



**INTROIT**

*“Great Is Your Mercy”*

Inglewood First Jazz

**GREETING & WELCOME**

Risa Wheat  
*Liturgist*

**OPENING PRAYER**

*Come, Holy Spirit. Hear our prayers and songs of praise.  
We join voices from ancient times that placed their trust you in days of joy or pain.  
Inspire us in this hour, that we may never surrender to despair.  
Renew in us enduring faith, even as we join eternally in song. Amen.*

**OPENING HYMN**

*“To God Be the Glory”*

Hymnal #98

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*“We Are Not Alone”  
Hymnal #883*

Risa Wheat

*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 Jazz

**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:**

*Koau koe temipale!  
Ko koe koe temipale!  
Tautolu koe temipale!  
Tau muimui kia Sisu  
Tautolu kotoa ‘i mamani  
‘Io, ko tautolu koe temipale kakato*

**INTRODUCTION TO GUEST PREACHER**

Risa Wheat

**SONG OF PREPARATION**

*“Soon and Very Soon”*

Hymnal #706

**SCRIPTURE READING**

*John 17:20-26  
Common English Bible*

Pastor Lesa Smith

*20 “I’m not praying only for them but also for those who believe in me because of their word. 21 I pray they will be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. I pray that they also will be in us, so that the world will believe that you sent me. 22 I’ve given them the glory that you gave me so that they can be one just as we are one. 23 I’m in them and you are in me so that they will be made perfectly one. Then the world will know that you*

sent me and that you have loved them just as you loved me. 24 “Father, I want those you gave me to be with me where I am. Then they can see my glory, which you gave me because you loved me before the creation of the world. 25 “Righteous Father, even the world didn’t know you, but I’ve known you, and these believers know that you sent me. 26 I’ve made your name known to them and will continue to make it known so that your love for me will be in them, and I myself will be in them.”

MESSAGE	<b>“Simple Truth: Whether You Like it or Not”</b>	Pastor Lesa Smith
INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP		
INVITATIONAL SONG	“Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross”	Hymnal #301
PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE		Pastor Lesa Smith
SENDING FORTH		
POSTLUDE	“Autumn Leaves”	Inglewood First Jazz



**TODAY IN WORSHIP:** Bravos Maintenance; Risa Wheat, *Worship Chairperson & Liturgist*; Sam Reid, *Music Director*; Max Weiner, *Bass*; Tony Greene, *Sound Tech*; Erroll McMillan, *Video Tech*;

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**4 WAYS TO GIVE:**

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- (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 **(833) 785-0863**
  - (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)

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- **Virginia Beckett Food Pantry** | Thursday, August 21, 2025 @ 9:45 am
  - **Zoom Bible Study** | Tuesdays @ 12 pm & 7 pm | Sign up at [inglewoodfirst.org/biblestudy](http://inglewoodfirst.org/biblestudy)
  - **Monthly Zoom Birthday + Anniversary Shout Out** | Every 1st Wednesday of the Month @ 6:30pm
  - 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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**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS** | Arvis Greene 8/1, Elecia Wright 8/1, Marlon and Kirstie Baker's Anniversary 8/1, Rev. Jefferson Furtado and Rev. Linda Furtado's Anniversary 8/1, Pastor Rey Guevara and Kellie's Anniversary 8/4, Angelo Mack 8/5, Annie Webb 8/5, Celeste Bembry 8/5, D'Vonna Hines 8/7, Woodie and JoAnn Dozier's Anniversary 8/23, Nhani Cyrus-Franklin 8/30

**PRAYER LIST** | Elva Herrera to Elva Herrera & son Daniel • Family of Pat Soto • Jennifer Blannon • Taymonn Thomas • Jimmie Woods-Gray • Mary Collins • John Cohill • Rokyia Ferguson • Houseless Neighbors • Elizabeth Payne • Affordable Housing Project • Della Greene & Anthony Greene • Stephannie Starr