

September 10, 2017 • 10:00 a.m.



The Church at Worship

Large print & Braille hymnals are available. Please contact our Ushers if you have a need.

To enhance the worship experience, please be sure to switch the ringer on cell phones or pagers to "silent" or "vibrate."

Please note: No one under the age of 18 may sit in the first row of the balcony, even with parents.

*Portions said by all are printed in **bold type**. "+" indicates to stand in body or spirit as you are able.*

New to First United Methodist Church? We are glad you're here! Text "Welcome" to 626.624.4157

WE GATHER TOGETHER

PRELUDE

Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young (1919-1998)
Aaron Shows, Organist

TOLLING OF THE BELL

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

Led by Naomi Sun

Come, children of God, rejoice in your Maker!
**We'll sing songs and hymns, old and new;
celebrate with voices and instruments,
with praise and prayers!**

Open your eyes to the life-giving presence of Jesus Christ.
For God is already here, among us and within us
bringing new life to all who believe.

Let us praise God together!

ALL: 1. God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
ALL: 2. Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
LOW VOICES: 3. Here our child - ren find a wel - come in the
ALL: 4. Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

of - fer praise and prayer; may we find in
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here, as bread and
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

HIGH VOICES: Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we

var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not

of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O Living God of past and future,
 we praise you for this present moment.
 Fill us with your joy and empower us with your Holy Spirit,
 that our strength may be renewed
 to sing a new song of your glory
 in a world which longs for your justice and peace.
 All this we ask in the name of Jesus,
 in whom we become your new creation. Amen.**

+ WELCOME AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ is here to stay. **Thanks be to God!**

As young ones gather in the Chancel, we sing together a proclamation of faith.
 Following Time for young Christians, children are invited to participate
 in the Children Sunday School and music program in room 201.

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah. Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah.

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah. Oh, Lord, kum ba yah!

The United Methodist Hymnal, No. 494 Afro-American Spiritual, Public Domain

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE SONG

God Is Love

Be - lov - ed, let us love one an - oth - er, for love is of God.

Be - lov - ed, let us love one an - oth - er, for God is love.

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 13:8-14a

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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+ GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 18:15-20

If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.

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SERMON

Stumbling Blocks and Stepping Stones

Rev. Sandra K. Olewine

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Gregory Norton

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.**

SHARING OUR TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

OFFERTORY

O How Amiable

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
Chancel Choir

O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. They will be always praising thee. The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handiwork.

—Psalm 84 (King James Version)

When indicated, please rise and join in singing:

O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for
years to come, Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast,
And our e - ter - nal home.

+ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

+ HYMN

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



1. Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and cor - ner - stone,
 2. To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O God of Hosts, to - day!
 3. Here re - new your ser - vants' vi - sion, that by faith they may at - tain



cho - sen of our God, and pre - cious, bind - ing all the Church in one;
 With your con - stant, lov - ing kind - ness hear your peo - ple as they pray.
 peace and hope, re - newed com - pas - sion, strength to com - fort those in pain,



Ho - ly Zi - on's help for ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Give your full - est ben - e - dic - tion: grace to fol - low Christ the Way.
 Tears and grief trans - formed to glad - ness in your ev - er - last - ing reign.

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+ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Improvisation

Aaron Shows

Call to Worship: adapted, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/08/call-to-worship-september-4-2011.html>;

Prayer of the Day: <https://re-worship.blogspot.ca/2013/04/opening-prayer-new-song.html>

ALTAR FLOWERS this week are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Phyllis and Howard Underwood's 65th wedding anniversary on September 13 by their four children.

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Clergy: Rev. Sandra Olewine,
 Rev. Gregory Norton,
 & Rev. Jennifer Chapman
 Worship Leaders: Naomi Sun
 Musicians: Aaron Shows, Organist
 Chancel Choir

Greeters: Willa Dalrymple, Susan Rogers,
 & Wanda Gae Stefansson
 Audio/Video: John Atkinson, Emma Black, Henry
 Dyson, Brian Hendricks, Hank Lambert, Norman
 Lambert, Dave Lohr, Jen Pino, & Bill Stanton

NEW HERE?

Welcome to FUMC Pasadena! We're so glad you're here. Sunday mornings are central to our congregation's life as people of all ages gather to learn and to worship together, seeking inspiration to live as partners with God and to follow Jesus in transforming the world. Learning opportunities are available before and after worship, as well as during the week. Numerous short-term and ongoing ministries of service to the world around us are available for all ages. For more information: please text "Welcome" to 626.624.4157; stop by the Welcome Table in Fellowship Hall; or contact Rev. Sandy Olewine, at either solewine@fumcpasadena.org or 626.796.0157.

TODAY AT FUMC

September 10, 2017

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- SpiritSeekers, 8:55 a.m. (Church Lounge)
 - Youth Sunday School, 11:15 a.m. (Youth Room #207)
 - Sunday Conversation, 11:15 a.m. (Adult Ministries Classroom #205)
- Childcare is available in Wesley Hall (Room 104) starting at 9:00 a.m.*

10:00 A.M. WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

12:00 P.M. FRIENDS & FAMILY BBQ

Join us in on the Colorado Blvd. Patio for our Rally Day Friends & Family BBQ!

MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

- Youth Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
- Youth Dinner & Program, 6:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

THIS WEEK AT FUMC

Monday, September 11

- M&M's Study Group, 10:30 a.m. (Library)
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:00 p.m. (Great Hall)
- Empathetic Listening Class, 7:00 p.m. (Room 205)

Tuesday, September 12

- Social Service Office Hours, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Great Hall)
- Boy Scouts, 7:00 p.m. (Boy Scout Room)
- Young Adults, 7:30 p.m. (Aldersgate Room)

Wednesday, September 13

- Prayer Quilt Ministry, 9:30 a.m. (Church Lounge)
- Intentional Faith Development Ministry Area Meeting, 7:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, September 14

- Yarn Ministry, 9:30 a.m. (Church Lounge)
- Pastor Sandy's Lectionary Study, 12:00 p.m. (Church Lounge)
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m. (Choir Room)

Friday, September 15

- Islamic Center of So. California Friday Prayer Service, 12:30 p.m. (Church Lounge)

Saturday, September 16

- Prayer Quilt Ministry, 9:30 a.m. (Church Lounge)

Sunday, September 17

- SpiritSeekers, 8:55 a.m. (Church Lounge)
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 9:15 a.m. (Choir Room)
- Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)
- Coffee and Conversation, 11:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Turn-A-Page Book Club, 11:15 a.m. (Church Lounge)
- Youth Sunday School, 11:15 a.m. (Youth Room #207)
- Sunday Conversation, 11:15 a.m. (Adult Classroom #205)
- Youth Bell Choir Rehearsal, 12:00 p.m. (Bell Room)
- Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal, 12:45 p.m. (Bell Room)
- Youth Council, 4:30 p.m. (Youth Lounge)
- Youth Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
- Questers Fellowship, 6:30 p.m. (Church Lounge)
- Youth/Parent Potluck, 6:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

KID'S CORNER

Childcare begins at 9:00 a.m. in Wesley Hall (room 104) in the Green Street Education Building.

- **Family Pool Party:** On Saturday, September 23, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Families with children sixth grade and under are invited to gather for swimming and grilling at the home of Betsy, Ken, and Frankie Franjola (1042 Olanca Drive, Los Angeles). This event will offer an opportunity to visit with Pastor Jen and her family. Please understand you will be responsible for supervising your own children at this event. Especially when a pool is involved, we want to ensure the safety of all children.
- **Children's Drama Camp** (Grades 1-6) - Tuesdays, 6:15-7:30 p.m., September 19 - October 10. Children and their families begin with a light dinner and fall-themed craft, followed by drama, games and fun! Children will perform during ArtWalk, Saturday, October 14.



News at First

GROW IN FAITH

- **Sunday Conversation:**

Beginning TODAY First UMC begins a new Sunday schedule as we seek to align the morning with our commitment to deepen



our faith through worship and growing discipleship for all ages. Each week, following the morning service there will a Sunday Conversation. This 45-minute gathering will provide space to explore sermon and scripture topics more thoroughly, hear from guest speakers on pressing issues of our day, practice different spiritual disciplines and much more. Each Conversation will stand on its own so there is no long-term commitment necessary. Other options will continue to be offered following worship, including both once/month groups and short-term studies.

- **Rally Day Friends & Family BBQ Lunch!** Tri-tip, veggie burgers, potato salad, green salad, baked beans and more will be served. Following "Sunday Conversation" and children's music we gather together in front of the church for feast and fellowship.

- **M& M's** is a small prayer-study group of women that meets in the church library on Monday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to noon. On September 11, we will begin a 5- week study using *What the Prayers of Jesus Tell Us About the Heart of God*, by Shane Stanford. The author "shows us that when we pay attention to how Jesus prayed, our sometimes slipshod ways of praying will be transformed."

- **Youth & Parent Meeting & Potluck:** Sunday, September 17, at 6:45 pm, in the Fellowship Hall youth and their parents/guardians are invited to come to an informational meeting about the youth program. Bring a potluck dish to share!

- **Rise Against Hunger:** On October 1, World Communion Sunday, youth and adults will gather in Fellowship Hall after worship, along with friends from the Islamic Center of Southern California, for our Sunday Conversation about global hunger. Then at 12 noon, we'll move to Great Hall and be joined by our children to work in teams at various stations. For only \$0.29/meal, through coordinated effort, we'll pack 20,000 meals in 2 hours. The afternoon will speed by, new friendships will be built and we'll make a significant impact on helping to feed the hungry.

