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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 9:00 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**

*Mazurka in C sharp minor Op. 63 No. 3* Frederic Chopin (1810-1849)

**+ CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come, for God gathers us here,  
with that community called faith:  
**where the hungry are served first,  
where the thirsty drink life's water.**  
We come, for God welcomes us here  
into that home called grace:  
**where the naked are clothed in robes of hope;  
where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.**  
We come, for God reunites us here,  
sisters and brothers in that family called love:  
**where the imprisoned model justice,  
where the sick are cradled in God's peace.**

**+ OPENING HYMN**

*Rejoice, the Lord is King* UMH 715

**+ 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.

**GATHERING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER**

**CENTERING SONG**

*Give Thanks* TFWS 2036  
Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He’s given  
Jesus Christ His Son. (Repeat.)  
Give Thanks.

*Moment for Silent Meditation*

## IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

**Newly Added:** Charlotte Dyson, Sam El Masri

**For Healing:** Christy Bootjer and Family, Joyce Breslin, Patricia Bruce, Erika Carillo, Jenny Carron, Albert Davis, Mary Davis, Trygve Gangnes, Jr., Juliette De Guzman, Joyce Dorn, John Evans, Zina Figilis, Brett Hain, Sofia Hain, 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, Jocelyn Medina, Kendra Millsap, Millsap/Tamkin family, Ken Morrow, Gail Nance, Jonathan Nieto, Carol Nunemaker, Katherine Olivas, Leslie Parham, Tommy Parham, Josh Riaille, Donna Shook, 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).

## 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

Matthew 25:31-46

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

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

### ANTHEM

*Upon This Rock*

Pepper Choplin

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AMONG US**

**+PRESENTATION MUSIC**      *Now Thank We All Our God*      UMH 102

Now thank we all our God,  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

**+PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God, whose giving knows no ending, we offer up the treasure that you have entrusted to us. We offer up the skills and time that you have graciously given to us. We offer up ourselves in service and praise. Receive these gifts by your grace. Multiply and use them through the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish Christ's work of love in the world. Amen.

**GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE**

**+CLOSING HYMN**      *The Church's One Foundation*      UMH 546

**+BENEDICTION**

**+POSTLUDE**

*Mazurka in D Major Op. 33 No. 2*      Frederic Chopin (1810-1849)

**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](mailto:connect@fumcpasadena.org)

### TODAY

#### **The Hanging of the Greens today 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!

### COMING UP

#### **Adopt a Child Abuse Caseworker "ACAC" Christmas stocking stuffing!:**

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) after church on November 26 and December 3 so that our generous congregation can provide gifts for these children.

Stockings are to be turned in no later than December 10.

#### **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.

#### **Christmas Craft Workshop and Friends & Family Lunch is Dec. 10 at 11:00 a.m.:**

Children and Adults are invited to join us for our holiday crafting and merriment! If you enjoy making holiday decor, this is the event for you! Suggested Donation: \$5/person for food, \$10/person for food + crafts.

#### **United Women in Faith (UWF) Evening Circle - Dec. 15 at 7 pm.:**

The UWF will have their holiday celebration at Heidi Neuroth's home. Email Jami Carrera ([jamicarrera@yahoo.com](mailto:jamicarrera@yahoo.com)) for details and the address.

#### **Grieving Through the Holidays:**

Whether this is the first, second, or tenth holiday after your loved one's death, the emotions that may arise in the days ahead can blindsides you.

Beginning the week of Thanksgiving and continuing until Christmas, this Zoom community with Priscilla, Marilyn, and Janet can bring a measure of comfort.

Join in at any time when you feel the need for support, Wednesdays from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Nov 22, 29, Dec 6, 13, 20. For more info, or the Zoom link, email [connect@fumcpasadena.org](mailto:connect@fumcpasadena.org).

#### **Christmas Joy Concert on Dec. 16 at 1 p.m. (Special Time!):**

The First UMC choirs and instrumental ensembles team up for this annual celebration of seasonal music. Carols old and new will be performed by the Chancel Choir, handbells, pipe organ, piano ensembles and more. Enjoy a few "Sing-Alongs" for the whole audience!

#### **Pastor Amy's and Mark's Christmas Open House is Dec. 17 at 2 p.m.:**

Come share in Christmas cookies and cheer at the pastor's house. RSVP at [connect@fumcpasadena.org](mailto:connect@fumcpasadena.org) to receive the address.

#### **United Women in Faith (UWF) Morning Group - Dec. 18 at 1 pm.:**

The UWF will have their holiday potluck in the church lounge. Please contact Barbara Gorton ([h\\_bgorton456@sbcglobal.net](mailto:h_bgorton456@sbcglobal.net)) for more information.

## TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 10:00 a.m.: Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15: Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:30: Hanging of the Greens (Sanctuary)

## SERVING IN MINISTRY

#### **Pastor**

Rev. Dr. Amy Aitken

#### **Associate Pastor:**

Rev. Mina Nau-Mahe

#### **Director of Music Ministries:**

Scott Lehmkuhl

#### **Organist:**

Aaron Shows

#### **Ministry Coordinator:**

Dori Fotsch

#### **Facilities & Office Manager:**

Aisha Williams

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Tim Sun

#### **Communications Director:**

Ashley Slade

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Kevin Lussier

#### **Lay Leader for Faith Development**

Mikala Rahn

#### **Lay Leader for Finance & Generosity:**

J.P. Harris

#### **Lay Leader for Missions:**

Rosalie Niemann

#### **Chair of Trustees:**

Paul Audley

#### **Director of Media Ministries:**

Dave Lohr

#### **Today's Worship Leader:**

Karen Zankovich

#### **Guest Pianist:**

Junko Ueno Garrett

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