



### 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      *We Are Marching in the Light of God*      Aaron Shows (b.1989)

### + CALL TO WORSHIP

As we bask in the steadfast love of God,  
**Let us share this love with our neighbors.**  
As we stand in the light of God,  
**Let us embrace this light and shine it everywhere**  
As we grow with the grace of God,  
**Let us share the Good News of this grace in all times and spaces.**

+ OPENING HYMN      *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*      UMH 89

### + WELCOME AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

### COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS      *The Servant Song*      TFWS 2222

We are pilgrims on a journey;  
we’re together on this road.  
We are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

Children are invited to come forward or remain seated.

### GATHERING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

CENTERING SONG      *When We are Living*      UMH 356

When we are Living, it is in Christ Jesus,  
and when we are dying, it is in the Lord.  
Both in our living and in our dying  
we belong to God, we belong to God.  
We belong to God. We belong to God.

*Moment for Silent Meditation*

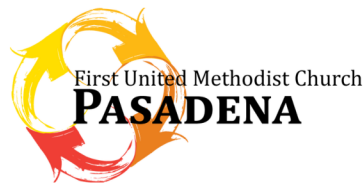
## IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

**Newly Added:** Ann Larson and Family

**For Healing:** Victoria Audley, Ronan Bessler, Lynette Black, Joyce Breslin, Ann Burke, Albert Davis, Mary Davis, Joyce Dorn, Charlotte Dyson, John Evans, Cameron Fernandez, Cosette Fester, Brett Hain, Sofia Hain, Cindy Heckman, Lisa Jaffe, Norman Jensen, Stephen Kastner, Julie-Ann Kosakowski, Carol Nunemaker, Rachel Lang, Stone Ma, Katherine Olivas, Leslie Parham, Tommy Parham, Jonathan Poutney, Mikala Rahn, Ben Ridgway, Donna Shook, Olivia Schott and family, Priscilla Shurney, Frances Smith, Jeffrey Stephens, Tim Sun, David T., Deb and Gary Webster, Jan Wentz, Leilani Williams, Nadine Wittry and family, Sonia Wittry, Jacques Woodard, Richard Zeiss.

Prayer requests may be shared via [connect@fumcpasadena.org](mailto: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 box near the back of the sanctuary. If you are part of the Connected (Online) Campus, send an email to [connect@fumcpasadena.org](mailto:connect@fumcpasadena.org).

## 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

### GOSPEL READING

John 3:14-21

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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

### ANTHEM

*Jesus Paid It All*

arr. Robert Sterling

### SERMON

*From Darkness to Light*

Rev. Nau-Mahe

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AMONG US

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

#### +PRESENTATION MUSIC

*O God Beyond All Praising*

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O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word,  
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

## +PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Eternal Source of Light and Love, we give thanks for the gifts you bestow upon us. We are grateful that you call us to use these gifts to build a just-filled world. May your spirit embolden us to use these gifts to bring more love into our communities. Amen.

## GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

### +CLOSING HYMN

*To God Be the Glory*

UMH 98

### +BENEDICTION

### +POSTLUDE

*In the Cross of Christ, I Glory* David Cherwien (b.1957)

## 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.



# HOLY WEEK

## MARCH. 24

PALM SUNDAY - 10: 00 A.M.  
Procession and Worship Service

## MARCH. 28

MAUNDY THURSDAY - 7:00 P.M.  
Special Service at St. James

## MARCH. 29

GOOD FRIDAY - 7:00 P.M.  
Worship Service in our Chapel

## MARCH. 31

EASTER SUNDAY - 10:00 A.M.  
Christ is risen, alleluia!

## TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 10:00 a.m. - Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 a.m. - Children's Sunday School (Education Wing)
- 11:00 a.m. - Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00 a.m. - Children's Music Classes (Education Wing)
- 11:15 a.m. - Confirmation Class (Youth Lounge Room 207)
- 12:00 p.m. - Youth Handbells Rehearsal (Handbell Room)
- 12:45 p.m. - Resound Ringers Rehearsal (Handbell Room)
- 4:30 p.m. - Youth Choir (Choir Room)
- 5:30 p.m. - Youth Group and Dinner (Youth Lounge)

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

For more information, email us at [connect@fumcpasadena.org](mailto:connect@fumcpasadena.org)

### TODAY

**Join us today during coffee hour in Fellowship Hall for the children's first Heifer craft and bake sale!**

Support our children as they raise money to buy draft animals to help farmers' plow, bees to pollinate crops, and goats and sheep to give lots of milk to families in need around the world

### COMING UP

**Spring Drama on March 11:** The last meeting of Drama Camp for children ages 3 through grade 2 is on Monday, March 11, from 6 - 7 p.m. There will be a light dinner, Heifer craft and drama games and activities. The camp will culminate with the sharing of a mission moment on Heifer Project in worship on March 17. If you'd like to participate, please contact Pam Marx ([pamelamarx@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pamelamarx@sbcglobal.net)).

**Choosing to Forgive Process Group from 2:00-3:00 p.m. on Thursdays, March 14, 21, 28, Apr 4 and 11:** Choosing to Forgive is an online "process group" where members discuss how forgiveness could work in their lives. Janet Logan will be facilitator and participants will be provided a discussion guide. Limited to 8 participants. Open to members, non-members, those not attending any church. All are welcome and all points of view will be shown respect. Please email [Connect@fumcpasadena.org](mailto:Connect@fumcpasadena.org) for the Zoom link.

**Third@First Presents: Sligo Rags (A St. Patrick's Day Concert) - March 16 at 3:00 p.m.:** Come join us at a special time, 3:00 p.m., for a program of Irish music. The FUMC sanctuary will be decorated with green as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The luck of the Irish be with you!

### UWF Evening Circle, March 15 at

**7:00 p.m.:** The United Women in Faith Evening Circle will host their monthly meeting and fellowship time on March 15 at 7:00 p.m. Shirley and Suzi Lohr are the hosts. Please contact Christy Bolton ([christybolton85@gmail.com](mailto:christybolton85@gmail.com)) for the address or with any questions.

### Turn-a-Page Book Group is March

**17 at 11:30 a.m. in the Church Lounge:** We will be reading *The Care and Management of Lies* by Jacqueline Winspear. All are welcome, even if you have not read the book.

### UWF Daytime Group, March 18 at

**1:00 p.m.:** The United Women in Faith Daytime Group will meet in the Church Lounge with a guest speaker. Additional information to come.

### Family Promise Week, March 17-

**23:** We are very excited to 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. To volunteer, sign up in Fellowship Hall or visit the link in the [News@First](mailto:News@First) email.

### Movie Night, March 24 at 5:00

**p.m.:** Oppenheimer will be March's selection for Movie Night on Palm Sunday. Supper will be served at 5:00 p.m. and the movie will screen promptly at 5:45 p.m. Please contact Priscilla Baca ([priscillabaca1@gmail.com](mailto:priscillabaca1@gmail.com)) for supper reservation.

## SERVING IN MINISTRY

The entire congregation shares in offering the ministries of this church. Some of the people who help lead our ministries include:

**Today's Worship Liturgist:**  
Claire Martin

**Pastor**  
Rev. Dr. Amy Aitken

**Associate Pastor:**  
Rev. Mina Nau-Mahe

**Director of Music Ministries:**  
Scott Lehmkuhl

**Organist:**  
Aaron Shows

**Director of Resound Ringers**  
Megan Goldstein

**Ministry Coordinator:**  
Dori Fotsch

**Facilities & Office Manager:**  
Aisha Williams

**Interim Business Manager:**  
Jami Carrera

**Communications Director:**  
Ashley Slade

**Leadership Council Chairperson:**  
Kevin Lussier

**Lay Leader for Finance & Generosity:**  
Mikala Rahn

**Lay Leaders for Missions:**  
Pam Marx & Rosalie Niemann

**Chair of Trustees:**  
Paul Audley

## RECYCLE YOUR OLD SNEAKERS FOR SUMMER MUSICAL

Bring your used sneakers to Fellowship Hall for recycling. Funds from recycling support our drama program.

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