

Sunday, March 15, 2020 • 3rd Sunday in Lent • 10:00 am
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INTROIT

“Kumbayah”

Inglewood First Music

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

*One: Let's sing to God,
Many: for God is here.
One: Let's sing of love,
Many: for love is here.
One: Let's sing and rejoice,
All: for here our souls are restored.*

***OPENING PRAYER**

Ever-present God, even as you are present with us this day, we yearn to feel your presence in our midst each and every day of our lives. Speak to us with words of grace. Reveal yourself with the power of your love. Flow over us with the presence of your Holy Spirit. Help us know the glory of your love and experience the wonder of your grace. In the name of your love, we pray. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

“My Hope Is Built”

Hymnal #368

***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 & 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.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE“We Are the Church”*

Youth Praise

*English Translation:**Tongan Translation:**I am the church! / You are the church!**Ko e tempale au! / Ko e tempale koe!**We are the church together!**Ko kitautolu ko e tempale!**All who follow Jesus all around the world!**Ko kinautolu ‘i mamani kotoa**Yes, we're the church together!**‘Io, tau taha pe ‘i he ‘Eiki!****SCRIPTURE READING*****Romans 5:1-5***

Tyler Fister

Therefore, since we have been made righteous through his faithfulness, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 We have access by faith into this grace in which we stand through him, and we boast in the hope of God’s glory. 3 But not only that! We even take pride in our problems, because we know that trouble produces endurance, 4 endurance produces character, and character produces hope. 5 This hope doesn’t put us to shame, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

*Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.****People: Thanks be to God.*****THE MESSAGE*****“What We Find
in Struggle”***

Rev. Victor

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE**MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS****OFFERING***“This Little Light of Mine”*

IFM & Youth Praise

*You can give online at www.inglewoodfirst.org/give****DOXOLOGY***“Praise God from Whom
All Blessings Flow”*

Hymnal #95

CLOSING HYMN“My Hope Is Built”*

IFM & Congregation

*** GOING FORTH**

Rev. Victor

POSTLUDE“Amen”*

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

Lent is a season where Christians commit to a season of fasting and prayer. When we fast, we *lose* comfort and convenience, but we *find* greater faith and grow closer to God. More at inglewoodfirst.org/sermons.

Lost +
Found

Worship Team: Nell Walker, *Director of Music & Arts, piano*; Michael Wright, *Worship Leader*; Risa Wheat, *worship chair*, David Munch, *bass*, Tre' Cyrus-Franklin, *drums*, The Inglewood First Singers; Anthony Greene, *sound tech*; Marlon Baker, *sound asst.*; Mawuli Kpodo, *usher*, John Cohill, Oliver Cunningham & Angel Rivera, *greeters*, Tyler Fister, *liturgist*

BEFORE WORSHIP

- **Good Morning Inglewood First!** Stop by the Church Lounge before worship starting at 9:30 am for fellowship, a relaxing spot of tea or a delicious cup of Joe!

AFTER WORSHIP

- **Coffee Hour** | *The Music & Arts Dept* is hosting today. Next Sunday is a Potluck.

THIS WEEK

- **Weekly Prayer Challenge!** *The word for the week is PRAYER.*
- **The Listening. #Hopesfor2020** | Wed, Mar 18 @ 6pm | thelistening@inglewoodfirst.org
- **Virginia Beckett Food Pantry** | Thu, Mar 19 @ 11 am | Church Lounge

NEXT SUNDAY: March 22, 2020

- **Scriptures** | 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41
- **Music Ministry Warm-up** | 9 am | Jefferson Lounge
- **Lost & Found: 4th Sunday in Lent** | 10 am | Sanctuary
- **United Methodist Women Worship** | Sun, Mar 22 | Sanctuary

LOOKING AHEAD

- **Palm Sunday** | Sun, Apr 5
- **Good Friday** | **7 Last Words of Jesus. The Music of Lauryn Hill** | Fri, Apr 10
- **Resurrection Sunday** | Sun, Apr 12

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PRAYER LIST & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Sick & Shut-In / Prayer List | Eugene Collins • Phyllis Jefferson Foster • Melisa & Delmas Arnold • Elva Herrera • Wendy Reynolds • Ritchie Scott • Randy Trigg • Mary Walker • Herman & Eneze Simmons • Patricia Soto & Family • Dr. Albert McNeil • Pastor Rey Guevara (*Cards can be mailed to: 9730 Burke St, Pico Rivera CA. 90660*)

March Birthdays | Kirstie Baker 3/3 • Lucia Diaz-Fister 3/7 • Madison Boyd 3/9 • Rev. Neema Cyrus-Franklin 3/14 • John Baker 3/14 • Rodney Rose 3/15 • Bradley Baker 3/20 • Wendy Reynolds 3/22 • Lillye Harbison 3/24 • Timothy Tu'uholoaki 3/24 • John Cohill 3/26

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

To add announcements, call or email the church office by *Thursday each week!*

FACILITIES RENTAL

For facilities rental or lease, forward all interested parties online to inglewoodfirst.org/facilities. Our property consultant, Ryan Bushore, will follow up!



Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Lead Pastor

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