



INTROIT

“How Great Is Our God”

Inglewood First Music

WELCOME + GREETINGS

Risa Wheat
Liturgist

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give ear, God of all people.

Many: Stir up your strength and deliver us!

One: Once you rescued your children from bondage.

Many: Now, set your people free.

One: Look down from heaven, God of hosts.

Many: Turn to us anew and see us in our need.

One: Restore us, God of Creation.

Many: Let your face shine upon us.

One: May our suffering cease.

Many: May all your children be saved.

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

“This is the Day”

Hymnal #657

PASSING OF THE PEACE

“We Are the Church”

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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

INVITATION TO SOUL CARE PRACTICE

Rev. Neema Cyrus Franklin

BREATHING THE BREATH OF LIFE

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 71:1-6

New International Version

1 In you, Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame. 2 In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me; turn your ear to me and save me. 3 Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go; give the

command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. 4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of those who are evil and cruel. 5 For you have been my hope, Sovereign Lord, my confidence since my youth. 6 From birth I have relied on you; you brought me forth from my mother's womb. I will ever praise you.

WORD MADE FLESH: SCRIPTURE EMBODIMENT

Rev. Neema Cyrus Franklin

MEDITATION & REFLECTION

COMMUNITY SONG

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

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Verse 1

*What a fellowship,
what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness,
what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.*

Verse 2

*O how sweet to walk in this
pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows
from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.*

Verse 3

*What have I to dread,
what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with
my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.*

Refrain: *Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Rev. Neema Cyrus Franklin

SONG OF INVITATION

"Here I Am Lord"

Hymnal #593

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

Rev. Neema Cyrus Franklin

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Risa Wheat

BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

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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 or
- (3) **Text-to-Give:** Text an amount to **(833) 785-0863**
- (4) **Download the Church App** at www.inglewoodfirst.org/app

ALTAR FLOWERS

In loving memory of Patrick J. McGuire, given by Jean Pryor and Kathy Dickinson

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

- **Selah Sunday (No Worship Service) | August 31, 2025**
- **Monthly Zoom Birthday + Anniversary Shout Out |** Every 1st Wednesday of the Month @ 6:30pm
- **Zoom Bible Study |** Tuesdays @ 12 pm & 7 pm | Sign up at inglewoodfirst.org/biblestudy
- We're on our journey to Build Affordable Housing! Updates @ inglewoodfirst.org/housing