

# **September 24, 2023**

17th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 am 304 E Spruce Ave Inglewood, CA 90301

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**INTROIT** 

"Now Behold the Lamb"

Inglewood First Music

Melisa Arnold *Liturgist* 

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Guide our way, Caretaker God, in the wilderness of our lives.

Offer us the bread of heaven, that we may taste your Spirit and be nourished in body and soul.

Reveal your presence among us and show us the tender mercies of your love.

In joy and jubilation, we pray. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"Have Thine Own Way Lord"

Hymnal #382

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** 

"We Are Not Alone" Hymnal #883

Melisa Arnold

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 16:9-15

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(Common English Bible)

9 Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole Israelite community, 'Come near to the Lord, because he's heard your complaints." 10 As Aaron spoke to the whole Israelite community, they turned to look toward the desert, and just then the glorious presence of the Lord appeared in the cloud.

11 The Lord spoke to Moses, 12 "I've heard the complaints of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat. And in the morning you will have your fill of bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God."

13 In the evening a flock of quail flew down and covered the camp. And in the morning there was a layer of dew all around the camp. 14 When the layer of dew lifted, there on the desert surface were thin flakes, as thin

as frost on the ground. 15 When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What[a] is it?" They didn't know what it was. Moses said to them, "This is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

"How Bad Do We Want It?"

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PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

**INVITATIONAL SONG** 

Melisa Arnold

**GOING FORTH** 

Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin

**POSTLUDE** 

**MESSAGE** 

"Soon & Very Soon"

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**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*, Melisa Arnold; *Liturgist* 

#### **3 WAYS TO GIVE:**

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

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

- Church Picnic | Queen Park on Sunday, October 1st @ 9:00 am Register on our church website!
- •October Prayer Challenge | Sign ups available on the church website.
- 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