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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 9:30 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.

MARCH 19, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY IN THE SEASON OF LENT

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

Pastorale on "Blessed Assurance"

Robert Lau (b.1943)

+ INVITATION TO WORSHIP

God calls us to this place, a haven for healing and hope.

**We come, with the pain of our burdens,
we come to hear God's Word of hope for us.**

Together, we will sing songs of joy;
each of us will hear God whisper our name,
'Beloved of my heart.'

**We join our voices in prayer and praise;
we sing of our longing for new lives.**

Here, our shadowed corners are filled with Light;
here we discover that God dwells in us.

**And not just us, for God would teach all to love;
God's Spirit would lead all peoples in peace.**

+ OPENING HYMN

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

UMH 126

+ 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: Janice Jones, Tom Kosakowski

For Healing: Mark Audley, Patricia Bruce, Mary Davis, Joyce Dorn, Ann and Neal Dougherty, Brett Hain, Sofia and Woody Hain, Rob Hayes, Sallie Higginbotham, Lynnel Jensen, Stephen Kastner, David Kinel, Jocelyn Medina, Kaz Mousavi's niece, Johnathan Nieto, Carol Nunemaker, Rev. Pyong Oh, Tommy Parham, Lidiya Potapenko and family, Celina Romero, Wayne Schenck, Ha-yeong Shin, Donna Shook, Jill Shook, Wendy Stiver, Phyllis and Howard Underwood, Deb and Gary Webster, Jan Wentz, Sonya 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 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.

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

The Servant Song (TFWS 2222)

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.

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.

GATHERING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

CENTERING SONG

Restore in Us, O God

Three-personed God, fulfill
the promise of your grace,
that we, when all our searching ends,
may see you face to face.

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

John 5: 2-9

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many ill, blind, lame, and paralyzed people. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The ill man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am making my way someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a Sabbath.

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

SERMON

Do you want to be healed? Pastor Amy Aitken

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AMONG US

OFFERTORY

I Have Longed for Thy Saving Health (Psalm 119:174-175) William Byrd

I have longed for Thy saving health, O Lord;
Thy law is my delight, O Lord.
O let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee,
and Thy judgements shall help me.

+PRESENTATION MUSIC

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God, above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God who sees us in spirit and in truth, receive our gifts from the open hearts from which we give them. Thank you for blessing each of us with gifts to share. We offer our gifts gladly. May what we give be used to meet the needs of one another and the world you so love. Amen.

GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

+CLOSING HYMN

Blessed Assurance

UMH 369

PRAYER QUILT

This morning we tie prayers for healing in a quilt for Brad Katz, friend of Barbara Gorton, as he recovers from surgery.

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

Improvisation on "Restoration,"
an Early American Shape Note Tune

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.

FLOWERS

This flower arrangement is given to the Glory of God and in memory of Marilynne Wilander's brother, David Noel Garrison whose birthday was on St Patrick's Day. He was a long-time member of Pasadena FUMC until he left the area in 1971 and has always been involved in education. A gift in his memory has been made to our FUMC Education Fund.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

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

TODAY

Children's Lenten Mission for Heifer International - Today after worship we will have a coffee hour craft and bake sale to support our Sunday School children as they raise money for Heifer International.

Red Cross Blood Drive, Today there will be a blood drive held with the Red Cross Bloodmobile in the north parking lot behind the church until 3:00 p.m.

Turn-A-Page Book Group, 11:30 a.m. in the Church Lounge to discuss this month's Choice: [The Night Watchman](#) by Louise Erdrich. Even if you haven't read the book please feel free to join the discussion.

COMING UP

Youth Cabaret Auction - The youth will host our annual Cabaret (dinner and show) fundraiser on Sunday, March 26, (12:00 p.m.). For information on how to donate and purchase tickets, please see the News@First email.

United Women in Faith Meeting - On March 20 at 1:00 p.m. the UWF will meet to celebrate and support a LearningWorks student with a baby shower. Donations of gift cards are welcome.

Easter Luncheon - April 9 at 12:00 p.m. - Celebrate with us a Traditional Easter meal with us after church in Fellowship Hall. To RSVP, email office@fumcpasadena.org or sign up or in Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, March 26th.

A donation of \$10.00 per person is requested, but donations in any amount will be graciously accepted. We hope you will join us for an enjoyable time of fun, food, and fellowship with our church family.

HOLY WEEK

April is just around the corner. Soon we will enter into the holiest week of our Christian year—a time of remembering the Passion, the last days of Christ's life and most importantly, his resurrection. There are several services that make up this important time of year. We invite you to worship with us at any or all Holy Week events and look forward to singing "Alleluia" with you!

Palm Sunday - April 2 Sanctuary (10 a.m.)

Holy Week begins with a procession of palms recalling the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday - April 6 Fellowship Hall (7 p.m.)

This service commemorates the institution of the Last Supper and Jesus' command that we love one another. Included are a celebration of Holy Communion and choral music by the Chancel Choir.

Good Friday - April 7 Chapel (7 p.m.)

Christ's Passion is remembered in a service of darkness, using the ancient liturgy of Tenebrae and music of the Taizé Community in France.

Easter - April 9 Sanctuary (10 a.m.)

New life is the focus of this festive service that includes choirs, brass ensemble and pipe organ. An Easter Egg hunt for young people will follow the service in front of the church.

TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 10:00 a.m.: Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00: Coffee Hour and Heifer Bake Sale (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:15: Youth Sunday School (207)
- 11:15: Confirmation Class (106)
- 11:30: Turn-a-Page (Church Lounge)
- 12:00 p.m.: Youth Bell Choir (204)
- 12:45: Adult Bell Choir (204)
- 4:30: Youth Choir (Choir Room)
- 5:30: Youth Group (Fellowship Hall)

FIRST UMC STAFF AND LAY LEADERSHIP

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