



500 East Colorado Boulevard
Pasadena, California 91101
(626) 796-0157
www.fumcpasadena.org

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 9:30 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 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.

FEBRUARY 19, 2023

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, song, prayer, inspiration and challenge.

In consideration of others, please silence electronic devices.

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

TOLLING THE BELLS

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

PRELUDE

Deep River

Sam Batt Owens (1928-1998)

+ INVITATION TO WORSHIP

God, we come to the mountaintop to be covered in your presence.

**We are comforted by your holiness and your glow;
we are comforted by the hope of the mountain top,
where you are so close, so accessible,
where there is no doubt of your glory**

The mountain top reminds us why we worship you.

**We witness your bright power,
and your plan for the nations of the earth.**

As we prepare for worship,

God bring us to the mountain top;

bring us to the mountain top

**so that we may be inspired to do your work
in the valley below.**

+ OPENING HYMN

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

UMH 731
(verses 1-3)

+ 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: David Kinel, Wayne Schenck

For Healing: Mark Audley, Eric Brubaker, Patricia Bruce, Ann Burke, Phil Chavez and family, Mary Davis, Pauline Dominguez, Joyce Dorn, Ann and Neal Dougherty, Brett Hain, Sofia and Woody Hain, René Handley-Arriaza, Rob Hayes, Laura Hevia Del Puerto and family, Sallie Higginbotham, James Jensen, Lynnel Jensen, Stephen Kastner, Jocelyn Medina, The family and friends of Corina Moray, Sharon Garrison Morrow, Johnathan Nieto, Carol Nunemaker, Rev. Pyong Oh, Paula Anderson Peacock, Carlos Peraza, Stephanie Peraza, Celina Romero, Wayne Schenck, Ha-yeong Shin, Donna Shook, Jill Shook, Wendy Stiver, Tim Sun, Phyllis and Howard Underwood, Deb and Gary Webster, Jan Wentz, Sonya Wittry, Richard Zeiss, Rosy Zide.

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

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.

MISSION RECOGNITION FROM THE UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

This Little Light of Mine

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.

This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine,
this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine,
this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

GATHERING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

CENTERING SONG

Holy Ground

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.**

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

Exodus 24: 12, 15-17

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 17: 1-8

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

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

SERMON

Transfigured by Love

Rev. Connie Tamkin

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AMONG US

OFFERTORY

Like a River in My Soul

Tim Osiek

+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!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Creator God of infinite patience, we see you in every plant that grows and blossoms, every creature that runs or flies, in mountains and sunsets and in every drop of rain that falls. Creation is not something that happened, but something that is happening every day. As we share our tithes and offerings today, we pray you, through Jesus, will continue the work of creation in us, that we might become more tolerant, more forgiving, more generous, and more loving. In that name, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, we pray. Amen.

GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

+CLOSING HYMN

O Wondrous Sight

UMH 258

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

Improvisation on the Hymn, "O Wondrous Sight" Aaron Shows (b. 1989)

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 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.

DOWNLOAD OUR APP

Have you downloaded our FUMC app yet?

Visit fumcpasadena.org/app to download the app to your favorite device and stay connected and up to date with our latest content.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

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

TODAY

Fat Sunday Feast - After worship on we will enjoy Fat Sunday fellowship with pancakes (including GF and Vegan) and sausage (with alternative). A donation is encouraged.

Turn-a-Page Group: We will meet to discuss Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom at 11:30 a.m. in the Church Lounge. All are welcome.

Ash Wednesday Meditation Garden Feb. 22, 12:00-7:00 p.m. on the Colorado Patio - You are invited to join in a time of meditative reflection as we begin the season of Lent. Guided prayer stations will be set up for you to engage in spiritual practice and reflection. Feel free to stop by any time, for whatever period of time you would like.

New Lenten Series - On March 1, Mikala Rahn will facilitate a Lenten Series on the book *Forgive Everyone Everything* by Father Greg Boyle with art by Fabian Debora. Each session will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a traditional Lenten Bread & Soup Fellowship (optional) and lead into a discussion at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP via the link in News@First, or email connect@fumcpasadena.org.

The book is available to purchase for \$15 in the church office or you may purchase a copy online (copies are limited).

Spirit Seekers Class - Sundays at 8:45 a.m. in the Church Lounge. In the Season of Lent, Spirit Seekers will also use Father Boyle's book *Forgive Everyone Everything*.

This powerful collection of his most poignant writings is based on Boyle's decades of experiences at Homeboy Industries and will provide a modern-day devotional guide for the course. This study begins Sunday, February 26 and concludes on Palm Sunday, April 2.

Movie Night on Sunday, Feb. 26. The Feb. feature will be *Amazing Grace* which chronicles the story of outlawing slavery in England. The movie will begin at 5:45 p.m. with supper being served at 5:00 p.m. If joining others for supper, please contact Priscilla Baca. The movie is rated PG and will be shown in the church lounge.

New Support Ministry: Care for the Caregiver. Meets the 3rd Thursday of the month (Starting March 16), 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. - Many of us are caregivers of an aging parent or relative.

Rev. Connie Tamkin and Jacqueline Burnson-Whall have designed this support group covering a wide range of topics and conversations will be tailored to participant needs.

The group will meet in the Church Lounge and via Zoom. Registration encouraged, especially for those wanting to participate via Zoom. Contact connect@fumcpasadena.org to register. A Love Offering is suggested to support special guests.

Bad Weather Supply Donations: We are pleased to be hosting the Friends in Deed's Bad Weather Supply program on Thursdays in Great Hall from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. If you are interested in donating cold weather items, please contact Lindsey at lindseyr@friendsindeedpas.org.

REMINDER

Peggy Gott Luncheon - On Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 11:00 a.m., there will be a luncheon to celebrate the life of Peggy Gott. The luncheon will be located in Fellowship Hall. RSVPs should be emailed to Mary Chambers at mecorr@aol.com.

TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 10:00 a.m.: Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00: Fat Sunday Feast
- 11:30: Turn-a-Page (Church Lounge)
- 12:45: Adult Bell Choir

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:

Kelly Ma