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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 22, 2023

TWENTY-NINETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

+ INVITATION TO WORSHIP

We worship the God who inhabits our world and indwells our lives.

We need not look up to find God,
we need only to look around:
within ourselves,
beyond ourselves,
into the eyes of another.

We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God,
we need only listen to the music of life,
the words of children,
the questions of the curious,
the rhythm of a heartbeat.

We worship the God who inhabits our world and who indwells our lives.

Our God created us in love, calls to us with love, and seeks to be known among us in acts of love.

In this time of worship, let us open our hearts to God's love.
In this time of worship, may God's love fill and renew us, sending us forth to love one another more fully.

Let us worship our God.

+ OPENING HYMN

All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord

UMH 554 (v. 1-5)

+ 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: Friends and family of Muriel Henderson

For Healing: Christy Bootjer and Family, Joyce Breslin, Lisa Brown, Patricia Bruce, Erika Carillo, Albert Davis, Mary Davis, Juliette De Guzman, Joyce Dorn, John Evans, Zina Figilis, Brett Hain, Sofia Hain, Colin Harwood, Sallie Higginbotham, Amy Jaffe, Norman Jensen, Stephen Kastner, Family of Helen Kinel, Greg Klimuck, Family of Randy Leach, Julie and Henry Lee and their family, David Madrid, Charif Masri, Jocelyn Medina, Ken Morrow, Gail Nance, Jonathan Nieto, Carol Nunemaker, Katherine Olivas, Leslie Parham, Tommy Parham, Crystal Powers, Josh Riaille, Donna Shook, Frances Smith, Jeffrey Stephens, Family of Doris Stiver, Tim Sun, Deb and Gary Webster, Jan Wentz, Nadine Wittry and family, Sonia Wittry, Mona Woodard, 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.

ANTHEM

Everywhere I Go

Natalie Sleeth
Cantate Choir

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

This Little Light of Mine

UMH 585

Children are invited to come forward or remain seated.

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.**

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

1 John 4: 7-12

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.

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

ANTHEM

Our Journey of Faith

Mark Hayes
Combined Choirs

SERMON

Faith Working Through Love:
Sharing Life in Community

Pastor Amy Aitken

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

Gracious God, we live in gratitude for ways that your love is known in our lives- for the gifts of homes, families, health, jobs and the ability to offer these gifts to your work in this church and to our globally connected church. We pray that through our offering, we will serve as ambassadors for Christ—bearing the good news of his love through healing, nourishment, rebuilding and hope. Multiply these gifts through our United Methodist connection to reach communities throughout your world. Amen.

GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

+CLOSING HYMN

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

UMH 557

+BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Improvisation

Aaron Shows (b.1989)

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.



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

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

COMING UP

Trunk or Treat is coming! We NEED your help to make Trunk-or-Treat a success! We're inviting the community to an evening of food, carnival games and Halloween fun!

- **Decorate Your Trunk:** Sign up in Fellowship Hall to decorate your trunk, and be sure to get creative, because the top trunk will win two Rose Parade seats saved by the youth on the Colorado Blvd sidewalk! (All vehicles featuring trunks will need to be parked by 5:30 p.m. and fully set up by 7:00 p.m. for judging. Trunk-or-Treating will happen from 7:15 to 8:00pm.)
- **Volunteer to Help at the Event:** Coordinate games, welcome guests, or invite your friends or neighbors to come.
- **Help with our Cupcake Walk:** We'll be having a Cupcake Walk (think musical chairs with cupcakes)! So we need donations of cupcakes for the game.
- **Bring Candy:** We can't have Trunk-or-Treat without candy! Please bring candy donations to the Sunday School Office.

Sign-up in Fellowship Hall or contact Donna Youngstrom for more information:
donna_youngstrom@yahoo.com.

Don't forget to come to Trunk or Treat and bring your friends and family on October 28 from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. for games, prizes, food, organ music and more!

Living with Less Worry Class - Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m through Nov. 14: This Zoom-based course will help you find healthy ways to cope with worry and provide a space of support to explore your thoughts.

Email connect@fumcpasadena.org to sign up.

October's Movie Night- Oct. 29 in the Church Lounge: This month's movie is "Till" (rated PG), which recounts a brave mother's struggle for justice even as it poses the question: "How much do we need to know and how shall we know it?"

A light supper is served at 5 p.m. in the church lounge with the movie to screen at 5:45 p.m. Contact Priscilla Baca (priscillabaca1@gmail.com) to reserve dinner.

Christmas Greens Youth Fundraiser: Christmas will be here before you know it! Get ready for the season by purchasing wreaths, table settings, and more through our Christmas Greens Youth Fundraiser! This fundraiser supports our First UMC Pasadena Youth programs and outreach activities. Visit <https://sherwoodfundraiser.com/FUMCPasadena> to order.

The order deadline is November 5th. Greens are available for pick-up or direct delivery!

Red Cross Blood Drive - Nov. 5 in the Church Parking Lot: The Red Cross will be holding a blood drive for the Pasadena community from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment, please visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter code FUMCPASADENA.

TODAY AT FIRST UMC

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

SERVING IN MINISTRY

Pastor
Rev. Dr. Amy Aitken

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Rev. Mina Nau-Mahe

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