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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.

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

FIRST 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

My Lord What A Morning

Raymond Haan (b.1938)

+ INVITATION TO WORSHIP

At the dawning of this new day, and this holy season of Lent, let us begin by centering ourselves in the Creating, Redeeming and Sustaining Love of God.

In our weakness

be our strength.

In our stumbling

be our guide.

In our brokenness

be our healing.

In our darkness

be our light.

At the dawning of this new season,
We gather to worship our faithful God.

+ OPENING HYMN

Hope of the World

UMH 178

+ 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

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.

IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

Newly Added: Cecilia DePippo, Tommy Parham, Alexander Potapenko,

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, David Kinel, 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.

GATHERING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

CENTERING SONG

Restore in Us, O God

Restore in us, O God,
the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts,
and all our sins remove.

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

Matthew 4: 1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "
Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.' "

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

SERMON

Tender Mercies: Living in Kinship

A Sermon Conversation with Dr. Mikala Rahn

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AMONG US

OFFERTORY

Speak to One Another

Allen Pote

+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 of Tender Mercy, receive our gifts from the open hearts from which we give them. Thank you for blessing us with gifts to share, so that good works can abound. We offer our gifts gladly. May what we give be used to meet the needs of all. Amen.

GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

+CLOSING HYMN

Lift Every Voice and Sing

UMH 519

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

If You But Suffer, God to Guide You

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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.

FLOWERS

Altar flowers this morning are donated by Sarah Wright to the Glory of God in loving memory of her father Lyle O. Wright, who would've been 100 years old on February 24.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

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

TODAY

Welcome Gathering! Meet the Pastor and Learn More about the Church after worship, 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., in the Church Lounge - Welcome to First United Methodist Church! We are so glad you are here! If you are new-ish to this congregation and would like to meet the pastor more personally, find out more about the church, and take a tour of this amazing place.

Movie Night at 5:45 p.m. in the Church Lounge - the feature will be *Amazing Grace* which chronicles the story of outlawing slavery in England.

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.

Camp Committee Meeting - Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Please contact Danny Carrera for more information.

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.

COMING SOON

Red Cross Blood Drive, March 19, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - There will be a blood drive held with the Red Cross Bloodmobile in the parking lot behind the church off of Green Street and Los Robles. To schedule an appointment please log onto www.redcrossblood.org enter sponsor code: **FUMCPASADENA**.

Turn-A-Page Book Group, March 19, 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.

TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 10:00 a.m.: Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00: Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:15: Welcome Gathering! Meet the Pastor. (Church Lounge)
- 11:15: Youth Sunday School (207)
- 11:15: Confirmation Class (106)
- 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)
- 5:30: Movie Night (Church Lounge)

FIRST UMC STAFF AND LAY LEADERSHIP

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