



### 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 9:00 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.

**PRELUDE** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Michael Burkhardt (b.1957)

### + CALL TO WORSHIP

God, you bring us together in this place,  
we come to be fed,  
to be renewed,  
to seek understanding.

God, you challenge us in this place,  
we embrace the challenge,  
trusting that through challenge we grow in faith.

God, you are revealed in this place,  
sometimes in shining glory,  
sometimes in tender moments and sometimes in struggle.

**God as we worship in this place,  
refresh, renew, and challenge us  
so that we would see your glory and walk in your light.**

**+ OPENING HYMN** *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* UMH 173

### + 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

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine!  
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine!  
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine!  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Children are invited to come forward or remain seated.

## IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

**For Healing:** Victoria Audley, Lynette and Delano Black, Joyce Breslin, Family of Patricia Bruce, Erika Carillo, Willa Dalrymple, Albert Davis, Mary Davis, Trygve Gangnes, Jr., Juliette De Guzman, Joyce Dorn, Charlotte Dyson, John Evans, Cameron Fernandez, Cosette Fester, Zina Figilis, Brett Hain, Sofia Hain, Friends and family of Muriel Henderson, Sallie Higginbotham, Kendall In, Lisa Jaffe, Norman Jensen, Stephen Kastner, Greg Klimuck, Julie-Ann Kosakowski, Julie and Henry Lee and their family, Sam El Masri, Jocelyn Medina, Heidi Neuroth, Carol Nunemaker, Katherine Olivas, Leslie Parham, Tommy Parham, Jonathan Poutney, Donna Shook, Olivia Schott and family, Priscilla Shurney, Frances Smith, Jeffrey Stephens, Tim Sun, Deb and Gary Webster, Jan Wentz, Leilani Williams, Nadine Wittry and family, Sonia Wittry, Mona Woodard, 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 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](mailto: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.**

### 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

### GOSPEL READING

Mark 9: 2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one on earth could brighten them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

### ANTHEM

*Rise and Shine!*

arr. Rollo Dilworth

### SERMON

*Transcendent*

Pastor Amy Aitken

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AMONG US

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

#### +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 uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### +PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, we thank you for the gift of your presence among us. You surround us with your splendor; you fill us with your light. May these gifts bring the light of your love to your people. Send us into the world to shine with your glory, to walk in the light of justice and mercy, to radiate with your love, as light for all those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death. May your dawn rise upon us all and lead us in the way of peace. Amen.

## GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

#### +CLOSING HYMN

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*    UMH 384

#### BLESSING OF A PRAYER QUILT

Today we tie blessings of healing and strength into a prayer quilt for Leslie Black's mother, Lynette Black, who will be having surgery.

#### +BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE    *O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair*    Charles Callahan (b.1951)

"O wondrous sight! O vision fair of glory that the church shall share, which Christ upon the mountain shows, where brighter than the sun he glows!"

## 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.



## TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 10:00 a.m.: Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 a.m.: Children's Sunday School (Education Wing)
- 11:00 a.m. Fat Tuesday /Coffee Hour (Colorado Patio)
- 11:00 a.m. Children's Music Classes (Education Wing)
- 11:15 a.m. Confirmation Class (Youth Lounge)
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Handbells Rehearsal (Handbell Room)
- 12:45 p.m. Resound Ringers Rehearsal (Handbell Room)
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Group & Dinner (Youth Lounge)

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

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

### TODAY

**Fat Sunday Funday! 11:15 a.m. on the Colorado Patio** - We are celebrating "Fat Sunday" with a Mardi Gras themed Lunch (including pancakes)! There will be crafts to enjoy and an Alleluia Banner to sign.

**Sandwich Pickup to Support Children and Youth Winter Camp** - Please pick up your pre-ordered sandwiches and cupcakes on the patio after worship.

**Secret Service: Children and Youth Winter Camp is cancelled due to weather.**

### COMING UP

**Ash Wednesday is Feb. 14** - Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is a time of spiritual reflection and renewal as we prepare our hearts for Easter. We invite you to join us as we begin this holy season together in worship on Feb. 14 at 7:00 p.m. in our chapel.

**United Women in Faith Evening Circle meeting is Feb. 16** - Join us for this gathering of fun and fellowship at a member's home on the 3rd Friday of each month. Please email Jami Carrera ([jamicarrera@yahoo.com](mailto:jamicarrera@yahoo.com)) for the address.

**Recycle your old sneakers for the Summer Musical:** Bring your used sneakers to Fellowship Hall for recycling. Funds from recycling support our drama program.

**Third@First Presents Chopin: The Poet on Feb. 17 at 4:00 p.m. in the First UMC Sanctuary.** Pianist Junko Ueno Garrett will perform pieces by Chopin and share the story of his music and life. All Third@First concerts are free to attend (no tickets required)!

This year we have selected **The Amen Effect: Ancient Wisdom to Mend Our Broken Hearts and World** by Rabbi Sharon Brous for our Lenten Reading and Reflection. In a time of loneliness and isolation, social rupture and alienation, what will it take to mend our broken hearts and rebuild our society? **We will have three discussion sessions from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 18, March 3, and March 17 in room 205).** You can purchase a copy after worship beginning this Sunday (\$25) or from your favorite bookseller.

**Turn-A-Page Book Group: Refuge Feb. 18 in the Church Lounge** - The February Book Pick is *Refuge: An Unnatural History of Family and Place* by Terry Tempest Williams. All are welcome, even if you haven't read the book.

**Movie Night is Feb. 25 at 5:00 p.m. in the Church Lounge** - We will be viewing the movie *Unbroken*. Please contact Priscilla Baca ([priscillabaca1@gmail.com](mailto:priscillabaca1@gmail.com)) to reserve dinner.

**United Women in Faith Daytime Group meeting is Feb. 26 at 1:00 p.m.** - The UWF Daytime Group will meet in the Church Lounge.

## SERVING IN MINISTRY

The entire congregation shares in offering the ministries of this church. Some of the people who help lead our ministries include:

**Today's Worship Liturgist:**  
Lake Donahue

**Pastor**  
Rev. Dr. Amy Aitken

**Associate Pastor:**  
Rev. Mina Nau-Mahe

**Director of Music Ministries:**  
Scott Lehmkuhl

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Aaron Shows

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Mikala Rahn

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

**Chair of Trustees:**  
Paul Audley

## SPECIAL EVENT SUNDAY FEB. 25

After worship in the Church Lounge, we will be hosting Rev. Dr. John Fanestil to speak about his book *American Heresy* and discuss the issue of White Christian Nationalism. This is an important topic to address as so many communities are struggling with ideological divisions along race, gender, class, race, and political affiliation.

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