



INTROIT

“Halle, Halle, Halle”

Inglewood First Music

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Risa Wheat

Liturgist

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God; we thirst for you, as we gather in your sanctuary. We go through the wildernesses of our lives thirsting to be filled with your hope and strength. As we cling to you, we remember our covenant to worship you daily, in season and out of season, for you remember us in special ways.

In all that is within us we bless you O, Lord. We thank you God, for the gift of our bodies, and our five senses, created to be whole and complete, to listen to our Divine Creator embodied within that we may be willing to experience health and wholeness as a part of our salvation. Bless us to be open to the anointing of the Holy Spirit in this service.

You only are our God, and to you only do we pray. In this humility, help us to put our faith in practice with spiritual disciplines that bring healing, as individuals and in community. Guide us in learning different ways to pray. Guide us in learning to find stillness and calm in the chaos. And we ask that you guide us Holy One, in learning to love our entire selves as we are. We seek you to help us to be whole, so like our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we can be fully present and empowered in the world to love ourselves and love our neighbors by doing justice, loving mercy and walking humbly with you Our God. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Hymnal #519

BLACK HISTORY MOMENT

Micah Cyrus

SCRIPTURE READING

*Psalms 22:23-31
New Revised Standard Version*

Risa Wheat

23 You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! 24 For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me,[a] but heard when I[b] cried to him.

25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. 26 The poor[c] shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!

27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.[d] 28 For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

29 To him,[e] indeed, shall all who sleep in[f] the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.[g] 30 Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, 31 and[h] proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

INVITATION TO FAITH IN PRACTICE

Rev. Neema Cyrus-Franklin

BREATHING THE BREATH OF LIFE

COMMUNITY SONG

“Kum Ba Yah”

Hymnal #494

WORD MADE FLESH: SCRIPTURE EMBODIMENT

Rev. Neema Cyrus-Franklin

MEDITATION & REFLECTION

COMMUNITY SONG

“I Love You Lord, Today”

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Verse 1:

*I love You, I love You,
I love You, Lord, today;
because You cared for me
in such a special way.*

(Refrain:)

*That's why I praise You,
I lift You up,
and I magnify Your name;
That's why my heart is filled with praise.*

Verse 2:

*My heart, my mind,
my soul belongs to You.
You paid the price for me
way back on Calvary.*

GOING FORTH

Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin

POSTLUDE

“We Are the Church”

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TODAY IN WORSHIP: Bravo Maintenance; Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin, *Lead Pastor*; Risa Wheat, *Worship Chairperson & Liturgist*; Sam Reid, *Pianist*; Sam Rossi, *Percussion*; Luke Nilan, *Guitarist*; Tony Greene, *Sound Tech*; Tuutanga Tuihalamaka, *Video Tech*; Rev. Neema Cyrus-Franklin

4 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!**
 - (4) **Download the Church App** at www.inglewoodfirst.org/app
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COMING UP @ INGLEWOOD FIRST UMC / inglewoodfirst.org/calendar

- **Black History Month Potluck** | Today Following Worship Service in the Ross Lounge
 - **Choir Rehearsal** | 3rd & 4th Sundays @ 10:15am - 10:45am
 - **Zoom Bible Study** | Tuesdays @ 12 pm & 7 pm | Sign up at inglewoodfirst.org/biblestudy
 - **Community Forum on Palestine & Israel** | Holy Faith Episcopal Church | Sat., March 9th @ 10am
 - **We're on our journey to Build Affordable Housing! Updates** @ inglewoodfirst.org/housing
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CONGREGATIONAL CARE | *Submit prayer requests at inglewoodfirst.org/prayer.*

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS | Toni Ravens 2/6 • Philura Williams 02/07 (in memoriam) • Greg Eberhardt 02/10 • Christopher Breaux 2/12 • Beverly Puebla 2/17 • Patricia Soto 2/22 • Elethea Cunningham 2/24 • Sarita Diaz-Montejano 2/24 • Risa Wheat 2/29

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 • Stephannie Starr