



INTROIT

"You Are the Sunshine of My Life"

Inglewood First Music

WELCOME & GREETINGS

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CALL TO WORSHIP

One: What do we have to boast about?

Many: The cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

One: And what does this cross mean for us?

Many: Everything is a new creation.

OPENING PRAYER

Melisa Arnold

God of endings and beginnings, we thank you for always starting anew with us. When we find ourselves at our wits' end, at the end of our rope, at the end of our patience, or even at the end of our hope, you are there. You find us and bring us into your new beginning, again and again. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Hymnal #400

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"

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SONG OF PREPARATION

"It Is Well With My Soul"

Hymnal #377

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Kings 5:1-14
Common English Bible

Rev. Neema Cyrus-Franklin

Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the Lord had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy. 2 Now bands of raiders from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. 3 She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." 4 Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said. 5 "By all means, go," the king of Aram replied. "I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing. 6 The letter that he took to the king of Israel read: "With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy." 7 As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, "Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to

me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!" 8 When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: "Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel." 9 So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. 10 Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed." 11 But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. 12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went off in a rage. 13 Naaman's servants went to him and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed'!" 14 So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

MESSAGE

"Simple Truth"

Rev. Neema Cyrus-Franklin

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATIONAL SONG

"I am Going to Live So God Can Use Me"

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MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

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ALTAR FLOWERS

In loving memory of Jack N. Helmick, Brother and Uncle, given by Jean Pryor and Family

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 - (2) **Online:** www.inglewoodfirst.org/give or
 - (3) **Text-to-Give:** Text an amount to (833) 785-0863
 - (4) **Download the Church App** at www.inglewoodfirst.org/app
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COMING UP @ INGLEWOOD FIRST UMC / inglewoodfirst.org/calendar

- **July Birthday Shout-Out** | Wednesday, July 9, 2025 @ 6:30 pm (*Tentatively*)
 - **Virginia Beckett Food Pantry** | Thursday, July 17, 2025 @ 9:45 am
 - **Zoom Bible Study** | Tuesdays @ 12 pm & 7 pm
 - 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.*

JULY BIRTHDAYS | Monica Webb 7/2, Reverend Howard Ashford 7/4, Robert Ferguson 7/15, Pastor Lesa Smith 7/18, Elizabeth Bayne 7/22, Dana Ferguson 7/22, Anthony Greene 7/24, Kerri Hill 7/26, Rev. Linda Furtado 7/26

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