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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.

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.

TOLLING OF THE BELL

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

All Glory Be to God On High

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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 11:30 a.m.

Questions? Early Pick Up? See the Children's Ministry Superintendent in the Children's Ministry Office.

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

In love and joy God calls us together.

And so we meet this day, as friends, as neighbors, as sisters and brothers in Christ.

Called together by God, we bring all of who we are before God,
Our joys and our hopes, our hurts and our fears, our gifts and our challenges.

Our loving God gathers us together as a community rooted in Christ's grace, to be a witness to God's presence, joy and peace in the world.

Grateful for this opportunity to give and receive, we come to worship God.

+ OPENING HYMN

Gather Us In

FWS 2236

STATEMENT OF INCLUSION



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.

+ 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: April Charczenko

For Healing: Pat Audley, Mark Audley, Joan Bothast, Nancy Brubaker and Eric Brubaker, Patricia Bruce, Kathy Brunkow, Mary Davis, Pauline Dominguez, Joyce Dorn, Ann and Neal Dougherty, Zina Figilis, Family of Barbara Frank, Kristina Frank, Peggy Gott, Barbara Gorton, Brett Hain, Sofia Hain, Sallie Higginbotham, James Jensen, Stephen Kastner, Harry Kuruma, Family of Carolyn Lussier, Sharon Garrison Morrow, Marilyn Nobori, Carol Nunemaker, Rev. Pyong Oh, Paula Anderson Peacock, Carlos Peraza, Stephanie Peraza, Celina Romero, Donna Shook, Doug Shook, Wendy Stiver, Ara Lou Tamkin, Len Tamkin, Deb and Gary Webster, Jan Wentz, Sonya Wittry, Earline Woodard, the Youngstrom family, Richard Zeiss, Wayne Zhang, Rosy Zide.

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

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

I Am The Church

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.

I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together.

REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP

Kevin Lussier

GATHERING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

CENTERING SONG

God Who Began a Good Work in You

God who began a good work in you,
God who began a good work in you,
will be faithful to complete it, will be faithful to complete it.
God who started the work will be faithful to complete it in you.
(Phil. 1:6)

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

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 4:1-7

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Ephesians 4:11-16

He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

SERMON

A Gathering of Grace:

A Community of Abundance and Generosity Pastor Amy Aitken

OFFERING TO GOD OUR HEARTS, OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

I Sing the Greatness of Our God Fred Bock (1939 - 1998)

+PRESENTATION MUSIC *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

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 uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God who calls and God who gathers, you invite us into a future filled with possibilities and promises. Guide this church, that our ministries and our shared witness might be a beacon of hope for our community. Through what we offer for your service today, magnify your love and make your glory known, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

+CLOSING HYMN

Take My Life, That I May Be

UMH 399

PRAYER QUILT

This morning we tie prayers for healing, hope and strength into a quilt for April Charczenko.

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

Grand Choir

Theodore Dubois (1837-1924)

OFFERING TO GOD OUR HEARTS, OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS

An offering is an act of gratitude and faithfulness in response to God's love and grace in our lives. 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.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

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

Today is Harvest Festival!

Join us during coffee hour to shop handcrafted holiday and decor items, plants, gently used holiday decorations, gently used jewelry and baked goods! Proceeds are split between FUMC Social Services and Friends In Deed.

Today is the Interfaith Study Group

with All Saints Church, Islamic Center of So. Cal., and the Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center. The event, "TONGVA LAND" and its people, is this Sunday from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center. (See eNews for more information.)

Mindful Yoga: An all levels easy flow yoga class taught by Darby Orr begins on Monday, Nov. 14 at 12:00 p.m. in Great Hall. The class runs weekly through Dec. 19. Suggested donation is \$15 (FUMC and FCC members and friends may attend for \$5. Cash and epayments accepted.)

Follow-up meeting on Camp Sky Meadows Working Group. Over the last few months, a group has been meeting to discuss issues around the finances of Camp Sky Meadows. Join us today at 11:30 a.m. in the Church Lounge to learn more about their important work, findings and recommendations.

Third@First Presents: Colburn School Showcase

Nov. 19 at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary: Get a taste of the incredible talent at the Colburn School during this vibrant showcase of music and dance. Students from all units of the school will perform curated programs of varied works.

Grief During the Holidays, a FUMC ministry, continues as a place to find comfort, understanding and hope will gather on Wednesday, Nov. 16-Dec. 14 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. on Zoom. Registration is required. Please email connect@fumcpasadena.org for more information

Charge Conference: A Charge Conference has been scheduled for Monday, Nov. 21 at 7:00 pm in the Lounge to vote on a church Leadership Council proposal (copies of the proposal are available in the office and in the lobby, and via email), pastor's compensation package, and a recommendation regarding Camp Sky Meadows. A full Charge Conference is scheduled to follow worship on Sunday, Jan. 29.

Movie Night: Our next movie night is Nov. 27. We will be watching **Belfast**, which follows a young boy's childhood in Belfast, Northern Ireland, at the beginning of The Troubles in 1969. A light supper (\$6 donation) is available at 5:00 p.m. in the Church Lounge, followed by the movie at 5:45 p.m.

TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 9:00 a.m.: Spirit Seekers: (Church Lounge)
- 10: 00: Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00: Harvest Festival (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:15: Confirmation Class (Library)
- 11:15: Youth Sunday School (rm 207)
- 11:30: Camp Sky Meadows Meeting (rm 205)
- 11:30: Turn-a-Page Book Group (Church Lounge)
- 12:00 p.m.: Youth Bell Choir
- 12:45 p.m.: Adult Bell Choir (rm 204)
- 5:30: Youth Group (rm 207)

FIRST UMC STAFF AND LAY LEADERSHIP

Pastor

Rev. Dr. Amy Aitken

Director of Intentional Faith Development:

Rev. Jennifer Chapman

Minister of Hospitality & Congregational Care:

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Risk-Taking Mission Ministry Lay Leader:

Beth Gerber

Passionate Worship Lay Leader:

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Director of Media Ministries

Dave Lohr

Today's Worship Leader:

Autumn Donahue

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