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BAPTISM OF JESUS

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.

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 11:30 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.

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

Crystal Waters

Joe Utterback (b.1944)

+ INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Based on Isaiah 43:1-7

The God who breathed this world alive
And sustains it day by day
Whose hands flung stars into space
And abides within our every breath
Says, "Do not be afraid, for I am with you."

The God who filled the ocean depths
And set tides on their way
Who caused mountains to be raised up
And offers rainbows to as a sign of hope
Says, "I have called you by name, you are mine."

The God who made the fertile earth
And seed within to sow,
Whose artistry creates butterflies
And the early morning dew
Says, "You are precious in my sight."

We gather this morning in the wonder, beauty and mystery of God's grace to take our place in the chorus of beloved children. We come to worship.

+ OPENING HYMN

Gather Us In

TFWS 2236

+ 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: Sallie Higginbotham, Laura Hevia Del Puerto and family for the loss of her son Mario Hevia Del Puerto, Sofia and Woody Hain

For Healing: Mark Audley, Family of Serafin Alvarez and Sarah Brunkow, Eric Brubaker, Patricia Bruce, Ann Burke, Mary Davis, Hazel Emily Der, Pauline Dominguez, Joyce Dorn, Ann and Neal Dougherty, Peggy Gott, Brett Hain, Sofia Hain, Rob Hayes, Sallie Higginbotham, Samuel Howell and family, James Jensen, Lynnel Jensen, Stephen Kastner, Andrea Lussier and family, The family and friends of Corina Moray, Sharon Garrison Morrow, 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, Arya Whall, 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.

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

This Little Light of Mine

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.

This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine,
this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine,
this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

GATHERING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

CENTERING SONG

Beautiful Savior

Beautiful Savior, Lord of all nations,
God and the blessed Mary's child,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
thou my soul's glory, joy and crown.

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 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

SERMON

When the Heavens Open

Pastor Amy Aitken

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AMONG US

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

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RECEIVING THE GIFT OF BAPTISMAL WATERS

All who are baptized and have renewed their vows are invited to come to one of the two stations.

If you have not been baptized, you are invited to come for a blessing.

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

Jacqueline Burnson and Alex-Paquel Whall, Mardy Olivas and Omaia Olivas, George Goesele, and Kaz Mousavi.

OFFERTORY

The Waters of Life

James Biery (b.1956)

+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!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, we give thanks for the surpassing gift of your Beloved, the Christ. As we welcome him again into our lives, we commit ourselves to the work of his kingdom. Bless these gifts that they enable the church to bring Christ's light, love and hope to our community and to all of your creation. In Christ's names we live, serve and pray, Amen.

GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

+CLOSING HYMN

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

TFWS 2241

PRAYER QUILT

This morning we tie prayers for healing in a quilt for Jean Harris Berry as she recovers in the hospital.

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

"*Allegro Maestoso*"
from Water Music

George Frederic Handel (1685-1759)

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.

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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.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

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

Pastor's Bible Study will meet next Wednesday at 12:00 p.m. (1/18). We will discuss Matthew 4:12-23. Please see the News@First email for the Zoom link.

The United Women in Faith Evening Circle: On January 20 at 7 p.m. the UWF will gather at the home of Diane Harris (please email her for the address) for fun and fellowship. Come meet, chat, and make Valentines with other women who attend or are involved with First UMC. There will be light dinner and snacks. You are encouraged to bring an optional small snack to share.

Third@First Presents: Jaebon Hwang, Organist - Jan. 21 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Jaebon Hwang is the director of music ministries and organist at First United Methodist Church of San Diego. She is an educator, composer and has a career in scoring for film and multimedia. She is curating a Lunar New Year themed program for this concert.

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

Discover FUMC: Meet the Pastor and Learn More about the Church Jan. 22 after worship, 11:15 - 12:00 p.m., in the Church Lounge. 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, please join us for Pizza with the Pastor. Please RSVP at connect@fumcpasadena.org.

The New Testament Disciple Bible Study begins on Wednesday, Feb. 1 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. via Zoom. Prerequisite: completed the Old Testament study of Disciple Bible, or have an in depth knowledge of the old testament. Register by January 25 with Pastor Connie.

Get Organized: A Free Ending Well Workshop - Developed here at FUMC, these five hour-long Zoom classes give you the information you need to get your important papers in order.

Learn how to accomplish the many tasks necessary for ending well. Beyond preparing a trust or will, we will cover equally important topics such as ethical wills and legacy letters. Classes begin the week of January 15 with several time slots available.

Contact endingwellclass@gmail.com or Pastor Connie at ctamkin@fumcpasadena.org for more information.

Mindful Mondays: An all levels easy flow yoga class taught by Darby Orr is taking place on Tuesday at 12:00 p.m. in the Cloister or Fellowship Hall. Suggested donation is \$15 (FUMC and FCC members and friends may attend for \$5. Cash and payments accepted.)

Movie Night - Sunday, January 22 at 5:45 p.m. in the Church Lounge.

Movie Night resumes with "Belfast," a film about how a child experienced the political violence that took place in Northern Ireland between Catholic and Protestant communities. A light supper will be offered at 5:00 p.m. with conversation to follow the film. The film is rated PG. Reservations for supper will be gratefully received by Priscilla Baca (626-375-3081 or Priscillabaca1@gmail.com.)

TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 10: 00 a.m.: Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00: Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:15: Confirmation Class (Library)
- 11:15: Youth Sunday School (rm 207)
- 11:30: Turn-a-Page Book Group (Church Lounge)
- 12:00 p.m.: Youth Bell Choir
- 12:45: Adult Bell Choir
- 5:30: Youth Group and Dinner

FIRST UMC STAFF AND LAY LEADERSHIP

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