NOTEWORTHY ITEMS

- **Youth on Sunday Evenings:** Youth Choir and United Methodist Youth Fellowship begin this evening! Choir begins at 5:30 p.m. UMYF starts at 6:45 p.m. with dinner, followed by the Annual Scavenger Hunt. Be sure to wear your walking shoes! The fun wraps up at 8:30 p.m.
- **Support Children and Youth Ministries:** We have big plans for the children and youth ministries. In order to make it all happen we need your help! Our needs include adult and youth (16+) helpers for Children's Sunday School and Children's Music, adult Sunday School leaders for youth, and counselors for Sunday evening UMYF. Contact Rev. Jen Chapman, jchapman@fumcpasadena.org.
- **All of First UMC's choirs resume** rehearsals this week! This is a great time to get in on the "ground floor" for the new season. Join us at one of the first rehearsals:
 - Chancel Choir (adults):
Thurs., Sep. 7 - 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. - Choir Room
 - Resound Handbell Choir:
Sun., Sep. 17 - 12:45 to 1:45 p.m.
 - Sounds of the Risen Son Youth Choir (grades 7-12):
Sun., Sep. 10 - 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. - Choir Room
 - Messiah's Harmonies Youth Bells (grades 7-12):
Sun., Sep. 17 - 12:00 - 12 :45 p.m. - Handbell Room
 - All Choirs for Children (pre-K to grade 6):
Sun., Sep. 10 - 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- **UMW Walk-a-thon:** Over one hundred years ago, the predecessor women of United Methodist Women founded what is now Arcadia Methodist Hospital. On September 16, local UMW groups will be walking in Arcadia and locally from 7:00 -9:00 a.m. to raise funds for the Hospital's 5-year pledge towards the newly renovated Rehabilitation Unit. If a member of UMW asks for support, please consider donating \$5 or \$10, checks payable to Cal Pac UMW. For more information please contact the church office or Rosalie Neiman at niemann007@sbcglobal.net.
- **Special Offering:** Today First UMC will collect a special offering for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) for the recovery work in Texas following hurricane Harvey. One hundred percent of our gifts go to the actual relief effort when we give through UMCOR because all overhead for running this important agency comes from our One Great Hour of Sharing offering and our apportionment gifts. Please give generously as we surround our sisters and brothers in Texas with tangible help.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

We lift up to God these prayers...

newly added: Judy Doyel

for healing: Les Atkinson, Susan Beckett, Mary Jane Bell, Binder Family, Betty Bainton, Brent Bowers, David Brooks, Nancy Bumb, Jackie Burbank (mother of Cathy Boardman), Juliet DeGuzman, Ted Dineros, Joyce Dorn, Judy Doyel, John Edell, Penny Eiker, Cameron & Wendy Fernandez, Brandi Figari, Alisa Fishbach, Diego Gomez, Steve Gothold, Karen Hayes, Brett Hain, Sofia Hain, Marilyn Lemp, Meredith Lyon, Fidella Mackey, Viola Mallory, Rev. George Mann, Trish Martin, Bill Millsap, Rebecca Moore, Lucy Patrick, Carmen Patrino, Grant Peña, Yolanda Peña, Doug Rogers, Janet Ross, Doris Stiver, Jean St. Pierre, Howard Underwood, Jeff Vernon, Geneva Walker, Jan & Judy Wentz, Lily Whitaker, Eric Wolf,

in loving memory of: Nancy Bumb

for our district: Quartz Hill: Christ Our Savior UMC, Lompoc First UMC

for Bishop Karen Oliveto and her wife, Robin Ridenour.

for the people impacted by the effects of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma and for UMCOR as it begins its work to bring relief and aid to impacted areas.

for the community: prayers for the poor, homeless, incarcerated, for those seeking employment, and for those suffering from mental illness and addiction, for young people who are “dreamers” and are fearful for their future

for refugees the world over who are the victims of war, terror and disaster. Help us respond in love

for the just resolution of conflict for the people of Afghanistan, Congo, Darfur, Egypt, Georgia, Haiti, Iran, Iraq, Kenya, Lebanon, Libya, Mexico, Native Americans, North Korea, Pakistan, Southern Sudan, Syria, Tibet, Yemen, Zimbabwe, Israel & Palestine

To ensure that those in need of prayers get them when they are needed most, names will be posted on the prayer list for one month after receiving a prayer request. Names can be added again by contacting the church office if prayers are still desired

NEW CHILD CHECK IN SYSTEM

Starting TODAY we will begin a new system for checking children in and out of the children's program. This system will help ensure the safety of your children and aid in communication with parents.

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!

1. **Welcome Table** - When you arrive, check your child in by signing in at the Children's Ministries Welcome table located just outside the West Entry Door from the Parking Lot. The Welcome Table will be staffed with a volunteer from 9:40-10:00 a.m.
2. **Registration & Name Tags** - You only need to register once, then all you have to do is sign by your child's name and make sure they pick up their name tag! Name tags will include a parent contact number and any food allergies. Hooray for safety!
3. **Sign Out** - When you pick up your child up, sign by their name! Easy peasy!

What if We're Late?

No worries, it happens! Just check your child in at one of these Child Checkpoints:

- **Time for Young Christians**, 10:15 a.m. - Come to the front of the sanctuary with your child, sign them in before they go to Sunday School.
- **Sunday School**, 10:15 - 11:00 a.m. - Walk your child upstairs to room 201 to sign them in.
- **Music**, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Walk your child upstairs to room 202 to sign them in.



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