

October 15, 2023

Laity Sunday • **9:00** am 304 E Spruce Ave Inglewood, CA 90301

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INTROIT

"Praise Is What I Do"

Inglewood First Music

Charlene Bright *Liturgist*

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, we come before you this day with praise on our lips and songs of joy in our hearts. When we abide in your kingdom and live according to your ways, good triumphs over evil, love is stronger than hate, and truth wins the day.

Focus our hearts and minds on things that are worthy of praise and bless us with a peace that passes all understanding. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"Here I Am Lord"

Hymnal #593

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"We Are Not Alone" Hymnal #883

Charlene Bright

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"

Inglewood First Music

English Version:

I am the church!
You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus
all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together!

Spanish Version:

¡Yo soy la Iglesia! ¡Tu eres la Iglesia! ¡Somos la Iglesia juntos! ¡Todos los que siguen a Jesús en todo el mundo! ¡Si, somos la Iglesia juntos!

Tongan Version:

Ko e temipale au!
Ko e temipale koe!
Ko kitautolu ko e temipale!
Ko kinautolu 'i mamani
kotoa 'Io, tau taha pe 'i he
'Eiki!

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-33

Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin

(Common English Bible)

26 When Elizabeth was six months pregnant, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a city in Galilee, 27 to a virgin who was engaged to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David's house. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 When the angel came to her, he said, "Rejoice, favored one! The Lord is with you!" 29 She was confused by these words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 The angel said, "Don't be afraid, Mary. God is honoring you. 31 Look! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 He

will be great and he will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of David, his father. 33 He will rule over Jacob's house forever, and there will be no end to his kingdom."

MESSAGE

"Ready For The World"

Nona Pittman

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin

INVITATIONAL SONG

"Sanctuary (Lord Prepare Me)"

Inglewood First Music

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, / pure and holy, tried and true; with thanksgiving, I'll be a living / sanctuary for you.

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Charlene Bright

GOING FORTH

Nona Pittman

POSTLUDE

"I Have a God"

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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*, Charlene Bright; *Liturgist*; Nona Pittman, *Guest Speaker*

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

- Choir Rehearsal (*Prep for Church Anniversary!*) | Sunday, October 15th After Worship
- Prayer Challenge Check In | Sunday, October 15th @ 1:00 pm
- 118th Church Anniversary Celebration | Sunday, Oct 29th @ 9:00 am | Sanctuary
- October 31-Day Prayer Challenge has begun! | Sign up at inglewoodfirst.org/prayer.
- Zoom Bible Study | Tuesdays @ 12 pm & 7 pm | Sign up at inglewoodfirst.org/biblestudy.
- 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.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS | Angela Mack 10/3 • Edna Johnson 10/3 • Tapuaki Music of Zion Ngaue-Tu'uholoaki Kinsey 10/7 • Quinton Trigg 10/08 • Claudette Wheat 10/12 • Tyler Fister 10/13 • Jean DeSoley 10/15 • Stephanie Starr 10/27 • Michelle Greene 10/29 • Tau'akitangata Baker 10/30

PRAYER LIST | Elethea Cunningham & Family • Lahaina, Maui Community • 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