



Sunday, August 29, 2021 • 14th Weekend After Pentecost • 10:00 am Online
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INTROIT

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Rodney Rose
Liturgist

OPENING HYMN

“Before I Tell Them”
by V. Michael McKay

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.*

SCRIPTURE

James 1:17-27

New Revised Standard Version

17 Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. [a] 18 In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. 19 You must understand this, my beloved: [b] let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. 21 Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. 22 But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. 23 For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves [c] in a mirror; 24 for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. 25 But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. 26 If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. 27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

MESSAGE

“Protect Your Heart”

Pastor Lesa Smith

SONG OF INVITATION

“Rise Up”
by A. Day

Lunden Clayborn
Soloist

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rodney Rose

GOING FORTH

Pastor Lesa Smith

TODAY IN WORSHIP :: Nell Walker, *Director of Music & Arts*; Michael Wright, *Assistant Director*; Risa Wheat, *Worship Chairperson*; Rodney Rose, *Liturgist*

Announcements

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- (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**
- **Virginia Beckett Food Pantry | Thursday, Sept 16 @ 9:45 am**
- **The Listening. (Our music sharing group) | We're sending out a poll for new dates & times!**
- **Monthly Men's Check In | Thursday, Sept 2 @ 7 pm**
- **Memorial Service for Bishop Beverly Shamana | Sat, Sept 11 @ 10 am | It will be broadcast live online from Pasadena First UMC. More information to come.**



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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS | • Elecia Wright 8/1 • Angelo Mack 8/5 • Annie Webb 8/5 • Celeste Bemby 8/5
• D'Vonna Hines 8/7 • Deborah Thierry 8/29 • Ritchie Scott 8/30 • Nhani Cyrus-Franklin 8/30

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