



150 YEARS OF SERVICE
**PASADENA
 FIRST UNITED
 METHODIST
 CHURCH**

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.

‘Ohana Sunday School

(PreK–6th Grade)

Children age 3 yrs. through 6th grade are invited to one room Sunday School (rm 104) after the Children’s Sermon in Worship. Pickup time is 11:00 a.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 *O Beautiful, for Spacious Skies* Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

Each day is a gift from God:

each moment is that opportunity to experience God’s love, joy and peace, and to reaching out in service to all creation.

Each day is a reminder of the new covenant:

not written on stone tablets easily broken, but inscribed on our hearts filled with compassion and hope.

Each day we draw closer to God:

Today, we gather with new friends and familiar faces, welcoming one another, and honoring God’s presence in our midst. Today is a new day. Our God has called us together to worship, to grow in grace and faith, and to serve God together. This is a day of new beginnings. Our God is making all things new.

+ OPENING HYMN *This is a Day of New Beginnings* UMH 383

+ WELCOME AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

I’m Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing UMH 333

Children are invited to come forward or remain seated. As the children gather, we sing together.

I’m gonna sing when the Spirit says sing,
 I’m gonna sing when the Spirit says sing,
 I’m gonna sing when the Spirit says sing,
 and obey the Spirit of the Lord.

UNITING OUR MINISTRIES

Loving God, In all times and places you have called forth disciples to bear witness to your grace, mercy and justice in the world. We thank you for your faithfulness which grounds, sustains and guides all of our ministries.

IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

Newly Added: Carol Browne, Irv Seidman and family

For Healing: Ruby Alcantara, Ronan Bessler, Lynette Black, Joyce Breslin, Fernando Carrillo, Albert Davis, Mary Davis, Joyce Dorn, Curt Elrod, John Evans, Cameron Fernandez, Cosette Fester, Linda Gerkin, Tom Griffith, Nathan Hahn, Brett Hain, Sofia Hain, Cindy Heckman, Larry Jaffe, Lisa Jaffe, Ami Jenkins, Norman Jensen, Stephen Kastner, Lori Ketterling, Julie-Ann Kosakowski, Rachel Lang, Meredith Lyon, Allison Masquez, Cecilia Militante, Lois Moe, Randy Moe, Carol Nunemaker, Katherine Olivas, Leslie Parham, Tommy Parham, Jonathan Poutney, Sarah Rudchenko, Mario San Juan, Priscilla Shurney, Frances Smith, Jeffrey Stephens, Tim Sun, David T., Stan Von Mayrhauser, Karen Thompson, Deb and Gary Webster, Jan Wentz, family of Kathy Windsor, Nadine Wittry and family, Sonia Wittry, Ann Zeiss

Prayer requests may be shared via 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.

In the midst of the joy and hope, we also recognize the loss of place and identity that comes with this merger. We ask for your tender love to surround us as we transition through feelings of grief, lifting our hearts to the new life, community and ministry this uniting of congregations will bring. As our congregations join together in ministry today, we ask for your Holy Spirit to weave us together as one church. Surround us with your peace and inspire us with your vision, that through our shared ministries we may continue to be a beacon of hope and witness to your love in Pasadena, and around the world. Through Christ's holy name we pray. Amen.

GATHERING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

CENTERING SONG

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

TFWS 2120 vs. 4

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
Wind, wind on the sea.

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions your people arise.

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
Wind, wind on the sea.

Moment for Silent Meditation

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 4:1-6

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.

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

ANTHEM

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

arr. Dale Wood

HAWAII MISSION EXPERIENCE

Lake Donahue, Rachel Youngstrom,
Grace Jaffe, Kevin Wang

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AMONG US

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

HULA

E Huli Makou

Amy Hanaiali'i

+PRESENTATION MUSIC *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 94

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 up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, we are your people. As you have placed your generosity in our hearts, we pray now for the blessing of pouring it out for others. May the gifts we bring be of use in your kingdom, bringing hope to the despairing, light in the valley of shadows, peace in the midst of chaos. Make these tokens of our gratitude into a sign that shows your glory, until all come to see your gracious love. Amen.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

