



### 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

Near the Cross

William Doane (1832-1915)

### + CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift up your voice and call out to God.

**We cry out, trusting that God hears us.**

Come together and seek God.

**We come together, trusting that God is always present, nearer than our very breath.**

Surely God’s presence is here with us now.

**We come together in worship and joy, for God’s steadfast love lifts our hearts.**

Come, worship the Lord.

**We celebrate the power of God that restores us.**

### + OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, Creator of Life,

you call us out of our dark places, offering us the grace of new life.

When we see nothing but hopelessness, you surprise us with the breath of your spirit.

Call us out of our complacency and routines,

set us free from our self-imposed bonds,

and fill us with your spirit of life, compassion, and peace.

In the name of Jesus, your anointed one, we pray. Amen.

### + OPENING HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

UMH 577

### + 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.

The Heifer Project: Mission Moment

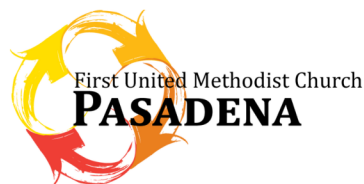
## IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

**Newly Added:** Donald Palmer and Family, Stan and Barbara von Mayrhauser

**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, Ann Larson and Family, 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).

## 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.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Moment for Silent Meditation*

### 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

#### ANTHEM

*Ehre sei dir, Christe*

Heinrich Schütz

Translation:

Honor to You, Christ, you who suffered pain  
on the stem of the cross, for us bitter death,  
and [who] rules with the Father there eternally;  
help us poor sinners to find salvation!

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.

### A READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 51:1-12

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy,  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgment.  
Indeed, I was born guilty,  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.  
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

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

**SERMON**                      *Broken Hearts and Willing Spirits*                      Pastor Amy Aitken

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AMONG US

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

**+PRESENTATION MUSIC**                      *O God Beyond All Praising*                      TFWS 2009

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**                      *I Need Thee Every Hour*                      UMH 397

### BLESSING OF THE PRAYER QUILT

Today we tie prayers of comfort into a quilt for Tricia McRae.

### +BENEDICTION

**+POSTLUDE**                      *Grand Choir*                      Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

## 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.



## 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)
- 11:30 a.m. - The Amen Effect Lenten Study (Room 205)
- 11:30 a.m. - Turn-A-Page Book Group (Church Lounge)
- 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

**Turn-a-Page Book Group is Today 11:30 a.m. in the Church Lounge:** We will be discussing *The Care and Management of Lies* by Jacqueline Winspear. All are welcome, even if you have not read the book.

**The Last Discussion Group on The Amen Effect is today at 11:30 a.m. in Room 205.**

### COMING UP

**Family Promise Begins This 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! To volunteer, sign up in Fellowship Hall or visit the link in the News@First email.

**UWF Daytime Group, March 18 at 1:00 p.m.:** The United Women in Faith Daytime Group will meet in the Church Lounge with nationally recognized attorney Asha Muldro as guest speaker.

**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.

**Easter Lunch on March 31 at 11:45 a.m.:** Join us for a traditional Easter meal at 11:45 a.m. after church in Fellowship Hall. Reservations can be made via Marilynne Wilander ([marilynnewilander@gmail.com](mailto:marilynnewilander@gmail.com)) or after church in Fellowship Hall. A donation of \$10.00 per person is requested, but donations in any amount will be graciously accepted.

There are a few slots left to attend the First UMC and Islamic Center of Southern California (ICSC) potluck on March 21st at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall: There will be an introduction to both Lent and Ramadan followed by conversations in small groups and a shared meal starting at sunset (7:06 p.m.). You can sign up after worship, or email [Connect@fumcpasadena.org](mailto:Connect@fumcpasadena.org), and bring a vegetarian dish to share. If emailing, please make sure to include the dish you are bringing.

**Easter Sunday Reminder: Easter Sunday is March 31!** Don't forget to bring flowers that day to decorate our Flower Cross. We will also be having an easter egg hunt in the sanctuary.

## HOLY WEEK

### MARCH. 24

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

### MARCH. 28

MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER - 6:00 P.M.  
MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE - 7:00 P.M.

Special Dinner and Service at St. James  
2033 E Washington Blvd,  
Pasadena, CA 91104

### 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!

## 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:**  
Karen Zankovich

**Pastor**  
Rev. Dr. Amy Aitken

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

**Director of Music Ministries:**  
Scott Lehmkuhl

**Organist:**  
Aaron Shows

**Director of Resound Ringers**  
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**Ministry Coordinator:**  
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**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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