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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.

NOVEMBER 12, 2023

THIRTY-SECOND 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

"Andante Tranquillo" from Five Short Pieces Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

+ INVITATION TO WORSHIP

We gather in Abundance, away from the rush and the race, to celebrate the generous spirit that sings, without fear, “may all have enough.”

We gather to live into the work of God's call.

We gather in Grace, awake to the sin of despair and degradation, awake to the chance to be more and the possibilities seeded within.

We gather to grow: to change moment-by-moment, in grace again-and-again.

We gather in Hope, ready to do more than talk, ready to make change one letter, one meal, one home, one gift, and one hand at a time. Ready to live and move and be. Ready to be the Change God calls us to be.

We gather to give of our time and our talents, our hopes and our energy.

We gather to be.

+ OPENING HYMN

Blessed Assurance

UMH 369

+ 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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Betsy Franjola

ANTHEM

Ride the Chariot in the Mornin'

arr. Hart Morris
Resound Ringers

IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

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 Figillis, Brett Hain, Sofia Hain, Colin Harwood, Friends and family of Muriel Henderson, 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, Charif Masri, Jocelyn Medina, Millsap/Tamkin family, 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, Leilani Williams, 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.

GATHERING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

CENTERING SONG

Give Thanks

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Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son.

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

2 Corinthians 9:10-15

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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

ANTHEM

Keep Your Lamps

Andre Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.
Children don't get weary, 'til your work is done.
Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

SERMON

Your Blessings, Your Legacy

Pastor Mina Nau-Mahe

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

Loving God, we give you thanks for all the ways your love and grace are known in our lives. For the waters of baptism that claim as your own, the holy tables where you nourish us, the friends and family who surround us and this church community that stands as a witness to your love in our lives and for all people. As you have placed your generosity in our hearts, we pray now for the blessing of pouring it out for others. May the gifts we bring hope for the hurting, light in the valley of shadows, peace in the midst of chaos. Make these signs of our gratitude into a sign that shows your glory that all may know your grace and love. Amen.

GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

+CLOSING HYMN

Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated

UMH 399

BLESSING OF A PRAYER QUILT

Today we tie prayers of strength and healing into a quilt for Dennis O'Meara, father of Ann Zeiss's daughter-in-law, as he prepares for surgery.

+BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Festive Alleluia
(Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow)

Dan Miller (b.1954)

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.



COMMUNITY PANTRY

Our Community Pantry has become an important part of the charitable ecosystem that supports our unhoused neighbors in Pasadena. As the holiday season approaches, we will need more volunteers to help with our weekly pantry program. If you would like to volunteer, contact Aisha (afwilliams@fumcpasadena.org).

We also have an Amazon wish list. Please scan the QR code below to purchase much-needed supplies for our clients:



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

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

TODAY

Turn-a-Page Book Group - Church Lounge at 11:30 a.m.: We will meet to choose books for 2024.

COMING UP

United Women in Faith Evening Circle - Nov. 17, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.: Join us for this gathering of fun, fellowship, and a meal at the home of Betsy Franjola (please email Jami Carrera (jamicarrera@yahoo.com) for the address).

In the spirit of gratitude and thanksgiving, we are planning a family style dinner, and ask that everyone bring a dish to share that is special to you or your family during the holidays.

Third@First: Paris in Pasadena No. 1 "Joy of Chamber Music Nov. 18 in the Sanctuary: We will create the atmosphere of a Parisian musical salon in Pasadena, presenting French songs. Come join us for an afternoon of beautiful music!

Pies with the Pastors - Nov. 19: Come pass the peace "piece" of pie with us! The pastors will be serving pie during coffee hour after worship. Come enjoy this sweet treat with us.

Visioning Our Future, A Making Housing and Community Happen (MHCH) Event - Nov. 19, 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.: You're invited to the fifth annual MHCH housing advocacy event at New Life Holiness Church! It will consist of two parts:

- A free visioning event from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- The Annual MHCH Awards Celebration from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. - Suggested Donation of \$25.

Please register for one or both events as parking and space in the church are limited. Scan the QR code for details:



Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner - Nov. 23 at noon: Join hosts Diane and Rich Garner for a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner in the Church Lounge. Please reserve a place at the table by Friday, November 17, 2023, by contacting Diane Garner (rdgarner47@hotmail.com). Donation for the meal and the fellowship: \$15 per person.

SAVE THE DATE! The hanging of the Greens is Nov. 26 at 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary: After worship we are asking the congregation to help us decorate our sanctuary and get ready for the Christmas Season. This is a fun time to fellowship and get creative. Join us!

Adopt a Child Abuse Caseworker "ACAC" Christmas stocking stuffing! - It's that time of year! Diane Harris will be handing out names of foster kids from the Department of Children and Family Services along with handmade Christmas Stockings (created by our Quilting Ministry) so that our generous congregation can provide gifts for these children.

See Diane in Fellowship Hall after church on November 26, and December 3 to pick up the child's name and their stocking! **Stockings are to be turned in no later than December 10.** Earlier if possible! This mission opportunity will coincide with the Alternative Christmas Market.

Save the Date! Our Alternative Christmas Market is Dec. 3. Choose one (or a few) charitable organizations and causes to support as a "gift" to a loved one. More information to come!

Recycle your Old Sneakers! We are still collecting old sneakers as a fundraiser for our Summer Musical program and a way to help the environment. The collection box is in the southeast corner of Fellowship Hall, so keep those sneakers coming!

TODAY AT FIRST UMC

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

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