



**INTROIT**

*“St. Thomas”*

Inglewood First Jazz

**WELCOME**

Melisa Arnold  
*Liturgist*

**OPENING PRAYER**

*Heavenly Father,  
Thank You for gathering us here today to worship, listen, and seek You.  
As we begin, help us set aside the distractions of the world and quiet our hearts to focus on You.  
As we read Your Word, fill us with all the fullness of God—open our minds to understand,  
our hearts to receive, and our spirits to respond in faith.  
Guide our songs, our prayers, and the message we hear today.  
Bless those who lead this service with wisdom, strength, and humility.  
Bring encouragement to the weary, comfort to the hurting,  
hope to the discouraged, and peace to the anxious.  
Unite us as Your family, and let every moment here draw us closer to You. Amen.*

**OPENING HYMN**

*“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”*

AAHH #400

**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*

**INTRODUCTION TO GUEST SPEAKER**

Melisa Arnold

## SONG OF PREPARATION

*"Impressions"*

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## SCRIPTURE

***Ephesians 3:17***  
*Common English Bible*

*17 I ask that Christ will live in your hearts through faith. As a result of having strong roots in love*

## MESSAGE

***"Power Together"***

Nona Pittman

## INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

## INVITATIONAL SONG

*"This Little Light of Mine"*

UMH #585

## PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

## MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Melisa Arnold

## OFFERING

## BENEDICTION

Nona Pittman

## POSTLUDE

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## 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](http://www.inglewoodfirst.org/give)
- (3) **Text-to-Give:** Text an amount to **(833)785-0863!**  
(4) **Download the Church App** at [inglewoodfirst.org/app](http://inglewoodfirst.org/app)



## HAPPENING @ INGLEWOOD FIRST UMC / [inglewoodfirst.org/calendar](http://inglewoodfirst.org/calendar)

- **Sunday Worship Check In** | Scan the QR code to let us know you are here →
- **BBQ N' Ballots** | Sunday, October 18 @ Holman UMC @ 1 pm - 2:30 pm
- **Zoom Bible Study** | Tuesdays @ 7:00 pm
- **First Lutheran Food Bank Volunteers Needed** | Tuesdays & Fridays 9:00-11:00 AM



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

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS** | Angela Mack 10/3 • Edna Johnson 10/3 • Max Weiner 10/3 • Ansolyene Lloyd 10/6 • Tapuaki Music of Zion Ngaue-Tu'uholoaki Kinsey 10/7 • Quinton Trigg 10/08 • Claudette Wheat 10/12 • Tyler Fister 10/13 • Jean DeSoley 10/15 • Nanasi Nuku-Palmer 10/17 • Stephannie Starr 10/27 • Michelle Taylor- Greene 10/29 • Tau'akitangata Baker 10/30 • Nona Pittman 10/31

**PRAYER LIST** | Gina Williams • Anthony Greene • Chris Weishaar • Ron Fontenot • Sturdivant Family • Yolanda McMillan • Yvonne Figueroa & Family • 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