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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.

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 9:30 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 11:30 a.m.

Questions? Early Pick Up? See the Children’s Ministry Superintendent in the Children’s Ministry Office.

TOLLING OF THE BELL

As the bell tolls, we invite you to simply pause as we center our hearts, our spirits, and our bodies in God’s presence.

PRELUDE

A Mighty Fortress is Our God Johann Walther (1684-1748)

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

This place for us is Holy Ground.
The place where we sing songs of praise to the Lord,
and repeat the stories of faith
that inspire us to respond to Christ’s love.
God called us here,
in whispering winds and in burning flames,
and with his presence
disarms us of the barriers we have placed around us.
God meets us in our vulnerability and frailty, in our doubts and
our fears,
God is with us.
Let us worship the Lord.

+ OPENING HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy UMH 64

+ WELCOME AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

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, and they are considered to be one of the two most prominent California tribes without federal recognition. We honor their connection to this region and give thanks for the opportunity to live, work, worship and learn on this sacred land.

IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

Newly added: The Youngstrom family in the death of Kris' mother, Nancy Brubaker and Eric Brubaker, Kathy Brunkow, Erich Frey, Marilyn Nobori, Carol Nunemaker.

For Healing: Pat Audley, Mark Audley, Joan Bothast, Nancy Brubaker and Eric Brubaker, Patricia Bruce, Kathy Brunkow, Mary Davis, Joyce Dorn, Ann and Neal Dougherty, Zina Figilis, Family of Barbara Frank, Kristina Frank, Peggy Gott, Barbara Gorton, Brett Hain, Sofia Hain, Sallie Higginbotham, James Jensen, Harry Kuruma, Family of Carolyn Lussier, Sharon Garrison Morrow, Marilyn Nobori, Carol Nunemaker, Rev. Pyong Oh, Paula Peacock, Donna Shook, Doug Shook, Ashley Slade, Wendy Stiver, Deb and Gary Webster, Jan Wentz, Sonya Wittry, Earline Woodard, the Youngstrom family, Richard Zeiss, Wayne Zhang, Rosy Zide.

Prayer requests may be shared via connect@fumcpasadena.org and we will gladly add them.

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

I Am The Church

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.

I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together.

WELCOMING NEW CHURCH MEMBERS

Lori Gangemi, Johncito "John" Peraza, Aldene Zeno, Mike Cameron

GATHERING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

CENTERING SONG

Holy Ground (FWS 2272)

We are standing on holy ground,
And I know that there are angels all around.

Let us praise Jesus now.

We are standing in His presence, On holy ground!

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3:1-6

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

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

SERMON

A Gathering of Grace: On Holy Ground

Pastor Amy Aitken

OFFERING TO GOD OUR HEARTS, OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Grace

Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

+PRESENTATION MUSIC

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

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!

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God who calls and God who gathers, you invite us into a future filled with possibilities and promises. Guide this church, that our ministries and our shared witness might be a beacon of hope for our community. Through what we offer for your service today, magnify your love and make your glory known, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

GOING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

+CLOSING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

UMH 451

+BENEDICTION

This morning we dedicate a prayer quilt for Ruby Jinks, Leslie Parham's stepmother, grieving the loss of her husband and adjusting to a new life in an assisted living home.

+POSTLUDE

Toccatà in D Minor - BWV 565

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

OFFERING TO GOD OUR HEARTS, OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS

An offering is an act of gratitude and faithfulness in response to God's love and grace in our lives. 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.

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.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES @ FIRST UMC

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

Youth Evergreen Fundraiser -

It's time to order your Christmas Greens! The Evergreen Fundraiser supports our youth programs and outreach activities. Greens are available for PICK-UP or DIRECT DELIVERY. The order deadline is November 6. Delivery is estimated to be the first week of December. Find us at coffee hour after worship to place your order, or visit <https://sherwoodfundraiser.com/FUMC> Pasadena

Rise Against Hunger A Huge

Success - You did it! You succeeded in packaging 30K+ meals this past Sunday! Now we need to complete the task by raising an additional \$1,200 to cover the cost of the food we packaged. If you forgot to donate or would like to give a little more, please go to the giving portal on our website and make your donation today!

All Saints Day - On Sunday, November 6, we will celebrate All Saint's Day with a remembrance of the every-day "saints" who have blessed us in our lives. We invite you to bring a photo of your "saint" (living or dead) to worship this day as we remember and honor our "cloud of witnesses."

Spirit Seekers: Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in the Church Lounge. This fall, the class will be looking at Dr. Amy Jill Levine's book, "Short Stories by Jesus." This is a fascinating book on the parables of Jesus as interpreted by a Jewish scholar of the New Testament. All are welcome.

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. The following sessions will be about various aspects of grief.

- Surviving The Holidays, is a seminar developed by GriefShare and will meet via Zoom. Two sessions are being offered: Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 2:00-3:30 p.m. and, an evening session on Nov.15, 7:00-8:30 p.m. A workbook/resource is available.
- Grief at Holiday Time, a FUMC ministry, continues as a place to find comfort, understanding and hope will gather on Wednesday, November 16-December 14 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. on Zoom. Registration is required. Please email connect@fumcpasadena.org for more information.
- Longest Night Service, a service of remembrance, comfort and hope: Dec. 21, 7 p.m, in the Chapel and also via Zoom. GriefShare participants are invited to share a meal before the service.

Pastor's Bible Study meets on Zoom at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Each week we will study and reflect on the text for the following week's worship service. Next week (11/2), we will be discussing Ephesians 1:16-23.

TODAY AT FIRST UMC

- 9:00 a.m.: Spirit Seekers: Lounge
- 10: 00: Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00: Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:15: Youth Sunday School (rm. 207)
- 11:15: Confirmation Class (Library)
- 11:15: Discover FUMC (Church Lounge)
- 11:30: A Disciples Path (rm. 206)
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Bell Choir (rm. 204)
- 12:45: Adult Bell Choir (rm. 204)
- 5:30: Youth Group (rm. 207)

FIRST UMC STAFF AND LAY LEADERSHIP

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Today's Worship Leader:

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Visit www.fumcpasadena.org/events for a full list of upcoming programs.