

September 17, 2023

16th Sunday After Pentecost • 9:00 am 304 E Spruce Ave Inglewood, CA 90301

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INTROIT

"Autumn Leaves/Great Is Your Mercy"

Inglewood First Music Melody Ngaue-Tuuholoaki *Liturgist*

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

We sing to you, O God, for you have been our strength. You open the waters of suffering and lead us safely through.
You uphold us in times of deep distress and we exalt your holy name.
Receive our honor and thanks, mighty God. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"Blessed Assurance"

Hymnal #369

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"We Are Not Alone" Hymnal #883

Melody Ngaue-Tuuholoaki

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!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

"We Are the Church"

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SCRIPTURE

Exodus 14:26-31

Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin

(Common English Bible)

26 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the water comes back and covers the Egyptians, their chariots, and their cavalry." 27 So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. At daybreak, the sea returned to its normal depth. The Egyptians were driving toward it, and the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. 28 The waters returned and covered the chariots and the cavalry, Pharaoh's entire army that had followed them into the sea. Not one of them remained. 29 The Israelites, however, walked on dry ground through the sea. The waters formed a wall for them on their right hand and on their left. 30 The Lord rescued Israel from the Egyptians that day. Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. 31 Israel saw the amazing

power of the Lord against the Egyptians. The people were in awe of the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

MESSAGE "Keep Walking" Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

INVITATIONAL SONG "Lead Me, Guide Me" Inglewood First Music

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLERev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin

ANNOUNCEMENTS Melody Ngaue-Tuuholoaki

GOING FORTH Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin

POSTLUDE "Autumn Leaves/Great Is Your Mercy" Inglewood First Music



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

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

- West District United Women in Faith Annual Celebration | Saturday, September 23rd @ 9:00 am 2:30 pm Crossroads UMC www.calpcacumc.org/uwfaith/
- Virginia Beckett Food Pantry | Thursday, September 21st @ 9:45 am 12:00 pm
- Church Picnic | Queen Park on Sunday, October 1st @ 9:00 am
- October Prayer Challenge | Sign ups will be open next week!
- Tuesday Zoom Bible Study | 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm
- We're on our Journey to Build Affordable Housing! Updates @ inglewoodfirst.org/housing.
- The Listening. (music sharing group) | www.inglewoodfirst.org/thelistening

CONGREGATIONAL CARE | Submit prayer requests at inglewoodfirst.org/prayer.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS | Helen Harris 9/1, Manavahe Tupe 9/4, Mary Collins 9/8, Annamarie Baker 9/9, Kologio Hill 9/11, Tasha Kelley 9/15, Samuel Reid 9/22, Estee Nsek 9/28, Arianna Wheat 9/28, Woodie Dozier 9/29, Amara (Maree) Wright 9/30

PRAYER LIST | Elethea Cunningham & Family • Lahaina, Maui Community & UM Church • Family of Rev. Thomas Hill • The Family of Rev. Hilly Hicks • Pastor Victor & Family • Wendy Reynolds & Family • John Cohill & Family • Sam Reid • Jean Pryor • Siosiua Tupou & Family • Elizabeth Payne • End to mass shooting around the country • Elva Herrera • Samuel Howell & Family • Affordable Housing Project • Craig Erquhart Sr. & Family • Della Greene & Anthony Greene • Stephannie Starr • Shirley Oxley & Family