

September 24, 2017 • 10:00 a.m.



The Church at Worship

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WE GATHER TOGETHER

PRELUDE

Prelude in F Major

Vincent Lübeck (1654-1740)
Aaron Shows, Organist

TOLLING OF THE BELL

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

Led by Cynthia Crass

We gather here to worship God;
Guide our minds to focus on you, O Christ.

We gather here to follow Jesus;

Guide our actions, that they might fulfill your commandments, O Christ.

We gather here to serve God;

Open our hearts, that we might be filled with your love and compassion, O Christ.

Come, let us worship, let us follow, let us serve our Savior, Christ the Lord. Amen.

+ OPENING HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

UMH 577



1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
 3. Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
 4. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;



crown thine an - cient Church - 's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
 Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.



Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this hour,
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these days,
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal,
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore,



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The United Methodist Hymnal, No. 577
 Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930
 Tune: CWM RHONDDA by John Hughes, 1907
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+ PRAYER OF THE DAY (unison)

God, you are big-hearted with no limitation.
 You overgive and overpay, handing us not the rewards due us,
 but heaping on us the fortunes of everlasting life and love.
 We thank you that you Kin-dom is not just like the world,
 that grace does not abide by our rules.
 We are grateful that our little ways are transformed when we follow you. L lavish
 your spirit of kindness upon us
 that we might give without counting the cost. Amen.

+ WELCOME AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Kum ba yah

Rev. Sandra K. Olewine

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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 3/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah. Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah." The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah. Oh, Lord, kum ba yah!" The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat).

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

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 1:21–30

It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be put to shame in any way, but that by my speaking with all boldness, Christ will be exalted now as always in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

1. When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,
 2. 'Mid times of sor - row and in times of pain,
 3. A - cross this wide world, we shall al - ways find

and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord.
 when sens - ing beau - ty or in love's em - brace,
 those who are cry - ing with no peace of mind,

Both in our liv - ing, and in our dy - ing,
 wheth - er we suf - fer, or sing re - joic - ing,
 but when we help them, or when we feed them,

we be - long to God, we be - long to God.

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+ GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 20:1-16

For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to

one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last.

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

SERMON

Thanks a Lot!

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

Because You Are God's Chosen Ones

G. Alan Smith

Chancel Choir with Megan Goldstein, flutist

Because you are God's chosen ones,
because you are kept in his care:
Clothe yourselves with mercy and kindness,
humility, meekness and prayer.

Bear with one another,
forgive one another, as the Lord forgives
you.

Over all these put on garments of love
which will make your life over anew.

Christ's peace must reign in you;
Christ's word ordain in you;
Christ's love remain in your hearts.
Thanks be to God, and to Him give all
praises;
Pledge all to Him, who to new life upraises.

By wisdom made perfect, instruct one
another;

Sing hymns to the Lord from your hearts.
In all speech and action give thanks unto
God,

who to you all this blessings imparts.
—adapted from Colossians
3:12-17

+ PRESENTATION HYMN

All Praise To Thee

Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord in heaven and
earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord; and God the Fa - ther
be by all a - dored: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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+ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

+ HYMN

Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart

1. Re - joice, ye — pure in heart; re - joice, give — thanks and sing;
2. Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing — as ye go;
3. Praise God who — reigns on high, the Lord whom we a - dore,
your glo - rious ban - ner wave — on — high, the cross of Christ your King.
from youth to — age, by night — and — day, in glad - ness and in woe.
the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly — Ghost, one God for - ev - er - more.
Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give — thanks and sing.

The United Methodist Hymnal, No. 160 Words: Edward H. Plumtre, 1865 Tune: MARION by Arthur Messiter, 1889 Public Domain

PRAYER QUILT today we tie prayers of healing into a quilt for Scott Carpenter as well as prayers of strength and courage into a quilt for Mary Davis as she faces a new battle with cancer.

+ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

March Triomphale

Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by J.P. & Diane Harris to the glory of God and in celebration of their 21 years of wedded bliss.

