



Sunday, August 30, 2020 • 13th Sunday After Pentecost • Online @ 10 am
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INTROIT

“Sweet Sweet Spirit”

GREETINGS & WELCOME

Mary Collins & Charlene Bright

***CALL TO WORSHIP: UMW DAY LITANY**

Melisa Arnold

*One: God of mission, you remind us this morning once again to seek your kingdom first,
All: God of abundant living, you call us to steep our lives in your initiatives.*

*One: God of grace, you summon us back to your kingdom,
as the goal and purpose of our lives.*

*All: God of faith, hope, and love, you fit your daughters
and sons for various activities for the sake of your mission.*

One: Most holy God, you call us to live out your Gospel through word and deed,

*All: by public and personal witnessing,
through acts of charity and works of mercy.*

*One: O God of mystery, we are constantly surprised
by the working of your Spirit in our midst.*

*All: O Holy Spirit, continue to guide us, as we offer ourselves to your bidding,
and commit ourselves to work for the reign of God here and afar.*

One: In the name of One Eternal God,

All: Jesus the Christ, our Savior. Amen.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Melody Tu'uholoaki

*God of hope & love, we give witness to the mission work of United Methodist Women.
Let your love shine upon us today. Let your patience and kindness flow through us, and
inspire us to new depths of love & hope. Transform our love, that we might overcome
envy & resentment, and rejoice in justice and righteousness. Envelop us in your love, that
believing, hoping, and enduring may become our way of life on the path of love. Amen.*

***OPENING HYMN**

"We've Come This Far By Faith"

Songs of Zion #192

*We've come this far by faith / Leaning on the Lord
Trusting in His Holy Word / He never failed me yet
Oh' can't turn around / We've come this far by faith*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

"We Are Not Alone"

Manu Tu'uholoaki-Murrin

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"

Congregation

*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!*

HISTORY OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Patricia Thomas

***SCRIPTURE READING**

Exodus 1:15-20

(Common English Bible)

Jean Pryor, (Eng.)

Jean DeSoley, (Span.)

Neita Tupe (Tongan)

15 *The king of Egypt spoke to two Hebrew midwives named Shiphrah and Puah: **16***

*"When you are helping the Hebrew women give birth and you see the baby being born, if it's a boy, kill him. But if it's a girl, you can let her live." **17** Now the two midwives respected God so they didn't obey the Egyptian king's order. Instead, they let the baby boys live.*

18 *So the king of Egypt called the two midwives and said to them, "Why are you doing this? Why are you letting the baby boys live?"*

19 *The two midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because Hebrew women aren't like Egyptian women. They're much stronger and give birth before any midwives can get to them." **20** So God treated the midwives well, and the people kept on multiplying and became very strong.*

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Kirstie Baker

SONG OF PREPARATION

THE MESSAGE

*“Living in Purpose
on Purpose”*

Rev. Neema Cyrus-Franklin

SONG OF INVITATION

“Yes, God is Real”

Mrs. Philura Williams
guest vocalist

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

“My Prayer”

Risa Wheat

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gina Williams

OFFERING

Marjorie Porchia & Beverly Puebla

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Rev. Neema Cyrus-Franklin

POSTLUDE

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS & AWARDS

Jean Pryor & Melisa Arnold

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

Worship Team: The Inglewood First United Methodist Women, Nell Walker, *Director of Music & Arts, piano*; Melisa Arnold, *vocalist*, Yolanda Mitchell West & Philura Williams, *guest vocalists*, Risa Wheat, *worship chair*

Altar Flowers: Today's altar flowers are in honor of *UMW Day* given by Jean Pryor.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SUNDAY PREACHER

The **Reverend Neema Cyrus-Franklin** serves as the Stated Clerk of Pacific Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Rev. Neema is a graduate of Agnes Scott College, the “World for Women,” in Decatur, GA, with a B.A. in Psychology and a concentration in Early Childhood Education. She later earned a dual Master of Divinity and Christian Education degree from Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary of the Interdenominational Theological Center. She is an experienced Christian educator, having led and trained leaders in Christian formation for youth and adults, camp and conference ministry and mission for local, regional and national levels of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for over 20 years.



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AFTER WORSHIP

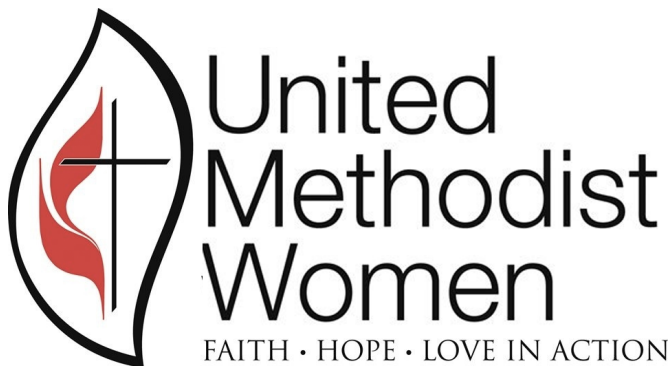
- Inglewood First UMW Annual Awards Presentation (join us on via Zoom!)
- 31-Day Prayer Challenge Check-In following worship! [Click here to join by Zoom!](#)
- Set your monthly COVID-19 testing appointment @ <https://la.curativeinc.com>
- Zoom Bible Study (video or phone) | Tues, Sep 1 @ 2 pm & 7 pm | [Click to sign up!](#)
- The Listening. (Theme: #Labor) | Wed, Sep 9 @ 8:00 pm | [Click to sign up!](#)
- Virginia Beckett Food Pantry | Thu, Sep 17 @ 9:45 am | [Click to sign up!](#)
- Voter Registration campaign coming up! We want to be a 100% voting congregation!

THE PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Please consider giving an **online offering** to Inglewood First United Methodist Women's mission efforts: [Give to Inglewood First UMW!](#)

Inglewood First UMW is a local church unit of United Methodist Women:



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