



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.

ALL ARE WELCOME



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'S MINISTRIES

Children are welcome to remain in worship or take part in our Children's Ministries:

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)

We will have One Room Sunday School in Room 104 during worship. Child Pick Up (for ages 4+) is in Room 104 at 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

Prelude on the Tune, "Beach Spring"

Aaron Shows (b.1989)

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before God with thanksgiving—
with music and song!

**It is good to sing praise to You,
and make music to Your name, O Most High;
to proclaim Your love in the morning
and Your faithfulness at night.
For You make us glad by Your deeds, O God;
we sing for joy at the work of Your hands.**

Worship God with gladness;
come into God's presence with joyful songs—
with thanksgiving and praise!
For God has taken away our garments of sadness,
and clothed us with joy,
that we might sing praise, and not be silent!

**We will sing of God's love forever!
Young and old will hear, and rejoice.
For Your unfailing love lasts forever;
Your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens above.**

Sing new songs to God! Praise God's name!
Each day proclaim the good news of God's salvation.
Tell everyone about the amazing things God has done.

**May Your ways be known throughout the earth, O God;
Your saving power among people everywhere.
May the nations praise You and sing for joy,
for You govern them with justice,
and guide the actions of the whole world.**

+ OPENING MEDLEY

I Will Call upon the Lord

TFWS 2002

Great Is the Lord

TFWS 2022

How Majestic Is Your Name

TFWS 2023

+ WELCOME AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

UMH 133 (v. 1)

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

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a piece is mine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

GATHERING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

CENTERING SONG

From the Rising of the Sun

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From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same,
 the name of the Lord shall be praised.

From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same,
 the name of the Lord shall be praised.

So praise ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same,
 the name of the Lord shall be praised.

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

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Psalms 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

 Serve the Lord with gladness;

 come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

 It is he who made us, and we are his;

 we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him; bless his name.
For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever
and his faithfulness to all generations.

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

ANTHEM

Come Unto Me

Antonín Dvořák
Carrah Stamatakis, alto

HYMN SING

Pastor Amy Aitken

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AMONG US

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Giving supports all of the ministries of the church. If you'd like to partner with us and make a financial gift today, you may use your phone to scan the QR code or place your offering in the wooden offering boxes near the doors.



+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

Gracious God, we give you these gifts as symbols of our lives. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and on these gifts. Receive them with love, bless them with grace, and use them according to your will. In your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with all who follow Christ, and one with all whom we serve in your name. Send us into the world, bright with the spirit of your love, alive, even to eternal life, with the Spirit of Christ. Amen.

GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

+CLOSING HYMN

The Trees of the Field

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BLESSING OF THE PRAYER QUILTS

Today we tie prayers of healing into a quilts for William Martin, father of Tori (Jesse Elrod's girlfriend) and Joanne Martin, William's mother, for ongoing health concerns.

We also tie prayers into a quilt for Riley Kirkpatrick, who is undergoing heart surgery.

+BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Toccata"

Theodore Dubois (1837-1924)

IN OUR PRAYERS...

As a community of faith, praying for others is an important part of our practice. We encourage you to add those on our prayer list to your personal prayers.

To view our prayer list, scan the QR code:



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

JOIN CHURCH CENTER

Church Center is our new online dashboard where you can get access to our directory, online giving, register for events, and more! Scan the QR Code below to log in.



Need help? Contact our help desk: helpdesk@fumcpasadena.org.

We ask that you give us 24-48 hours to respond to your queries.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

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

TODAY

Movie Night presents **STRAW** on Aug. 24 in the Church Lounge -

Join us for a screening the movie STRAW directed by Tyler Perry (rated R). A light supper is served at 5:00 p.m. The movie will begin at 5:45 p.m. Please contact Priscilla Baca (priscillabaca1@gmail.com) to reserve dinner.

COMING UP

M&M Study: "Give A Blessing: Find and Share Genuine Acceptance" - The M&Ms (Monday Morning Group) is starting a new 4-week study and all are invited. Learn how the key ingredients of a blessing, when applied in a family, a group living situation, a church, a workplace or classroom can bring warmth, healing and hope.

Janet Logan will lead the course on Mondays from August 25 - September 22 (there will be no meeting on Labor Day) in the Church Office conference room. Meetings are 10:30 a.m. to noon. To sign up, email Priscilla Baca (priscillabaca1@gmail.com)

UWF Women's Retreat, September 12 - 13 - Join us for a meaningful time of fellowship, renewal, and connection at this year's Women's Retreat, hosted by the United Women of Faith Evening Circle. We will gather at the Mariposa Retreat Center in South Pasadena from Friday, Sept. 12 to Saturday, Sept. 13. Contact Heidi Neuroth (hneuroth@outlook.com) for more information. Register at the QR code below:



The United Women in Faith Host Hedab Tarifi as Guest Speaker On Sept. 15 at 12:15 p.m. in the Church Lounge - Ms. Tarifi is a member of the Islamic Center of Southern California's Friday prayer group that meets at FUMC weekly. She was born in Gaza, Palestine, and lived in Kuwait until after the first Gulf War, when she moved to Los Angeles. She has been active in the Muslim and Interfaith communities in Southern California since 1994, working on building bridges and bringing people together. For more information, please contact Marilynne Wilander (marilynnewilander@gmail.com)

The Enneagram Journey: Exploration, Growth and Transformation, Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. starting September 17 - Join us this Fall as Pastor Amy leads us in a seven-week study of the enneagram. In this class, we will explore this powerful ancient tool for learning more about ourselves—why we do the things we do (and don't do), how we can become more aware of the workings of our personalities, and how we can grow and seek transformation for greater balance and wholeness. We will have some videos to watch in preparation for each class, an individual workbook, and opportunities for discussion.

Scan the QR code to register. Childcare will be available upon request. **Workbook Fee: \$20.**



TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 10:00 a.m. - Sunday Worship (Chapel)
- 10:15 a.m. - Children's Sunday School (Education Wing)
- 11:15 a.m. - Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
- 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:

John Kramar

Director of Music Ministries:

Scott Lehmkuhl

Organist:

Aaron Shows

Soloist:

Carrah Stamatakis, alto

Ministry Coordinator:

Dori Fotsch

Facilities & Office Manager:

Aisha Williams

Business Manager:

Jami Carrera

Communications Director:

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