

Palm Sunday



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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.

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.

GATHERING TOGETHER

Welcome to Worship. We are so glad that you are joining us today. We worship God in ways that are both ancient and modern, steeped in church tradition and open to God's ongoing call in our lives. 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.

+INVITATION TO WORSHIP

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts

Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk

Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling humility and unrelenting love for all of us.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

PROCESSIONAL

All Glory, Laud and Honor (UMH 280)

REFRAIN:

All glo - ry, laud and hon - or, to thee, Re - deem - er, King,
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring. [END]

1. Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing thee on high,
3. The peo - ple of the He - brews with psalms be - fore thee went;
4. To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
5. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es, ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply. RETURN
our prayer and praise and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent. TO
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise. REFRAIN
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

The Servant Song (TFWS 2222)

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.

We are pilgrims on a journey;
we're together on this road.
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 2: 5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Gospel of our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

Newly Added: Algernon Baptiste, Norman Jensen and family, the family of Ivonne Mungia, Donna Shook

For Healing: Patricia Bruce, Phil Chavez and Family, Mary Davis, Joyce Dorn, Ivonne Munguia, Gail Nance, Ann and Neal Dougherty, Brett Hain, Sofia and Woody Hain, Rob Hayes, Sallie Higginbotham, Janice Jones, Stephen Kastner, David Kinel, Tom Kosakowski, Jocelyn Medina, Kaz Mousavi's niece, Johnathan Nieto, Carol Nunemaker, Rev. Pyong Oh, Tommy Parham, Lidiya Potapenko and family, Celina Romero, The Roper Family, Wayne Schenck, Emily Schult, Ha-yeong Shin, Donna Shook, Jill Shook, Phyllis Underwood and family, Wendy Stiver, Deb and Gary Webster, Jan Wentz, Sonya 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 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.

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 to access the church's online giving website. Offering baskets are available by the exits to receive checks and currency.



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

MUSIC

While we'd like to provide texts and translations for choir anthems, regrettably, we do not always have space to print them. We are so grateful for the beautiful music offered by our choir and musicians. With or without text, we invite you to allow the music to be a source of God's grace, joy and peace in this time of worship.

SERMON

Father Greg Boyle

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AMONG US

OFFERTORY

Hosanna to the Son of David

Daniel Moe

Hosanna to the Son of David.
Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

+PRESENTATION MUSIC

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God, above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Blessed is the one who comes in your name, Lord!
With these gifts, we would follow you
even as you lead us into the deepest sacrifice.
We glory in the drama of your salvation.
We give you thanks, because you are good,
because your faithful love lasts forever. Amen.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

In the United Methodist Church, all who love God are invited to share in this holy meal. Our communion elements are gluten and alcohol-free so that all may share in this sacrament together. Whether we are in this sanctuary together or apart from one another, we recognize that God's love knows no bounds. At this Table, as we celebrate Christ's presence and give thanks for our identity and our unity in Christ.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Congregational responses can be found on p. 15 of the UMH hymnal.

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.**

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Praise Ye the Father (Marche Pontificale)

Charles Gounod
Resound Ringers

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

GOING FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE WORLD

+CLOSING HYMN

What Wondrous Love is This

UMH 292

+BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Palm Sunday Recessional

June Nixon (b. 1942)

ABOUT FATHER GREG BOYLE

In 1988, Jesuit Priest Gregory Boyle and community leaders started what would eventually become Homeboy Industries, an organization that employs and trains former gang members seeking a better life.

He is the author of *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion* (2010), *Barking to the Choir* (2017), *The Whole Language* (2021), and *Forgive Everyone Everything* (2022). In 2014, the White House named Boyle a Champion of Change, and he received the University of Notre Dame's 2017 Laetare Medal, the oldest honor given to American Catholics.



ABOUT HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES

Homeboy Industries provides hope, training, and support to formerly gang-involved and previously incarcerated people, allowing them to redirect their lives and become contributing members of our community.

Each year over 10,000 former gang members from across Los Angeles come through Homeboy Industries' doors in an effort to make a positive change. They are welcomed into a community of mutual kinship, love, and a wide variety of services ranging from tattoo removal to anger management and parenting classes.



