



INTROIT

"He's in This Place"

Inglewood First Music

WELCOME & GREETINGS

Risa Wheat
Liturgist

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We come seeking refuge in a world where goodness and good news can feel far away.

MANY: God is our hope and our refuge.

ONE: We come searching for safety in a world that often calls foolishness wisdom and wisdom foolishness.

MANY: God is our hope and our refuge.

ONE: We come longing for rest in a world that bombards us with all the ways people work against the abundant life and flourishing of their neighbors.

MANY: God is our hope and our refuge.

ONE: Come, children of God, to find refuge and hope in God who delivers and restores us.

MANY: May God teach us and guide us to find refuge and be refuge with and for our neighbors today and every day.

OPENING PRAYER

God of wind and fire, blow through our lives. Release us from all that binds us, and free us from thoughts and the fears that keep us from union with you and with one another. Lay waste to the burdens that impede us and wash away the debris that weighs us down. As we strive to follow your path, guide us onto the road of the righteous. Make us a refuge to the poor, a deliverer to the captives, and a friend to those who dwell alone. In hope of your mercy, we pray. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

Hymnal #378

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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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

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SONG OF PREPARATION

“Marching to Zion”

Hymnal #733

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 14
New International Version

Rev. Dr. Jennifer Oliver

1 The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good. 2 The Lord looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. 3 All have turned away, all have become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one. 4 Do all these evildoers know nothing? They devour my people as though eating bread; they never call on the Lord. 5 But there they are, overwhelmed with dread, for God is present in the company of the righteous. 6 You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge. Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the Lord restores his people, let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad!

MESSAGE

“**Frustrated But Not Forsaken**”

Rev. Dr. Jennifer Oliver

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

INVITATIONAL SONG

“It's Me, It's Me, O Lord”

Hymnal #352

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Risa Wheat

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Jennifer Oliver

POSTLUDE

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

- **Virginia Beckett Food Pantry** | Thursday, September 18, 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

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS | Helen Harris 9/1, Mary Collins 9/8, Annamarie Baker 9/9, Rev. Dr. Jennifer Oliver 9/17, Tasha Kelley 9/22, Samuel Reid 9/22, Estee Nsek 9/28, Arianna Wheat 9/28, Woodie Dozier 9/29, Amara (Maree) Wright 9/30, Assemblymember Tina McKinnor 9/30

PRAYER LIST | Lilye Harbison • Annie Webb & Monica Webb • Jean H. Pryor • Quinn Jones • Mary Anne Swayne & son Paul • Elva Herrera & son Daniel • Jennifer Blannon • Patricia Thomas • Jimmie Woods-Gray • Mary Collins • John Cohill • Rokyia Ferguson • Elizabeth Payne • Affordable Housing Project • Della Greene & Anthony Greene • Stephannie Starr