



**INTROIT**

*“This Is the Day”*

Inglewood First Music

**WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER**

Melisa Arnold

*Liturgist*

*Faithful God, we stand in this congregation to give you thanks  
with our whole hearts, for your works are great.*

*Your power upholds the universe, and yet it is so intimate,  
it upholds our lives, tiny in the scale of the galaxies.*

*You provide for us and all creation, from whales, to eagles, elephants to butterflies.*

*You nurture life in the seas and watch over the deserts.*

*Your work is full of honor and majesty.*

*Thank you for being mindful of us all, remembering your promises.*

*May your creative love and faithful power endure forever. Amen.*

**OPENING HYMN**

*“Blessed Assurance”*

Hymnal #369

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*“We Are Not Alone”*

Hymnal #883

*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 and 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!*

*¡Tú 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 au koe temipale!*

*Ko koe koe temipale!*

*Tautolu koe temipale!*

*Tau muimui kia Sisū*

*Tautolu kotoa ‘i mamani*

*‘Io, ko tautolu koe temipale kakato!*

**SONG OF PREPARATION**

*“What A Mighty God We Serve”*

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## SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:21-28  
Common English Bible

21 Jesus and his followers went into Capernaum. Immediately on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and started teaching. 22 The people were amazed by his teaching, for he was teaching them with authority, not like the legal experts. 23 Suddenly, there in the synagogue, a person with an evil spirit screamed, 24 “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are. You are the holy one from God.” 25 “Silence!” Jesus said, speaking harshly to the demon. “Come out of him!” 26 The unclean spirit shook him and screamed, then it came out. 27 Everyone was shaken and questioned among themselves, “What’s this? A new teaching with authority! He even commands unclean spirits and they obey him!” 28 Right away the news about him spread throughout the entire region of Galilee.

## MESSAGE

“The Beautiful Struggle”

Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin

## INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

## INVITATIONAL SONG

“Thank You Lord”

Hymnal #84

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Melisa Arnold

## BENEDICTION

Rev. Victor Cyurs-Franklin

## POSTLUDE

“Ain't Gonna Let Nobody  
(Turn Me Around)”

Inglewood First Music



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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*

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## 4 WAYS TO GIVE:

- (1) **Mail:** Send to *Inglewood First UMC, 304 E Spruce Ave, Inglewood, CA 90301*
  - (2) **Online:** [www.inglewoodfirst.org/give](http://www.inglewoodfirst.org/give) or
  - (3) **Text-to-Give:** Text an amount to **84321!**
  - (4) **Download the Church App** at [www.inglewoodfirst.org/app](http://www.inglewoodfirst.org/app)
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## COMING UP @ INGLEWOOD FIRST UMC / [inglewoodfirst.org/calendar](http://inglewoodfirst.org/calendar)

- **Zoom Bible Study** | Tuesdays @ 12 pm & 7 pm | Sign up at [inglewoodfirst.org/biblestudy](http://inglewoodfirst.org/biblestudy)
  - **Claremont School of Theology: MLK Day Lecture & Celebration** | January 30th @ 4pm-6pm
  - **Tentative Joint Ash Wednesday Service** | Wednesday, February 14th @ 7pm
  - **We're on our journey to Build Affordable Housing! Updates** @ [inglewoodfirst.org/housing](http://inglewoodfirst.org/housing)
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## CONGREGATIONAL CARE | *Submit prayer requests at [inglewoodfirst.org/prayer](http://inglewoodfirst.org/prayer).*

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**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS** | Sheila Clayborn 1/2 • Sara Diaz-Montejano 1/4 • Tony Lowe 1/7 • Nell Walker 1/8 • Zaneta Smith 01/10 • Salome Simpson 1/12 • Helen Jenkins 1/12 • Donald Perry 1/18 • Pastor Rey Guevara 1/23 • Victor Franklin, Sr. 1/27 • Meleane Baker 1/28

**PRAYER LIST** | Toni Ravens & Candice Callins • Ceasefire in Gaza • Soto-Mack Family • Houseless Neighbors • Elethea Cunningham & Family • Wendy Reynolds & Family • John Cohill • Elizabeth Payne • Elva Herrera • Affordable Housing Project • Della Greene & Anthony Greene • Blanche Smith • Stephanie Starr