Call to Worship: Mindi Welton-Mitchell, <http://rev-o-lution.org/2014/09/12/worship-resources-for-september-21st-2014-fifteenth-sunday-after-pentecost-international-day-of-prayer-for-peace/>;

Prayer of the Day: adapted, A. Osdieck, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/09/prayer-of-thanksgiving-matthew-20-1-16.html>

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Clergy: Rev. Sandra K. Olewine,

Rev. Gregory Norton &

Rev. Jennifer Chapman

Worship Leader: Cynthia Crass

Musicians: Aaron Shows, Organist

Megan Goldstein, Flutist

Chancel Choir

Greeters: Willa Dalrymple, Susan Rogers

& Wanda Gae Stefansson

Audio/Video: Jacob Carrera, Brian Hendricks,

Josh Houck, Bryan In, Emilee Klimuck,

Andreas Koese, Hank Lambert,

Mike Underwood, & Walter Woods

TODAY AT FUMC

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LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- SpiritSeekers, 8:55 a.m. (Church Lounge)
- Children's Sunday School, 10:15, (Room #201)
- Youth Sunday School, 11:15 a.m. (Youth Room #207)
- Sunday Conversation, 11:15 a.m. (Classroom #205)
- *5 Marks of a Methodist* Study, 11:15 a.m. (Classroom #206)

Childcare is available in Wesley Hall (Room 104) starting at 9:00 a.m.

10:00 A.M. WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

Following worship join us for coffee, lemonade, and conversation in Fellowship Hall as we transition to Sunday School.

We serve fair trade coffee which certifies that small coffee farmers receive a fair price.

MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 9:15 a.m. (Choir Room) (Church Lounge)
- Youth Bell Choir Rehearsal, 12:00 p.m. (Bell Room)
- Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal, 12:45 p.m. (Bell Room)
- Adult Ministries Movie Night, 5:30 p.m.
- Youth Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
- United Methodist Youth Dinner & Program, 6:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

THIS WEEK AT FUMC

Monday, September 25

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

Tuesday, September 26

- Social Service Office Hours, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Great Hall)
- Drama Camp, 6:15 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- How to Talk to Your Kids, 6:15 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

- Habitat for Humanity, 6:00 p.m. (Church Lounge)
- Young Adults, 6:30 p.m. (Aldersgate Room)
- Boy Scouts, 7:00 p.m. (Boy Scout Room)
- Home Group, 7:00 p.m. (Off-Site)
- Navigation Team Meeting, 7:00 p.m. (Room 205)

Wednesday, September 27

- *Filming preparations – no additional access today*
- Prayer Quilt Ministry, 9:30 a.m. (Church Lounge)

- Risk-Taking Mission Ministry Area Meeting, 7:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, September 28

- *Filming on site – no additional access today*
- 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 29

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

Saturday, September 30

- Prayer Quilt Ministry, 9:30 a.m. (Church Lounge)
- Camp Sky Meadows Vision Meeting, 9:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, October 1 *World Communion Sunday*

- Set up Rise Against Hunger, 8:30 a.m. (Great Hall)
- SpiritSeekers, 8:55 a.m. (Church Lounge)
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 9:15 a.m. (Choir Room)
- Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)
- Lunch & Conversation, 11:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Rise Against Hunger, 12:00 p.m. (Great Hall)
- Youth Bell Choir Rehearsal, 12:00 p.m. (Bell Room)
- Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal, 12:45 p.m. (Bell Room)
- Youth Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
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News at First

GROW IN FAITH

- *Sunday Conversation:*

After worship this Sunday, grab a cup of coffee in Fellowship Hall



and then join Pastor Sandy at 11:15 a.m. in Room 205 for a 45-minute follow-up conversation. This week we'll explore the positive impact generosity has on our physical, emotional and physical health.

Each Sunday Conversation stands on its own so there is no long-term commitment necessary. There will be delicious snacks too!

