunemaker, Katherine Olivas, Leslie Parham, Tommy Parham, Paula Anderson Peacock, Gerry Poulin, Crystal Powers, Donna Shook, Frances Smith, Jeffrey Stephens, Tim Sun, Deb and Gary Webster, Jan Wentz, Nadine Wittry and family, Sonia Wittry, 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.

GATHERING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

CENTERING SONG

Lead Me, Lord

UMH 473

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;
make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,
that makest me dwell in safety.

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

NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 2: 37-42

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

The Word of God, for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Like as the Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks

Herbert Howells

SERMON

Faith Working Through Love:
The Means of Grace

Pastor Amy Aitken

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AMONG US

+PRESENTATION MUSIC

Many Gifts, One Spirit

UMH 114

Many gifts, one Spirit,
one love known in many ways.
In our difference is blessing,
from diversity we praise
one Giver, one Lord, one Spirit, one Word
known in many ways, hallowing our days.
For the Giver and the Gifts,
praise, praise, praise!

+PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Loving God, we give you thanks for all the ways your love and grace are known in our lives. For the waters of baptism that claim as your own, the holy tables where you nourish us, the friends and family who surround us and this church community that stands as a witness to your love in our lives and for all people. As you have placed your generosity in our hearts, we pray now for the blessing of pouring it out for others. May the gifts we bring hope for the hurting, light in the valley of shadows, peace in the midst of chaos. Make these signs of our gratitude into a sign that shows your glory that all may know your grace and love. Amen.

GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

+CLOSING HYMN

Lord, I want to Be a Christian

UMH 402

BLESSING OF PRAYER QUILTS

Today we tie prayers of strength and healing into a quilt for Marilynne Wilander's nephew Ken Morrow.

We also tie prayers of joy and celebration into a quilt for Taniela Ahoatu Heamasi Mahe Jr.

+BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

March

Theodore Dubois (1837-1924)

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.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by the First UMC Staff as a welcome to Pastor Mina Nau-Mahe, Taniela, and TJ.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

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

TODAY

Welcome Lunch for Pastor Mina - Today at 11:15 a.m. in the Cloister Courtyard: We will be celebrating Pastor Mina and the baptism of her son TJ with a feast!

COMING UP

Early Response Training - Oct. 14 - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.: Early Response Teams (ERT) are part of the first phase of disaster relief, establishing the caring presence of the church and providing hope for survivors. Train to be ready to respond and know the first steps to help.

Training will be held at First UMC Pasadena on Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Registration is limited to 25. Check the News@First email to find the registration link

October Bake Sale - Oct. 15, after worship: Come for treats and Halloween crafts during coffee hour in Fellowship Hall. Bake sale treats will be sold to support the drama summer musical program. Also, a Harvest Festival pre-sale featuring fun Halloween crafts and decor will be held to support homeless services provided by Friends In Deed and our own Food Pantry program. If you would like to bring baked goods, please bring them with the prices marked that morning.

Turn-a-Page Book Group - Oct. 15 at 11:30 a.m. in the Church Lounge: We will be discussing The Daughters of Yalta by Catherine Grace Katz. Even if you haven't read the book please feel free to join the discussion.

Living with Less Worry Class - Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m from Oct. 17 through Nov. 14: What creates stress in your life? Kids? Finances? A packed schedule? An ever-changing world?

This Zoom-based course will help you find healthy ways to cope with worry and provide a space of support to explore your thoughts.

Email connect@fumcpasadena.org to sign up.

FUMC Free Drama Camp for children grades pre-K through 2nd grade: Our free drama camp has begun, but you can join in any time! We will be hosting the camp on Tuesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. until Oct. 24. There will also be a finale performance during our Trunk-or-Treat event on Saturday, Oct. 28.

At each camp session, a light dinner will be offered for children and parents at 6 p.m. with games and crafts to follow. Parents are encouraged to stay and have a fellowship time with other parents. Camp will conclude each evening at 7 p.m. sharp. For questions, contact Pam Marx at pamelamarx@sbcglobal.net.

Third@First Season Opening Concert "Let Music In" - Oct. 21 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary: Third@First Series is celebrating the 10th season with the debut performance of "Let Music In," a commissioned piece by First UMC's organist and talented composer Aaron Shows. This commemorative work was created for choir, organ, cello and piano. Paul Audley, First UMC Trustee Chair and active member of the church, is the lyricist. Hope to see you all there!

TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 10:00 a.m.: Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15: Coffee Hour and Pastor Mina Luncheon (Cloister Courtyard)
- 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

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Today's Worship Leader:

Autumn Donahue

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