



Saturday, October 30, 2021 • 116th Church Anniversary • 10:00 am Online
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INTROIT

Inglewood First Music

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Risa Wheat
Liturgist

*O God, you are our God,
and we come as your people on earth.
Gather us in, that we may remember the ties that bind us together in your love.
Write your law upon our hearts,
that others may find us to be generous and loving friends.
Strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may live in love—
a love that transforms our lives,
even as we help to transform the lives of others.
In the hope of your miraculous love, we pray. Amen.*

OPENING HYMN

"You Are Good"
by I. Houghton

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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.*

INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER

Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 146
(New Revised Standard Version)

*1 Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord, O my soul!
2 I will praise the Lord as long as I live;*

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

*3 Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.*

*4 When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.*

*5 Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,*

*6 who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;*

*7 who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.*

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

8 the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

*The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.*

*9 The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.*

*10 The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the Lord!*

MESSAGE

Rev. Gary Bernard Williams
Senior Pastor, Saint Mark's UMC, Los Angeles

SONG OF INVITATION

*"We've Come This Far By Faith"
by A. Goodson Youth Guest Soloist*

Faith Anderson

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

Pastor Lesa Smith

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

GOING FORTH

Rev. Gary Bernard Williams

TODAY IN WORSHIP :: Nell Walker, *Director of Music & Arts*; Michael Wright, *Assistant Director*; Tre' Cyrus-Franklin, *Percussion*, Tony Greene, *Sound Technician*, Marlon Baker, *Audio/Visual Assistant*, Risa Wheat, *Worship Chairperson and Liturgist*.

ALTAR FLOWERS :: Thank you to *Jean Pryor* for beautifying the altar this morning with her donation of fresh flowers in honor of our 116th Church Anniversary!

Announcements

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GUEST PREACHER :: Rev. Gary Bernard Williams was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. He is the Senior Pastor of Saint Mark UMC in the heart of South Los Angeles. He's passionate about congregational revitalization, spiritual transformation, and community engagement. Pastor Gary has a prophetic, progressive, and transformative vision of what South Los Angeles can be.



Pastor Gary is an Ordained Elder in the Cal-Pac Conference and serves as Co-Chair for CLUE (Clergy & Labor United for Economic Justice), on the General Board of Church & Society's Advisory Team for 2019, Ministry with the Poor Gathering & Chair of the Cal-Pac Conference Committee working to End Mass Incarceration. He is the founder of the Full Circle Recovery Ministry, a Christian based 12 Step group, and Faith in Action, a group working to end Gun and Gang violence in South LA.

● 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!**
- (4) **You can give your \$116 to commemorate the 116th Church Anniversary** online as well!

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- Get updates COVID-19 testing and vaccinations @ covid19.lacounty.gov.
 - Zoom Bible Study | **Tuesdays @ 1pm and 7 pm**
 - The October 31-Day Prayer Challenge is underway! Sign Up at inglewoodfirst.org/prayer.
 - Virginia Beckett Food Pantry | Thursday, November 18 @ 9:45 am
 - Monthly Men's Check In | Thursday, November 4 @ 7 pm
 - Affordable Housing Phone Banking & Community Canvassing | Saturday, Oct 30 @ 11:30 am
 - Affordable Housing Neighborhood Meeting | Saturday, November 6 @ 11:30 am
 - The Listening. (music sharing group) | Sunday, November 7 @ 3:00 pm

We're on our Journey to Build Affordable Housing! Updates @ inglewoodfirst.org/housing.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS | Angela Mack 10/3 • Edna Johnson 10/3 • 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 • Stephannie Starr 10/27 • Michael Howard 10/29 • Michelle Greene 10/29 • Tau'akitangata Baker 10/30

Go to the church website at inglewoodfirst.org for more info and to sign up!