- *Five Marks of a Methodist:* Have you ever wondered what it is that makes Methodists so methodical? Come and find out starting TODAY when a six-week study will commence entitled "Five Marks of a Methodist." The Sunday Study group that meets at 11:15 after worship in room 206 is inviting all the curious to join with them in this interesting exploration. If you cannot commit to all six sessions, that is perfectly acceptable, (although you will still be expected to practice the "five marks!")
- *World Communion Sunday:* On October 1, First UMC joins with the rest of the United Methodist Church to receive a special offering that provides college scholarships for racial and ethnic minority students across the U.S. and worldwide.

- *Rise Against Hunger:* Register today to take part in a meal packaging event that begins at noon on October 1 in Great Hall. We will be joined by friends from the Islamic Center of Southern California and led by an organization called Rise Against Hunger. Before the packaging begins, Youth Sunday School and the Sunday Conversation for adults will combine in Fellowship Hall at 11:15 a.m. for a chance to learn more about hunger in our world and our response as people of faith. A light lunch will be available before we move to Great Hall for the packaging event.

Rise Against Hunger's mission is to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable and creating a global commitment to mobilize the necessary resources.

NOTEWORTHY ITEMS

- *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.

- *Monthly Movie Night*: Tonight, come to the church lounge for a light supper at 5:30 pm and the movie at 6:15 p.m. This week's film is *The Letters: The Untold Story of Mother Teresa*. This

dramatic film explores the life of Mother Teresa through letters she wrote to her longtime friend and spiritual advisor, Father Celeste Van Exem over a nearly 50-year period. Stars: Juliet Stevenson, Max von Sydow, Rutger Hauer.

SAVE THE DATE

- *Third@First*: On Saturday, October 21, at 4:00 p.m. the 2017/2018 season of the Third@First concert series begins with Baroque Showcase, a concert of concertos. This performance features David Garrett on cello, Junko Ueno Garrett on piano, and Lisa Eden singing soprano accompanied by the Chancel Choir and chamber orchestra. As always, this concert is free.
- *Art Night/Art Walk*: On October 13 & 14, the church's arts ministry participates in Pasadena's art scene. On Friday night, October 13 will feature a performance of the play, *Captain of the Bible Quiz Team* and music by organist Aaron Shows. On Saturday, October 14, there will be a performance by the children's drama camp participants.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

We lift up to God these prayers...

newly added: Daniel Aksten, Cameron & Wendy Fernandez, Helen Jerdasiak, The Klock Family, Meg Middleman,
Luther Nash, Beverly O'Connell

for healing: Daniel Aksten, Les Atkinson, Susan Beckett, Mary Jane Bell, Binder Family, Betty Bainton, Brent Bowers, David Brooks, Jerry Bullard, 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, The Klock Family, Diego Gomez, Steve Gothold, Karen Hayes, Brett Hain, Sofia Hain, Sallie Higginbotham, Helen Jerdasiak, Marilyn Lemp, Meredith Lyon, Viola Mallory, Rev. George Mann, Trish Martin, Bill Millsap, Meg Middleman, Rebecca Moore, Luther Nash, Beverly O'Connell, Lucy Patrick, Carmen Patrino, Grant Peña, Yolanda Peña, Susan Rehm, Doug Rogers, Janet Ross, Selma Ruda, Jean St. Pierre, Tim Sun, Howard Underwood, Jeff Vernon, Geneva Walker, Jan & Judy Wentz, Lily Whitaker, Eric Wolf

in loving memory of: Nancy Bumb, Elaine Klock

for our district: Shandon UMC, Atascadero UMC

for the people impacted by the effects of the multiple hurricanes and earthquakes in Mexico 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*

KID'S CORNER



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

TUESDAY NIGHTS

Children and their families begin with a light dinner at 6:15 p.m.

- *Children's Drama Camp* (Grades 1-6) - Tuesdays, 6:15-7:30 p.m., September 19 - October 10. After dinner, we will start with a fall-themed craft, followed by drama, games and fun! Children will perform during ArtWalk, Saturday, October 14.
- *Parent Class "Talking to your Children about God"*: Do your kids ever ask questions about God you're not sure how to answer? You're not the only one! Join us for a 4 week class/parent support group on Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30 pm.



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