



**INTROIT**

*"Afternoon in Paris"  
by John Lewis*

Inglewood First Music

**WELCOME**

Risa Wheat  
Liturgist

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*One: Beloved, what worship does God desire of us?*

*All: To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.*

*One: In our life together as the body of Christ, what worship does God desire of us?*

*All: To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.*

*One: When we share the good news with all creation, what worship does God desire of us?*

*All: To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.*

*One: Come, let us worship God with justice, kindness, and humility!*

*All: We come to worship God with our voices and our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen.*

**OPENING PRAYER**

*Oh God,*

*Our teacher, example, companion—You have shown us what is good, and call us to remember that what you require is not repayment of debt or settling the score, but obedience.*

*Show us, God, when to do justice, how to love kindness, and where to walk, humbly, with you. Amen.*

**OPENING HYMN**

*"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"*

Hymnal #301

**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 & serve others, to seek justice & resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified & risen, our  
judge & 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!  
¡Sigamos 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*

## SONG OF PREPARATION

*"Soon and Very Soon"*

Hymnal #706

## SCRIPTURE

### **Romans 8:28**

*Common English Bible*

*28 We know that God works all things together for good for the ones who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose.*

## MESSAGE

***"Lord, Please, Get Me to  
the Finish Line"***

Pastor Lesa Smith

## HOLY COMMUNION

## COMMUNION SONG

*"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

Hymnal #618

## MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Risa Wheat

## BENEDICTION

Pastor Lesa Smith

## POSTLUDE

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# Announcements

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## COMING UP @ INGLEWOOD FIRST UMC / [inglewoodfirst.org/calendar](https://inglewoodfirst.org/calendar)

- **Affordable Housing Groundbreaking Coordination Meeting** | Wednesday, February 4 @ 7 pm
- **31-Day Prayer Challenge Countdown Begins** | Thursday, Jan 8 | [inglewoodfirst.org/prayer](https://inglewoodfirst.org/prayer)
- **Weekly Prayer Countdown Check-In w/ Rev. Linda Furtado** | Today @ 2 pm
- **Groundbreaking Ceremony** | Saturday, February 7 @ 10 am
- **Zoom Bible Study** | Tuesdays @ 7 pm & Thursdays @ 1 pm.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE | *Submit prayer requests at [inglewoodfirst.org/prayer](https://inglewoodfirst.org/prayer).*

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS** | Toni Ravens 2/6 • Greg Eberhardt 2/10 • Christopher Breaux 2/12 • Beverly Puebla 2/17 • Patricia Soto 2/22 (in memoriam) • Joann Dozier 2/22 • Elethea Cunningham 2/24 • Sarita Diaz-Montejano 2/24 • Fai'Ana Lolohea • Risa Wheat 2/29

**PRAYER LIST** | Kerri Hill • Rev. Gary Williams • J'Slolo Siosua Tava Tu'uholoaki • Cisco Rose • Ellis Melendez • Anthony Greene & Family • Family of Lilye Harbison • Quinn Jones & Jonathan Jones • Michelle Taylor Greene • Annie Webb & Monica Webb • Jean H. Pryor • Mary Anne Swayne & son Paul • Elva Herrera & son Daniel • Jennifer Blannon • Patricia Thomas • Jimmie Woods-Gray • Mary Collins • John Cohill • Rokyia Ferguson • Elizabeth Payne • Stephannie Starr • Affordable Housing Project