

Sunday, April 18, 2021 • 3rd Sunday of Easter • Online @ 10 am
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INTROIT

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Elethea Cunningham
Liturgist

OPENING HYMN

*“When the Saints
Go Marching In”*

Inglewood First Music

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. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Acts 3:12

(New Revised Standard Version)

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, “You Israelites,[a] why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?”

MESSAGE

*“There’s No Such
Thing As Magic”*

Rev. Dr. Seth Pickens

SONG OF INVITATION

“Just As I Am”

Hymnal #357

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOING FORTH

POSTLUDE

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Worship Team: Nell Walker, *Director of Music & Arts, Inglewood First UMC*; Michael Wright, *Song Leader*; Risa Wheat, *worship chair*; Eleathea Cunningham, *liturgist*

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Seth Pickens is an educator committed to facilitating Christ's Kingdom on earth. This mandate has led him to diverse career stints including, school teacher, sales executive, and Peace Corps Volunteer. Ordained in the American Baptist Church, he served for 11 years as a Senior Pastor in South L.A. Currently, Dr. Pickens is the Director of the Realization Project, an initiative to prevent homelessness through sustaining employment. A preacher, trainer, and facilitator par excellence, Seth holds a B.A. from Morehouse College, an M.Div. from Union Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Education from the University of Southern California. Seth and his wife of 15 years, Isis, are the proud parents of a son and a daughter, both currently in middle school. Also, he is hilarious.



Announcements

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• 3 Ways to Give!

- (1) **Mail:** Send to *Inglewood First UMC, 304 E Spruce Ave, Inglewood, CA 90301*
- (2) **Online:** www.inglewoodfirst.org/give or
- (3) **Text-to-Give:** Text an amount to **84321!**

- Get updates COVID-19 testing and vaccinations @ covid19.lacounty.gov.
- Zoom Bible Study | **Tuesdays @ 1pm and 7 pm**
- Inglewood First United Methodist Women Meeting | Sun, Apr 18 @ 1pm
- The Listening. (Our music sharing group #MakeYouDance) | Wed, Apr 28 @ 8 pm
- Monthly Men's Check In | Thu, May 6 @ 7 pm
- **Mother's Day Worship** w/ Dixon Memorial UMC (Nashville, TN) and Washington Shores Presbyterian Church (Orlando, FL) | Sun, May 9 @ 10 am
- Virginia Beckett Food Pantry | Thu, May 20 @ 9:45 am

We're on our Journey to build Affordable Housing!!!

Spread the news & sign up for updates @ inglewoodfirst.org/affordablehousing.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS | Kevin Collins 4/2 • Lunden Clayborn 4/4 • Dr. Ernest Black 4/7
• Casolyne Reynolds 4/7 • Ines Fister-Diaz 4/8 • Jean Pryor 4/12 • Shirley Taylor 4/19 •
Larry Porchia 4/20 • Jonathan Webb 4/26

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