

March 3, 2024

Third Sunday in Lent • **9:00 am** 304 E Spruce Ave Inglewood, CA 90301

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INTROIT "Golden"

Inglewood First Music

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Kirstie Baker Liturgist

Creator God, you call us from our busy lives to find knowledge and rest in this holy place.

Center our spirits in your love.

Open our hearts to your transforming word, for we are ready to realign our spirits, remember your words, and walk in your paths.

Guide us in wisdom and truth as we seek to follow your word. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"The Old Rugged Cross"

Hymnal #504

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

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!
SONG OF PREPARATION

SCRIPTURE READING

"We Are the Church"

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!

"Pass Me Not (O Gentle Savior)

John 2:13-22 Common English Bible Inglewood First Music

Tongan Version:

Ko au koe temipale! Ko koe koe temipale!

Tautolu koe temipale!

Tau muimui kia Sisu

Tautolu kotoa 'i mamani 'Io, ko tautolu koe temipale kakato!

Hymnal #351

13 It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 He found in the temple those who were selling cattle, sheep, and doves, as well as those involved in exchanging currency sitting there. 15 He made a whip from ropes and chased them all out of the temple, including the cattle and the sheep. He scattered the coins and overturned the tables of those who exchanged currency. 16 He said to the dove sellers, "Get these things out of here! Don't make my Father's house a place of business." 17 His disciples remembered that it is written, Passion for your house consumes me.

18 Then the Jewish leaders asked him, "By what authority are you doing these things? What miraculous sign will you show us?"

19 Jesus answered, "Destroy this temple and in three days I'll raise it up."

MESSAGE "Time To Let It Go" Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATIONAL SONG "The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power" Inglewood First Music

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Golden" 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;* Max Weiner, *Bass;* Tony Greene, *Sound Tech;* Marlon Baker, *Video Tech;* Kirstie Baker, *Liturgist*

4 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>

- (3) **Text-to-Give:** Text an amount to **84321**!
- (4) Download the Church App at www.inglewoodfirst.org/app

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

- 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
- Finance Team Monthly Meeting | Sunday, March 10th at 10:30am
- Choir Rehearsal | 3rd & 4th Sundays after worship service
- Property & Grounds Team Monthly Meeting | Sunday, March 17th at 10:30am
- Church Council Quarterly Meeting | Wednesday, March 20th @ 7pm
- Virginia Beckett Food Pantry | Thursday, March 21st @ 9:45 am 12 pm
- All Church Meeting | Sunday, March 24th @ 10:30am
- Black Methodist for Church Renewal Good Friday Service | March 29th @ 12pm at Holman UMC
- We're on our journey to Build Affordable Housing! Updates @ inglewoodfirst.org/housing

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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS | Siosiua Tupou 3/2 • Kirstie Baker 3/3 • Alma Martinez 3/4 • Madison Boyd 3/9 • Lucia Diaz-Fister 3/10 • John Baker 3/14 • Rev. Neema Cyrus-Franklin 3/14 • Rodney Rose /15 • Ruby Ayala 3/17 • Bradley Baker 3/20 • Wendy Reynolds 3/22 • Lillye Harbison 3/24 • John Cohill 3/26 • Timothy Tu'uholoaki 3/29

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