



INTROIT

"Speak to My Heart"

Inglewood First Music

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Gina Williams
Liturgist

*We cry to you, O Lord,
from the back of the line,
from the edge of the crowd,
from the corner of the room.
But you make no such distinctions,
nor do you set such boundaries.
Your faithfulness is great;
your grace is enough.
And we are covered in your love. Amen.*

OPENING HYMN

"Standing On the Promises"

Hymnal #374

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*"We Are Not Alone"
Hymnal #883*

Gina Williams

***We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile & make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen!***

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 15:10-18
(Common English Bible)

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*10 Jesus called the crowd near and said to them, " Listen and understand. 11 It's not what goes into the mouth that contaminates a person in God's sight. It's what comes out of the mouth that contaminates the person."
12 Then the disciples came and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended by what you just said?" 13 Jesus replied, " Every plant that my heavenly Father didn't plant will be pulled up. 14 Leave the Pharisees alone. They are blind people who are guides to blind people. But if a blind person leads another blind person, they will both fall into a ditch." 15 Then Peter spoke up, "Explain this riddle to us." 16 Jesus said, "*

Don't you understand yet? 17 Don't you know that everything that goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? 18 But what goes out of the mouth comes from the heart. And that's what contaminates a person in God's sight.

MESSAGE

"From the Heart"

Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Gina Williams

INVITATIONAL SONG

"For God So Loved the World"

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PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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GOING FORTH

Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin

CLOSING HYMN

"How Great Thou Art"

Hymnal #77



TODAY IN WORSHIP: Bravo Maintenance; Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin, *Lead Pastor*; Risa Wheat, *Worship Chairperson*; Tre' Cyrus-Franklin, *Percussion*; Sam Reid, *Pianist*; Tony Greene, *Sound Tech*; Tuutanga Tuihalamaka, *Video Tech*; Gina Williams, *Liturgist*

3 WAYS TO GIVE:

- (1) **Mail:** Send to *Inglewood First UMC, 304 E Spruce Ave, Inglewood, CA 90301*
 - (2) **Online:** www.inglewoodfirst.org/give or
 - (3) **Text-to-Give:** Text an amount to **84321!**
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ALTAR FLOWERS

In Loving Memory of Patrick J. McGuire, Given by Jean Pryor and Kathy Dickinson

COMING UP @ INGLEWOOD FIRST UMC / inglewoodfirst.org/calendar

- **We're on our Journey to Build Affordable Housing!** Updates @ inglewoodfirst.org/housing.
 - **Tuesday Zoom Bible Study | 12:00 pm & 4:00 pm**
 - **The Listening. (music sharing group) | www.inglewoodfirst.org/thelistening**
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CONGREGATIONAL CARE | *Submit prayer requests at inglewoodfirst.org/prayer.*

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS | Arvis Green 8/1, Elecia Wright 8/1, Marlon and Kirstie Baker's Anniversary 8/1, Rev. Jefferson & Rev. Linda Furtado's Anniversary 8/1, Angelo Mack 8/5, Annie Webb 8/5, Celeste Bemby 8/5, D'Vonna Hines 8/7, Woodie & JoAnn Dozier's Anniversary 8/23, remembering Deb Thierry's birthday 8/29, Nhani Cyrus-Franklin 8/30

PRAYER LIST | Family of Rev. Thomas Hill • The Family of Rev. Hilly Hicks • Pastor Victor & Family • Wendy Reynolds & Family • John Cohill & Family • Sam Reid • Jean Pryor • Siosuia Tupou & Family • Elizabeth Payne • End to mass shooting around the country • Elva Herrera • Samuel Howell & Family • Elethea Cunningham & Family (daughter & son-in-law health challenges) • Affordable Housing Project • Craig Erquhart Sr. & Family • Della Greene & Anthony Greene • Stephannie Starr • Shirley Oxley & Family