



150 YEARS OF SERVICE
**PASADENA
 FIRST UNITED
 METHODIST
 CHURCH**

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.

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

Fantasy on Pisgah

Cathy Marker
 Resound Ringers

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather together in the name of the God who calls us, inviting us into a loving and life-giving relationship with our Creator.

We gather together

to hear the words of Christ, the embodiment of God's redeeming love.

We gather together to sing praises of the Spirit who guides us always in the ways of peace.

Come, let us worship our God.

+ OPENING HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing UMH 57 vs. 1-3 and 5

+ WELCOME AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

SPECIAL MUSIC

Walking, Walking

Holly Goldstein
 Cherub Choir

Bird Song

Holly Goldstein
 Cherub Choir

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing UMH 333

*Children are invited to come forward or remain seated.
 As the children gather, we sing together.*

I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing,
 I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing,
 I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing,
 and obey the Spirit of the Lord.

IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

Newly Added: Sarah Rudchenko

For Healing: Ronan Bessler, Lynette Black, Joyce Breslin, Fernando Carrillo, Albert Davis, Mary Davis, Joyce Dorn, Curt Elrod, John Evans, Cameron Fernandez, Cosette Fester, Linda Gerkin, Tom Griffith, Brett Hain, Sofia Hain, Cindy Heckman, Larry Jaffe, Lisa Jaffe, Ami Jenkins, Norman Jensen, Stephen Kastner, Julie-Ann Kosakowski, Rachel Lang, Meredith Lyon, Allison Masguez, Cecilia Militante, Lois Moe, Randy Moe, Carol Nunemaker, Katherine Olivas, Mardy Olivas, Eric Olsen, Donald Palmer and Family, Leslie Parham, Tommy Parham, Jonathan Poutney, Mario San Juan, Priscilla Shurney, Frances Smith, Jeffrey Stephens, Tim Sun, David T., Karen Thompson, Deb and Gary Webster, Jan Wentz, family of Kathy Windsor, 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 box near the back of the sanctuary. If you are part of the Connected (Online) Campus, send an email to connect@fumcpasadena.org.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Everybody's Got a Place in the Choir

Greg Gilpin
Cantate Choir

GATHERING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

CENTERING SONG

Spirit of the Living God

UMH 393

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

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**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Thou Art Worthy

Jack Schrader
Youth Handbells

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 100

Shout joy to the Lord, all the earth,
serve the Lord with gladness,
enter God's presence with joy!

Know that the Lord is God,
our maker to whom we belong,
our shepherd, and we the flock.

Enter the temple gates,
the courtyard with thanks and praise;
give thanks and bless God's name.

Indeed the Lord is good!
God's love is forever,
faithful from age to age.

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

ANTHEM

Festival Te Deum

Benjamin Britten
Chancel Choir

HOMILY

Pastor Amy Aitken

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AMONG US

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Who Will Be a Witness arr. Donald Moore
Youth Choir

+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 up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of all creation, in gratitude, we offer our gifts, celebrating your steadfast love. Guide us to sing your praises boldly, inviting others to join in the song of your love. Amid trials and triumphs, may our worship and our lives be a testament to your enduring grace. Lead us in the work of your hands, empowering us to love as you do. Bless these offerings, magnifying your love in our community and beyond. Amen.

GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

+CLOSING HYMN *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* UMH 68

BLESSING OF THE PRAYER QUILT

Today we tie prayers of joy and well-wishes into a quilt for Grace Danziger.

+BENEDICTION

+MUSICAL BENEDICTION *The Blessing* Brown/Carnes/Jobe/Furtick
Scott Lehmkuhl and Carrah Stamatakis

+POSTLUDE *Fanfare* Jacques Lemmens (1823-1881)

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.



THANK YOU TO OUR MUSIC STAFF

Director of Music Ministries, Chancel Choir and Youth Choir
Scott Lehmkuhl

Organist
Aaron Shows

Director of Resound Ringers, Youth Handbells, and Children's Handbells
Megan Goldstein

Cantate Choir Director and Coordinator of Children's Music
Chrissa Hayes

Director of Cherubs Choir
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Cantate Accompanist
Mark Goldstein

Chancel Choir Section Leaders
Koji Sakano, Joslyn Sarshad, Carrah Stamatakis, and Eric Werner

Chancel Choir Scholarship Singers
Alyssa Simons and Jacob Zimmer

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

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

TODAY

“Impressions from a Solidarity Pilgrimage to Palestine and Israel” with Randy Heyn-Lamb - Come and join us at 11:30 a.m. in the Church Lounge to hear a talk by Randy Heyn-Lamb, co-chair to the Middle East Ministry at All Saints, Pasadena, co-chair to the LA Chapter of Friends of Sabeel, and Steering Committee member of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship's Palestine Israel Network.

COMING UP

Family Promise Hosting Week is June 9 - 15. - As part of the shelter network, our church will provide shelter, meals and hospitality for a family. There are still slots open for volunteers.

To sign up scan the QR Code.



For more information, please contact Beth Gerber (beth@lighttext.com) or visit the Family Promise table at Fellowship hall after Sunday services.

The United Women of Faith will be having a potluck luncheon on Monday, June 17, at 12:00 p.m. - All are invited to join in the fellowship and food. If you would like to bring a dish, that would be fine (but not necessary). Desserts and salads will be served. This will be the last meeting of the season. We will commence again on September 16, when Paul Audley, from Film LA, will present the program.

The United Women in Faith Evening Circle, Friday, June 21, at 7:00 p.m. - Join us for a gathering with food and fellowship. This is a great way to get to know church members and friends. We are looking for a host for the meeting. Interested? Email Jami (jamicarrera@yahoo.com) if you can host or have a meeting place.

The Cal-Pac Foundation's Lois Balsley Scholarship is Now Open.

- Graduating high school seniors preparing to enroll in a two- or four-year college, or vocational school in the fall of 2024 are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be active members of a United Methodist Church within the boundaries of the Annual Conference. Deadline to apply is June 20, 2024. Apply here:



Less Anger, More Peace Tuesdays from 5:00-6:00 p.m. on July 9, 16, 23, 30 & Aug 6 - Anger's obvious, destructive aspects often overshadow its value. This course offers focused reflection on the many faces of an emotion all humans deal with. We can manage our feelings differently to bring more peace into our daily experiences. Participants receive a discussion guide days before each of the five 1-hour Zoom conversations. Sign up at connect@fumcpasadena.com.

Vacation Bible School is July 15 - 19 (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.) - This year's theme is Just Like Me! We are inviting children to have fun and make new friends in an inclusive environment. VBS will focus on supporting faith development and teaching students to celebrate their identities.

Registration is open! Visit fumcpasadena.org/vbs to learn more and sign up.

TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 11:00 a.m. - Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:30 a.m. - "Impressions from a Solidarity Pilgrimage to Palestine and Israel." (Church Lounge)
- 11:30 a.m. - VBS Volunteer Meeting (Room 206)

SERVING IN MINISTRY

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

Pastor
Rev. Dr. Amy Aitken

Associate Pastor:
Rev. Mina Nau-Mahe

Liturgist:
Rachel Youngstrom

Director of Music Ministries:
Scott Lehmkuhl

Organist:
Aaron Shows

Ministry Coordinator:
Dori Fotsch

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