



INTROIT

"Falling in Love with Jesus"

Inglewood First Music

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Melsa Arnold

Liturgist

OPENING PRAYER

*God of grace and glory,
pour out the power of your Holy Spirit on our worship and our gathering.
Strengthen and protect us with your steadfast faithfulness.
Feed us with the bread of life, and guide our steps with the wisdom of your word.
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.*

OPENING HYMN

"Blessed Assurance"

Hymnal #369

Verse 1:

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his
blood.*

Refrain:

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.*

Verse 3:

*Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his
love.*

SCRIPTURE READING

*Ephesians 6:10-20
Common English Bible*

Melisa Arnold

10 Finally, be strengthened by the Lord and his powerful strength. 11 Put on God's armor so that you can make a stand against the tricks of the devil. 12 We aren't fighting against human enemies but against rulers, authorities, forces of cosmic darkness, and spiritual powers of evil in the heavens. 13 Therefore, pick up the full armor of God so that you can stand your ground on the evil day and after you have done everything possible to still stand. 14 So stand with the belt of truth around your waist, justice as your breastplate, 15 and put shoes on your feet so that you are ready to spread the good news of peace. 16 Above all, carry the shield of faith so that you can extinguish the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is God's word. 18 Offer prayers and petitions in the Spirit all the time. Stay alert by hanging in there and praying for all believers. 19 As for me, pray that when I open my mouth, I'll get a message that confidently makes this secret plan[a] of the gospel known. 20 I'm an ambassador in chains for the sake of the gospel. Pray so that the Lord will give me the confidence to say what I have to say.

INVITATION TO SOUL CARE PRACTICE

Pastor Monalisa Siofele-Lolohea

COMMUNITY SONG

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Hymnal #462

Verse 1:

*'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
and to take him at his word;
just to rest upon his promise,
and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."*

Refrain:

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!*

BREATHING THE BREATH OF LIFE

Jelani Estelle

MEDITATION & CONTEMPLATION

WORD MADE FLESH: SCRIPTURE EMBODIMENT

COMMUNITY SONG

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Hymnal #462

Verse 2:

*O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to trust his cleansing blood;
and in simple faith to plunge me
neath the healing, cleansing flood!*

Refrain:

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!*

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

Pastor Monalisa Siofele-Lolohea

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

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GOING FORTH

Pastor Monalisa Siofele-Lolohea

POSTLUDE

Inglewood First Music

Announcements

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TODAY IN WORSHIP: Bravo Maintenance; Pastor Monalisa Siofele-Lolohea, *Lead Pastor*; Risa Wheat, *Worship Chairperson*; Sam Reid, *Pianist*; Tre' Cyrus-Franklin, *Percussion*; Max Weiner, *Bass*; Tony Greene, *Sound Tech*; Tuutanga Tuihalamaka, *Video Tech*; Melisa Arnold, *Liturgist*; Jelani Estelle, *SoulCare Leader*

4 WAYS TO GIVE:

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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!*
 - (4) **Download the Church App** at www.inglewoodfirst.org/app

ALTAR FLOWERS

In loving memory of Patrick J. McGuire, given by Jean Pryor and Kathy Dickinson

COMING UP @ INGLEWOOD FIRST UMC / inglewoodfirst.org/calendar

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- **Zoom Bible Study** | Tuesdays @ 12 pm & 7 pm | Sign up at inglewoodfirst.org/biblestudy
 - **Worship Team Zoom Planning Meeting** | Tuesdays @ 11 am
 - **Choir Rehearsal** | 3rd & 4th Sundays
 - **SoulCare Sundays Planning Meeting** | 3rd Sundays after worship service
 - **We're on our journey to Build Affordable Housing! Updates @ inglewoodfirst.org/housing**

CONGREGATIONAL CARE | *Submit prayer requests at inglewoodfirst.org/prayer.*

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS + ANNIVERSARIES | Elecia Wright 8/1, Marlon and Kirstie Baker's Anniversary 8/1, Rev. Jefferson Furtado & Rev. Linda Furtado's Anniversary 8/1, Pastor Rey Guevara & Kellie's Anniversary 8/4, Angelo Mack 8/5, Annie Webb 8/5, Celeste Bembry 8/5, D'Vonna Hines 8/7, Salvador & Maria Morales' Anniversary 8/13, Maria Morales 8/18, Woodie & JoAnn Dozier's Anniversary 8/23, Deb Thierry's birthday (in memoriam) 8/29, Nhani Cyrus-Franklin 8/30, Ritchie Scott 8/30

PRAYER LIST | Quinn Jones & family (her father is still ill in the hospital) • Pastor Rey Guevara's family (Kellie lost her father) • Mary Collins & Family (loss of her brother) • John Cohill & Family • Rokyia Ferguson • Toni Ravens & Candice Callins • Ceasefire in Gaza • Soto-Mack Family • Houseless Neighbors • Wendy Reynolds & Family • Elizabeth Payne • Elva Herrera • Affordable Housing Project • Della Greene & Anthony Greene • Blanche Smith • Stephannie Starr