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

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

TODAY

The Good Inside Parenting Group in Room 206 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - We will discuss *Good Inside: A Guide to Becoming the Parent You Want to Be* by Dr. Becky Kennedy. Pastor Jen will lead the group in discussion and reflection.

COMING UP

Easter Luncheon April 9 at 12:00 p.m. - Celebrate with us a Traditional Easter meal with us after church in Fellowship Hall. To RSVP, email office@fumcpasadena.org or sign up or in Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, March 26th.

A donation of \$10.00 per person is requested, but donations in any amount will be graciously accepted. We hope you will join us for an enjoyable time of fun, food, and fellowship with our church family.

Easter Bag Goodies -Easter is upon us and it's time to fill some Easter "bags" for the foster kids in the Adopt a Child Abuse Caseworker (ACAC) program. We have the bags, candy and the filler grass. We are in need of donations to pay for these things! Please give financial donations to Diane Harris or the church office by Sunday, April 9th! Donations should be marked as ACAC Easter gifts. Thank you for your generosity!

Easter Lilies - This year we have ordered Easter Lilies to give to those who are not able to worship in person due to health limitations and age as part of our Shepherds Ministry. We hope you will pick one up after Easter day worship and take it to one of our beloved members and spend a bit of time in conversation with them

Camp Sky Meadows Beautification Weekend, April 15 and 16 (Saturday and Sunday) - Attend for one day or for the whole weekend! Food will be provided. For more information on what to bring and what we will be doing, contact Danny Carrera or sign up in Fellowship Hall after worship on Sunday.

Third@First: "4 Hands on 1 Piano" Vicki Ray and Junko Ueno Garrett April 15 at 4:00 p.m. - Piano duets began as a way to enjoy music at home before recorded music was common. Later, piano duets made their way into the concert hall as composers created works intended to exploit the possibilities of four hands playing on one piano. In this duet program, you will learn how great American composers have utilized this versatile style.

Turn-A-Page Book Group, April 16 at 11:30 a.m. in the Church Lounge - We will be discussing *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick. All are welcome, even if you haven't read the book.

Song by Song by Sondheim, Saturday, April 22 at 4:00 p.m. - Pasadena Playhouse will be hosting a special musical presentation of Sondheim's works at our church, bringing together community choirs from all over LA! Featuring the Gay Men's Chorus of LA, Pasadena Chorale, VOX Femina LA, and ACABELLA (Academy of Music for the Blind), this once-in-a-lifetime choral celebration is FREE to the public!

Earth Day Sunday is Coming! - Sunday, April 23, FUMC will celebrate the Earth and how we can be kind to it by weaving positive practices into our daily lives.

Our theme will be "used is cool" so buy less and reuse more. We will have lots of Earth-friendly activities, including a One In, One Out Shop, Mending Workshop, Running Shoe Recycling, Ye Old "Used" Book Shoppe, Upcycling Crayons into Gifts, and the Blessing of the Animals.

Stay tuned for more information.

BIBLE STUDY

Pastor's Bible Study will meet next Wednesday at 12:00 p.m. (4/5). We will discuss Matthew 28: 1-10. Please see the News@First email newsletter for the Zoom information.

TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 10:00 a.m.: Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00: Coffee Hour
- 11:00: Good Inside Parenting Group (206)
- 11:15: Youth Sunday School (207)
- 11:15: Confirmation Class (106)
- 12:00 p.m.: Youth Bell Choir (204)
- 12:45: Adult Bell Choir (204)
- 4:30: Youth Choir (Choir Room)
- 5:30: Youth Group (Fellowship Hall)

FIRST UMC STAFF AND LAY LEADERSHIP

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Today's Worship Leader:

Cynthia Crass

Holy Week and Easter

Join us for our other Holy Week Services
and Easter Sunday.

Maundy Thursday - April 6

Chapel (7:00 p.m.) - This service commemorates the institution of the Last Supper and Jesus' command that we love one another. Included are a celebration of Holy Communion and choral music by the Chancel Choir.

Good Friday - April 7

Chapel (7:00 p.m.) - Christ's Passion is remembered in a service of darkness, using the ancient liturgy of Tenebrae and music of the Taizé Community in France.

Easter Sunday - April 9

Sanctuary (10 a.m.) - New life is the focus of this festive service that includes choirs, brass ensemble and pipe organ. An Easter Egg hunt for young people will follow the service in front of the church.

