



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.

‘Ohana Sunday School

(PreK–6th Grade)

Children age 3 yrs. through 6th grade are invited to one room Sunday School (rm 104) after the Children's Sermon in Worship. Pickup time is 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

Little Prelude in D minor

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called to be people of faith in the midst of the world, **and so we mix our worship and our work, our faith and our life.**

We gather here as people who live in the world and yet, **we gather as people who have been called to see the world from a different viewpoint.**

God has called us together,

God has called us to be part of a community.

God challenges us to consider questions of priority as we engage with the world.

In this time together,

may God open our hearts, minds and eyes,

allowing us to see deeper,

helping us to live in the world

while still offering a challenge to the ways of the world.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

+ OPENING HYMN

For the Healing of the Nations

UMH 428

+ WELCOME AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing

UMH 333

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

I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing,
I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing,
I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing,
and obey the Spirit of the Lord.

IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

Newly Added: Sharon Ann Brown, Joey Cooper, Fred Copeland, Susanne and Eric Dewey-Hoffman, Family of Eric and Darla Dyson, Tom Griffith, Laurie Strathdee King, Tim Snider, Jim and Amy Sommerville, Marge Strand, Carolyn Tokunaga and family

For Healing: Ruby Alcantara, Ronan Bessler, Joyce Breslin, Carol Browne, Willa Dalrymple, Albert Davis, Mary Davis, Family of Ann Dougherty, John Evans, Cameron Fernandez, Cosette Fester, Linda Gerkin, Nathan Hahn, Brett Hain, Sofia Hain, Cindy Heckman, Family of Larry Jaffe, Lisa Jaffe, Norman Jensen, Stephen Kastner, Lori Ketterling, Julie-Ann Kosakowski, Rachel Lang, Meredith Lyon, Allison Masquez, Michael McRae, Lois Moe, Randy Moe, Carol Nunemaker, Katherine Olivas, Leslie Parham, Tommy Parham, Jonathan Poutney, Sarah Rudchenko, Irv Seidman and family, Kathleen Sesplaukis, Priscilla Shurney, Frances Smith, Jeffrey Stephens, Tim Sun, David T., Karen Thompson, Deb and Gary Webster, Jan Wentz, Nadine Wittry and family, Sonia Wittry, Ann 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 chapel. 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 box near the back of the chapel. If you are part of the Connected (Online) Campus, send an email to connect@fumcpasadena.org.

GATHERING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

CENTERING SONG

What Does the Lord Require of You

TFWS 2174

Unison 1, 2, 3

What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require of you?

Justice, kindness,
walk humbly with your God.

To seek justice, and love kindness,
and walk humbly with your God.

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 READING

Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

James 2:14-17

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Surely that faith cannot save, can it? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

ANTHEM Spirit, Sing Joseph M. Martin

SERMON Ohana: The Economics of Living in Community (Part II) Pastor Amy Aitken

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AMONG US

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

+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

Lord of heaven and earth, we give you thanks for the beautiful bounty of creation that makes all of life not only possible, but radiant with your glory. We give you thanks for the love that holds our hearts together, for this community of belonging and hope, and for the ministries we share. Guide your church, Loving God, that we might be a sign of your love, hope, peace and presence in the world. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

+CLOSING HYMN When the Poor Ones UMH 434

BLESSING OF THE PRAYER QUILT

Today we tie prayers of healing into a quilt for Willa Dalrymple.

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE St. George's Fanfare Miriam Reveley (b. 2003)

**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.



REVISED SOCIAL PRINCIPLES

Capturing the Wesleyan spirit of social holiness and ethical action, over 4,000 United Methodists from around the world participated in an eight-year process to review and update the United Methodist Social Principles. Completed in 2020, this new draft document reflects the United Methodist response to today's most pressing social issues and was adopted at The General Conference 2024.



RESOURCES

Today's call to worship is from the blog of Rev. Gord:
<https://worshipofferings.blogspot.com/>

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

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

TODAY

Disability Pride Book Discussion today in the Church Library at 11:30 a.m. - July is Disability Pride Month. Join us for a discussion of the book *My Body is Not a Prayer Request* by Amy Kenny. All are welcome, even if you have not read the book.

Movie Night - today 5:00 p.m. in the Church Lounge - This month's movie night pic is "One Life" starring Anthony Hopkins. All are invited.

ACAC Back to School Drive Due Today - Please deliver backpacks, school supplies to the collection container in front of Fellowship Hall. Monetary donations can be mailed in our brought into the Church Office during office hours. For any questions contact Diane Harris (dmharris150625@gmail.com).

COMING UP

Labor Day Camp Planning Team Meeting July 30 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom - If you'd like to help plan our Labor Day Camp Trip, join our Zoom. Contact Jami Carrera (jamicarrera@yahoo.com). We are in need of a Camp Nurse. Please let us know if you know someone who is qualified and would like to join us at Camp (at no cost to them). Contact Jami for more information.

Summer Musical: Save the Dates - Performances of the musical "Honk!" will be July 31, August 1, August 2, and August 3 at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be served before performances at 5:30 p.m. and end at 6:30 p.m. sharp (\$25 for adults and \$12 for kids 12 and under). Please fill out this form to get a ticket and visit the donate page on our website to purchase dinner.



Family Promise, August 11 - 17 - We are very excited that FUMC will once again be hosting families who have been admitted into the Family Promise of San Gabriel Valley (FPSGV) program! The Family Promise mission is to help families challenged with homelessness to attain sustainable independence. As part of the shelter network, our church will provide shelter, meals and hospitality to our guests the week of August 11th - 17th.

Volunteers are needed to be dinner hosts, evening hosts, and overnight hosts that week. You can sign up at the QR code below.



Send Off Celebration for Bishop Sandra Olewine - Join Cal-Pac on Saturday, August 17 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at FUMC to celebrate Bishop Sandy and shower her with blessings as she prepares for her move to the California-Nevada Annual Conference. Bishop Dottie will provide a blessing at 3:00 p.m.

Turn A Page Book Group on August 18th at 11:30 in the Church Lounge - We will be discussing *Genghis Khan and The Making of the Modern World* by Jack Weatherford. The Mongol army led by Genghis Khan subjugated more lands and people in 25 years than the Romans did in 400. In nearly every country the Mongols conquered, they brought an unprecedented rise in cultural communication, expanded trade, and a blossoming of civilization. All are welcome to join, even if you have not read the book.

TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 11:00 a.m. - Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:30 a.m. - Disability Pride Book Discussion (Church Library)
- 5:00 p.m. - Movie Night (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:
Jonathan Carlos

Director of Music Ministries:
Scott Lehmkuhl

Organist:
Aaron Shows

Ministry Coordinator:
Dori Fotsch

Facilities & Office Manager:
Aisha Williams

Interim Business Manager:
Jami Carrera

Communications Director:
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