



INTROIT

"Speak to My Heart"

Inglewood First Music

WELCOME

Tyler Fister
Liturgist

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Gather us in, O God.

All: Amidst fire and storm, make us whole.

One: Bring us into your presence, Holy One.

All: From suffering and pain, save us.

One: Shelter us in your loving arms, Precious Lord.

All: On the highways of life, guide us.

One: Make us your disciples, Great Spirit.

All: As we worship this day, lead us home.

OPENING PRAYER

*Holy flame, burn away our fears and regrets,
that our spirits may shine like burnished gold.*

*Refiner's Fire, purify our lives like precious silver,
that our hearts may glow with holy love.*

*Forge of truth, mold us into vessels of compassion,
that our lives may reveal your glory. Amen.*

OPENING HYMN

"Faith of Our Mothers"

Hymnal #710

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

To, ko tautolu koe temipale kakato

INTRODUCTION TO GUEST PREACHER

Tyler Fister

SONG OF PREPARATION

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Hymnal #334

SCRIPTURE

John 14:15-21
Common English Bible

Pastor Lesa Smith

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 I will ask the Father, and he will send another Companion, who will be with you forever. 17 This Companion is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world can't receive because it neither sees him nor recognizes him. You know him, because he lives with you and will be with you. 18 "I won't leave you as orphans. I will come to you. 19 Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Because I live, you will live too. 20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, you are in me, and I am in you. 21 Whoever has my commandments and keeps them loves me. Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

MESSAGE

"The Story Sticks"

Pastor Lesa Smith

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Neema cyrus-Fral

INVITATIONAL SONG

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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BENEDICTION

Pastor Lesa Smith

POSTLUDE

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4 WAYS TO GIVE:

(1) **Mail:** Send to *Inglewood First UMC*,
300 E Hillcrest, PO BOX 1751,
Inglewood, CA 90308

(2) **Online:** www.inglewoodfirst.org/give

(3) **Text-to-Give:** Text an amount to
(833)785-0863!

(4) **Download the Church App** at
www.inglewoodfirst.org/app

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

- **Church Council Zoom Mtg** | Wednesday, May 13, 2026 @ 7:00 pm
- **May Zoom Birthday Shout Out** | Wednesday, May 13, 2026 @ 6:30 pm
- **Zoom Bible Study** | Tuesdays @ 7:00 pm

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

MAY BIRTHDAYS | Jessica Diaz-Fister 5/1, Angela Birdsong 5/2, Rev. Hilly Hicks 5/4, Rev. Victor & Rev. Neema Cyrus-Franklin's Anniversary 5/9, Rev. Rene & Victor Franklin's Anniversary 5/13, Mary Ann Swayne 5/17, Michael Wright 5/23, Morgan Wells 5/23, Jordan Murrin 5/24, Rev. Langi Lolohea 5/25, Rebecca McCain 5/26

May 11- Madison Boyd graduates from Arizona State University -Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice and Criminology- Magna Cum Laude

PRAYER LIST | Jean de Soley & son Reinaldo • Kerri Hill • Rev. Gary Williams • J'Slolo Siosaia Tava Tu'uholoaki • Cisco Rose • Ellis Melendez • 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