In the United Methodist Church, all who love God and are striving to love their neighbor are invited to share in this holy meal. Our communion elements are gluten and alcohol-free so that all may share in this sacrament together.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 15

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**

RECEIVING THE ELEMENTS

GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

+CLOSING HYMN *The Church's One Foundation* UMH 546 vs. 1, 2, & 5

+BENEDICTION Oli Mahalo (gratitude chant)

'Uhola 'ia ka makaloa lā	The makaloa mat has been unfolded
Puai i ke aloha lā	Food is shared in love
Kuka'i 'ia ka hā loa lā	The great breath is exchanged
Pawehi mai nā lehua	The Lehua honors and adores
Mai ka ho'oku'i a ka halawai lā	From zenith to horizon
Mahalo e Ke Akua*	Gratitude to God
Mahalo e nā kupuna lā 'eā	Gratitude to our ancestors
Mahalo me ke aloha là	Gratitude with love
Mahalo me ke aloha lā	Gratitude with love

+POSTLUDE *Toccata on "Amazing Grace"* Christopher Pardini (b.1973)

**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.



**ST. JAMES TRANSFER OF
MEMBERSHIP**

- Frank Hiltz
- Larry Hughes
- Vicki Hughes
- Mason Dillard
- Art James
- Suzu James
- Erin James-Sharp
- Estelle Inman
- Will Lucas
- Beverly MacBurney
- Rule Paul
- Doug Rynerson
- Jude Rynerson
- Hazel Slaughter
- Melinda (Mindy) Snider
- Tim Snider
- Crystal Ward

SUMMER WORSHIP

It's getting hot! Let's cool off in our chapel this Summer. We will be having worship in the Chapel from July 14 through September 1.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

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

TODAY

Church Picnic Today at 11:30 a.m., in Fellowship Hall and the Cloister

- Come celebrate the summer with us! We'll have fun, food, and games for all.

COMING UP

Vacation Bible School is July 15 - 19 (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.) - This year's theme is Just Like Me! We are inviting children to have fun and make new friends in an inclusive environment. VBS will focus on supporting faith development and teaching students to celebrate their identities. Registration is open! Visit fumcpasadena.org/vbs to learn more and sign up.

Turn-A-Page Book Group on July 21, 11:30 a.m. in the Church Lounge - We will discuss *In The Distance* by Hernan Diaz. Even if you haven't read the book, please feel free to join the discussion.

Disability Pride Book Discussion on July 28, 11:30 a.m. in the Church Library - July is Disability Pride Month. Join us for a discussion of the book *My Body is Not a Prayer Request* by Amy Kenny. Please purchase at your favorite bookseller. We will talk about the book and resources on disability justice from the UMC will be available. Please email Ashley (ashleys@fumcpasadena.org) for more information.

ACAC Back to School Drive - First UMC has long sponsored the Adopt a Child Abuse Caseworker (ACAC) Back to School Program by providing backpacks and school supplies.

Please deliver backpacks, school supplies and any monetary donations to the church by Sunday, July 28. See the supply list in the News@First email. There will be a collection container in front of Fellowship Hall. For any questions contact Diane Harris (dmharris150625@gmail.com).

Summer Musical: Save the Dates - Performances of the musical "Honk!" will be July 31, August 1, August 2, and August 3 at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be served before performances at 5:30 p.m. and end at 6:30 p.m. sharp (\$25 for adults and \$12 for kids 12 and under - keep your eyes on the News@First email for when dinner will be available to purchase.)

Family Promise, August 11 - 17 - We are very excited that FUMC will 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 the week of August 11th - 17th.

Volunteers are needed to be dinner hosts, evening hosts, and overnight hosts that week. You can sign up at the QR code below.



TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 11:00 a.m. - Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:30 a.m. - Church Picnic (Cloister & Fellowship Hall)

SERVING IN MINISTRY

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

Pastor
Rev. Dr. Amy Aitken

Associate Pastor:
Rev. Mina Nau-Mahe

Liturgist:
John Kramer

Director of Music Ministries:
Scott Lehmkuhl

Organist:
Aaron Shows

Ministry Coordinator:
Dori Fotsch

Facilities & Office Manager:
Aisha Williams

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