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**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 9:30 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 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.

**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**

Prelude on "Llanfair"

David Schelat (b.1955)

**+ INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

**We give you thanks**

For your love which has awakened us, energized us and given us a heart that sings

**We give you thanks**

For your love for us, compassionate and patient, which has carried us through our pain, wept beside us in our struggle, and waited with us in our confusion

**We give you thanks.**

For your love for us, strong and challenging, which has called us to risk for you, asked for the best in us, and shown us how to serve.

**We give you thanks.**

For the healing, restoration, and reconciliation that you have brought forth and are bringing forth

**We give you thanks**

O God, we celebrate that your Holy Spirit is present deep within us, and at the heart of all life.

**With gratitude, joy and courage, we bring our hearts to you as we gather to give you our praise. Amen.**

**+ OPENING HYMN**

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

UMH 312

**+ WELCOME AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

**COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES**

**BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

UMH 33

**Baptism**

Aiden MacKie-Mason  
Melike Turner

**Membership**

Jaqueline Burnson-Whall  
Grace Midori Danziger  
John Kramar  
Riley Kramar

**Evan Martin**

Kacy Martin  
Brian MacKie-Mason  
Alex Paquel-Whall  
Melike Turner

## IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

**Newly Added:** Carole Kathman, Leslie Parham, Tommy Parham

**For Healing:** Indie Jon Baptiste, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Patricia Bruce, Lorraine Chavez, Phil Chavez and Family, Albert Davis, Mary Davis, Ceclilia DePippo, Joyce Dorn, John Evans, Zina Figilis, Armadno Flores, Tom Griffith, Juliette De Guzman, Charif Masri, Ivonne Munguia, Gail Nance, Ann and Neal Dougherty, Brett Hain, Rob Hayes, Sallie Higginbotham, Jacobson family, Norman Jensen, Janice Jones, Stephen Kastner, David Kinel, Tom Kosakowski, Jocelyn Medina, Johnathan Nieto, Carol Nunemaker, Tommy Parham, Jim Prior, Celina Romero, Wayne Schenck, Ha-yeong Shin, Donna Shook, Jill Shook, Cory Skook, Wendy Stiver, Taylor family, Phyllis Underwood and family, Cordelia Vogel, Deb and Gary Webster, Jan Wentz, Sonya Wittry, Richard Zeiss

Prayer requests may be shared via [connect@fumcpasadena.org](mailto: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](mailto:connect@fumcpasadena.org).

## TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

*Halle, Halle, Halleluja* (TFWS 2026)

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.

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

## GATHERING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

### CENTERING SONG

*Holy Ground* (TFWS 2272)

We are standing on holy ground,  
and I know that there are angels all around;  
let us praise Jesus now;  
we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

*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

Acts 1: 6-14

Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

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

## SERMON

Object Permanence

Pastor Amy Aitken

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AMONG US

## OFFERTORY

*God Is Gone Up*

Gerald Finzi

God is gone up with a triumphant shout:  
The Lord with sounding Trumpets' melodies:  
Sing Praise, sing Praise, sing Praise, sing Praises out,  
Unto our King sing praise seraphicwise!  
Lift up your Heads, ye lasting Doors, they sing,  
And let the King of Glory enter in.

Methinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly,  
In flakes of Glory down him to attend,  
And hear Heart-cramping notes of Melody  
Surround his Chariot as it did ascend;  
Mixing their Music, making ev'ry string  
More to enravish as they this tune sing.

## +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 of gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## +PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, in gratitude and joy, we offer these gifts to you today. For the wondrous ways this offering will bless this community and the world, we dedicate these gifts. For the ways it'll help us be witnesses to God's love and compassion, we dedicate these gifts. Let this offering, and the works of our hands and feet, give power to all we stand for as a community of faith. As we give, we pray for the courage to increase our faith and strengthen our walk with you, today and always. Amen.

## GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

## +CLOSING HYMN

*How Firm a Foundation*

UMH 529

## +BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Toccata on a 5th Dimension Ascension Theme

Jim Webb (b.1946)  
arr. Aaron Shows

## 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.



However you choose to share your gifts, we thank you for being here and sharing in the ministries of First United Methodist Church.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers are donated today by the Underwood Family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Howard Underwood.

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

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

### TODAY

**Bell Choir Concert and Bake Sale:** We will have our annual free Handbell Concert featuring all First UMC Handbell Groups at 12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There will also be baked goods for sale to support the church drama program. All are welcome!

Please join the **Turn-A-Page Book Group** on May 21 at 11:30 a.m. in the Church Lounge to discuss this month's choice: *The Hiding Place* by Corrie ten Boom.

### COMING UP

**May's Movie Night on May 28** will feature the Academy Award Winner (for Best Picture) *CODA*. How does deafness impact the life of a family? Supper will be available at 5:00 p.m. and the movie will begin at 5:45 p.m. Please contact Priscilla Baca ([priscillabaca1@gmail.com](mailto:priscillabaca1@gmail.com)) to reserve dinner.

**Summer Musical** - This summer, the 51st FUMC Summer Musical production will be *42nd Street*. **Save the Date:** Performances are Wednesday, July 26 through Saturday, July 29 at 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be served before the performance (details to come).

**Pasadena Methodist Foundation Scholarships 2023** - A reminder to all new applicants and renewal recipients of academic scholarships from the Pasadena Methodist Foundation, you must apply for your scholarship request annually. **The deadline this year is June 01, 2023.** You can pick up an application in the church office or download it at [pasadenamethodistfoundation.org](http://pasadenamethodistfoundation.org).

**Call for Graduates!** We plan to recognize our graduates in worship on June 4. Know someone who is graduating? Email Ashley ([ashleys@fumcpasadena.org](mailto:ashleys@fumcpasadena.org)) with their name and school.

## TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 10:00 a.m.: Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00: Coffee Hour and Drama Bake Sale (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:30: Turn-a-Page (Church Lounge)
- 12:00 p.m.: Handbell Concert (Fellowship Hall)

## FIRST UMC STAFF AND LAY LEADERSHIP

### Pastor

Rev. Dr. Amy Aitken

### Director of Intentional Faith Development:

Rev. Jennifer Chapman

### Minister of Hospitality & Congregational Care:

Rev. Connie Tamkin

### Director of Music Ministries:

Scott Lehmkuhl

### Organist:

Aaron Shows

### Lay Leader:

Kevin Lussier

### Intentional Faith Development Lay Leader:

Mikala Rahn

### Extravagant Generosity Ministry Lay Leader:

J.P. Harris

### Risk-Taking Mission Ministry Lay Leader:

Rosalie Niemann

### Passionate Worship Lay Leader:

Paul Audley

### Director of Media Ministries

Dave Lohr

### Today's Worship Leader:

Randy Godshall