



## 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.

### ALL ARE WELCOME



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'S MINISTRIES

Children are welcome to remain in worship or take part in our Children's Ministries:

#### 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

We will not have Sunday School today, but children will receive activity bags as they enter the chapel.

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

"Adiemus" from Songs of Sanctuary

Karl Jenkins (b.1944)

### + CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called to be people of faith in the midst of the world,  
**and so we mix our worship and our work,  
our faith and our life.**

We gather here as people who live in the world and yet,  
**we gather as people who have been called to see the world  
from a different viewpoint.**

God has called us together,

God has called us to be part of a community.

**God challenges us to consider questions of priority  
as we engage with the world.**

In this time together,

**may God open our hearts, minds and eyes,**

allowing us to see deeper,

helping us to live in the world

while still offering a challenge to the ways of the world.

**We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### + OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God,

you have so linked our lives one with another

that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives:

So guide us in the work we do,

that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good;

and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor,

make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers,

and arouse our concern for those who are out of work;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### + OPENING HYMN

Lord of All Hopefulness

TFWS 2197

### + WELCOME AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

### COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

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

Halle, Halle, Halleluja!  
Halle, Halle, Halleluja!  
Halle, Halle, Halleluja!  
Halleluja! Halleluja!

## GATHERING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

### CENTERING SONG

*Live in Charity*

TFWS 2179

Live in charity and steadfast love,  
live in charity; God will dwell with you.  
Live in charity and steadfast love,  
live in charity; God will dwell with you

*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

### A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

## ANTHEM

*Teach Me Lord*

John Purifoy

Scott Lehmkuhl, baritone

## SERMON

Holy Work

Pastor Amy Aitken

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AMONG US

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Giving supports all of the ministries of the church. If you'd like to partner with us and make a financial gift today, you may use your phone to scan the QR code or place your offering in the wooden offering boxes near the doors.



### +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

Gracious God, we give you these gifts as symbols of our lives. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and on these gifts. Receive them with love, bless them with grace, and use them according to your will. In your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with all who follow Christ, and one with all whom we serve in your name. Send us into the world, bright with the spirit of your love, alive, even to eternal life, with the Spirit of Christ. Amen.

## GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

### +CLOSING HYMN

*For the Fruits of This Creation*

UMH 97

### +BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*"Improvisation"* Aaron Shows (b.1989)

## IN OUR PRAYERS...

As a community of faith, praying for others is an important part of our practice. We encourage you to add those on our prayer list to your personal prayers.

To view our prayer list, scan the QR code:



Prayer requests may be shared via [connect@fumcpasadena.org](mailto:connect@fumcpasadena.org) and we will gladly add them.

## JOIN CHURCH CENTER

Church Center is our new online dashboard where you can get access to our directory, online giving, register for events, and more! Scan the QR Code below to log in.



Need help? Contact our help desk: [helpdesk@fumcpasadena.org](mailto:helpdesk@fumcpasadena.org).

We ask that you give us 24-48 hours to respond to your queries.

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

For more information, email us at [connect@fumcpasadena.org](mailto:connect@fumcpasadena.org)

### COMING UP

**Beautification Sunday, Saturday, Sept. 6, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.** - Join us as we beautify the Children's Education area and the Sanctuary. All ages are welcome. You can come for all or part of the time. Email Dori ([dfotsch@fumcpasadena.org](mailto:dfotsch@fumcpasadena.org)) if you can make it. Many hands make light work!

**Join us for our Fall Fiesta, Sept. 7 After Worship** - Come mingle and enjoy some tasty tacos with fellow worshippers.

**UWF Women's Retreat, September 12 - 13** - Join us for a meaningful time of fellowship, renewal, and connection at this year's Women's Retreat, hosted by the United Women of Faith Evening Circle. We will gather at the Mariposa Retreat Center in South Pasadena from Friday, Sept. 12 to Saturday, Sept. 13. Contact Heidi Neuroth ([hneuroth@outlook.com](mailto:hneuroth@outlook.com)) for more information. Register at the QR code below:



**The United Women in Faith Host Hedab Tarifi as Guest Speaker On Sept. 15 at 12:15 p.m. in the Church Lounge** - Ms. Tarifi is a member of the Islamic Center of Southern California's Friday prayer group that meets at FUMC weekly. She was born in Gaza, Palestine, and lived in Kuwait until after the first Gulf War, when she moved to Los Angeles. She has been active in the Muslim and Interfaith communities in Southern California since 1994, working on building bridges and bringing people together. For more information, please contact Marilynne Wilander ([marilynnewilander@gmail.com](mailto:marilynnewilander@gmail.com))

**The Enneagram Journey: Exploration, Growth and Transformation, Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. starting September 17** - Join us this Fall as Pastor Amy leads us in a seven-week study of the enneagram. In this class, we will explore this powerful ancient tool for learning more about ourselves. We will have some videos to watch in preparation for each class, an individual workbook, and opportunities for discussion.

Scan the QR code to register. Childcare will be available upon request. **Workbook Fee: \$20.**



**Turn-A-Page Book Group On Sept. 21 at 11:30 a.m. in the Church Lounge** - We will meet to discuss this month's book choice: *The Hundred Years' War on Palestine* by Rashid Khakidi. A landmark history of one hundred years of war waged against the Palestinians, told through pivotal events and family history. All are welcome, even if you have not read the book.

**Movie Night, Sept. 28 in the Church Lounge** - We will have a special movie night featuring the short films of our own Eric Dyson. We will screen: *Sweet Santa Barbara Brown*, *Baggage Claim*, *Appy Days*, and *Baby Steps*. We will also preview some clips from his in-progress Eaton fire documentary. Eric will be present to lead discussion. Each movie night begins with **supper at 5:00 p.m.** in the Church Lounge followed by the screening of the scheduled **film at 5:45 p.m.** Supper is by reservation—please contact Priscilla Baca ([priscillabaca1@gmail.com](mailto:priscillabaca1@gmail.com)).

## TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 10:00 a.m. - Sunday Worship (Chapel)
- 11:15 a.m. - Coffee Hour (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:**  
Kelly Ma

**Director of Music Ministries:**  
Scott Lehmkuhl

**Organist:**  
Aaron Shows

**Ministry Coordinator:**  
Dori Fotsch

**Facilities & Office Manager:**  
Aisha Williams

**Business Manager:**  
Jami Carrera

**Communications Director:**  
Ashley Slade

**Administrative Assistant:**  
Joy Atrops-Kimura

**Leadership Council Chairperson:**  
Kevin Lussier

**Lay Leader for Finance & Generosity:**  
Mikala Rahn

**Lay Leaders for Missions:**  
Pam Marx & Rosalie Niemann

**Chair of Trustees:**  
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