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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.

OCTOBER 1, 2023
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

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.

PRELUDE

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Ron Scholtze (1936-2018))

GREETING

+ INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Welcome to this place:

where children and seasoned citizens sit side by side,
where heaven and earth embrace in peace,
where God has been, is, and always will be.

Welcome to this place, as we gather with all of God's children:

where we find God's love,
where we hear the tender voice of Jesus,
where the Spirit teaches us new songs.

Welcome to this place, where all is made ready by our God:

where we bring our hunger, and find food;
where we bring our brokenness, and find healing;
where we bring our very selves, and find acceptance.

+ OPENING HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

UMH 545

+ WELCOME AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

This Little Light of Mine

UMH 585

Children are invited to come forward or remain seated.

CELEBRATING CAMP SKY MEADOWS

IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

Newly Added: Christy Bootjer and Family, Colin Harwood, Melinda and Josh (friends of Beth Verniere)

For Healing: Joyce Breslin, Lisa Brown, Erika Carillo, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Patricia Bruce, Albert Davis, Mary Davis, Juliette De Guzman, Joyce Dorn, John Evans, Zina Figilis, Brett Hain, Sofia Hain, Muriel Henderson, Sallie Higginbotham, Amy Jaffe, Norman Jensen, Stephen Kastner, Helen Kinel, Greg Klimuck, Veronica Kung, Julie and Henry Lee and their family, David Madrid, Charif Masri, Jocelyn Medina, Aidan Millsap, Gail Nance, Jonathan Nieto, Carol Nunemaker, Katherine Olivas, Leslie Parham, Tommy Parham, Paula Anderson Peacock, Gerry Poulin, Crystal Powers, Donna Shook, Frances Smith, Jeffrey Stephens, Tim Sun, Deb and Gary Webster, Jan Wentz, Nadine Wittry and family, Sonia Wittry, Richard 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 plate near the back of the Sanctuary. If you are part of the Connected (Online) Campus, send an email to connect@fumcpasadena.org.

GATHERING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

CENTERING SONG

Lead Me, Lord

UMH 473

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;
make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,
that makest me dwell in safety.

Moment for Silent Meditation

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 2:1-13

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

ANTHEM

Umoja Tunaimba

Victor C. Johnson

SERMON

Recalling our Song

Rev. Dr. Lincoln Galloway

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AMONG US

+PRESENTATION MUSIC

Many Gifts, One Spirit

UMH 114

Many gifts, one Spirit,
one love known in many ways.
In our difference is blessing,
from diversity we praise
one Giver, one Lord, one Spirit, one Word
known in many ways, hallowing our days.
For the Giver and the Gifts,
praise, praise, praise!

+PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Praise be to God who calls us to imagine and believe that another world is possible. We praise the One who calls us into covenant with one another. God of all times and all places, remind us of the world as you intend it: free from hunger, poverty, violence, and oppression. Deliver these our gifts to the work of bringing hope and wholeness to all our neighbors. 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. At this Table, as we celebrate Christ's presence and give thanks for our identity and our unity in Christ.

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

We are Singing

TFWS 2235a

+BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter (b.1945)

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.



WELCOME

REV. DR. LINCOLN GALLOWAY

It is our honor to welcome the Rev. Dr. Lincoln Galloway to First United Methodist Church.

Dr. Galloway is a native of Montserrat and an elder in the United Methodist Church. He holds a Master in Divinity from Candler School of Theology and a PhD from Emory University.

Dr. Galloway is the K. Morgan Edwards Professor of Homiletics (preaching) at Claremont School of Theology.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

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

TODAY

Camp Sky Meadows Appreciation Luncheon - 11:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall:

We are having a special Friends and Family luncheon today hosted by the Pasadena Methodist Foundation and the PMF Camp Committee to thank all those who have worked through the years to sustain Camp Sky Meadows (CSM).

COMING UP

Welcome Lunch for Pastor Mina - Sunday Oct. 8 at 11:15 a.m. in the Cloister Courtyard:

We will be celebrating Pastor Mina and the baptism of her son TJ with a feast! Pastor Mina, her husband Taniela, and their family will be bringing the main entrée to share with us. We ask that the congregation bring their favorite side-dishes to share!

Early Response Training - Oct. 14 - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.:

Early Response Teams (ERT) are part of the first phase of disaster relief, establishing the caring presence of the church and providing hope for survivors. Train to be ready to respond and know the first steps to help.

Training will be held at First UMC Pasadena on Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Registration is limited to 25. Check the News@First email to find the registration link

October Bake Sale - Oct. 15, after worship: Come for treats and Halloween crafts during coffee hour in Fellowship Hall. Bake sale treats will be sold to support the drama summer musical program. Also, a Harvest Festival pre-sale featuring fun Halloween crafts and decor will be held to support homeless services provided by Friends In Deed and our own Food Pantry program. If you would like to bring baked goods, please bring them with the prices marked that morning.

Ending Well Workshops: There are still slots available for our popular end-of-life planning course (not just for seniors, but for trustees, executors, and those who want to learn more about settling their affairs). Available sessions:

- Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 & Nov. 1
- Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. on Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 & Nov. 1
- Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. on Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26 & Nov. 2

Email connect@fumcpasadena.org to sign up.

Turn-a-Page Book Group - Oct. 15 at 11:30 a.m. in the Church Lounge:

We will be discussing *The Daughters of Yalta* by Catherine Grace Katz. Even if you haven't read the book please feel free to join the discussion.

Living with Less Worry Class - Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m from Oct. 17 through Nov. 14: What creates stress in your life? Kids? Finances? A packed schedule? An ever-changing world?

This course will help you find healthy ways to cope with worry and provide a space of support to explore your thoughts.

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FUMC Free Drama Camp Returns This October for children grades pre-K through 2nd grade:

We will be hosting a drama camp on Tuesdays from Oct. 3 to Oct. 24. Our youth will help children with games, arts, and crafts, and short skits. There will also be a finale performance during our Trunk-or-Treat event on Saturday, Oct. 28.

Dinner will be offered for children and parents at 6 p.m. with games and crafts to follow. Parents are encouraged to stay and have a fellowship time with other parents. Camp will conclude each evening at 7 p.m. sharp. Important Info:

- When: Tuesdays - 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, and 10/24
- Time: 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- Ages: Pre-K through Grade 2
- Contact: Pam Marx pamelamarx@sbcglobal.net.

TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 10:00 a.m.: Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00: Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:15: Camp Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
- 4:30 p.m.: Youth Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 5:30: Youth Group (Youth Lounge)

SERVING IN MINISTRY

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