



**INTROIT**

*“Speak to My Heart”*

Inglewood First Music

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sheila Clayborn  
*Liturgist*

**OPENING PRAYER**

*Creator of the heavenly lights,  
there is no shadow in your divine light.  
It remains unchanging across the eons,  
even as the stars come and go.*

*You are our faithful creator, the Gardener of our lives.  
You plant your truth within us and inspire lives of caring and love.  
We honor and worship you. Amen.*

**OPENING HYMN**

*“It Is Well with My Soul”*

Hymnal #377

**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 and 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!*

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*“We Are the Church”*

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**English Version:**

*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!*

**Spanish Version:**

*¡Yo soy la Iglesia!*

*¡Tú eres la Iglesia!*

*¡Somos la Iglesia juntos!*

*¡Sigamos a Jesús*

*en todo el mundo!*

*¡Si, somos la Iglesia juntos!*

**Tongan Version:**

*Ko au koe temipale!*

*Ko koe koe temipale!*

*Tautolu koe temipale!*

*Tau muimui kia Sisu*

*Tautolu kotoa ‘i mamani*

*‘Io, ko tautolu koe temipale kakato!*

**SONG OF PREPARATION**

*“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”*

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**Verse 1:**

*I’ve got peace like a river,*

*I’ve got peace like a river,*

*I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.*

*I’ve got peace like a river,*

*I’ve got peace like a river,*

*I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.*

**Verse 2:**

*I’ve got love like a river,*

*I’ve got love like a river,*

*I’ve got love like a river in my soul.*

*I’ve got love like a river,*

*I’ve got love like a river,*

*I’ve got love like a river in my soul*

**Verse 3:**

*I’ve got joy like a river,*

*I’ve got joy like a river,*

*I’ve got joy like a river in my soul.*

*I’ve got joy like a river,*

*I’ve got joy like a river,*

*I’ve got joy like a river in my soul.*

**SCRIPTURE**

*Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

*The Message*

*1-4 The Pharisees, along with some religion scholars who had come from Jerusalem, gathered around him. They noticed that some of his disciples weren’t being careful with ritual washings before meals. The Pharisees—Jews in general, in fact—would never eat a meal without going through the motions of a ritual*

hand-washing, with an especially vigorous scrubbing if they had just come from the market (to say nothing of the scourings they'd give jugs and pots and pans). 5 The Pharisees and religion scholars asked, "Why do your disciples brush off the rules, showing up at meals without washing their hands?" 6-8 Jesus answered, "Isaiah was right about frauds like you, hit the bull's-eye in fact: These people make a big show of saying the right thing, but their heart isn't in it. They act like they are worshiping me, but they don't mean it. They just use me as a cover for teaching whatever suits their fancy, Ditching God's command and taking up the latest fads." 14-15 Jesus called the crowd together again and said, "Listen now, all of you—take this to heart. It's not what you swallow that pollutes your life; it's what you vomit—that's the real pollution." 20-23 He went on: "It's what comes out of a person that pollutes: obscenities, lusts, thefts, murders, adulteries, greed, depravity, deceptive dealings, carousing, mean looks, slander, arrogance, foolishness—all these are vomit from the heart. There is the source of your pollution."

**MESSAGE**

***"It Is Well: With My Soul"*** Pastor Monalisa Siofele-Lolohea

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION SONG**

*"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

Hymnal #618

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sheila Clayborn

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor Monalisa Siofele-Lolohea

**POSTLUDE**

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**TODAY IN WORSHIP:** Bravo Maintenance; *Pastor Monalisa Siofele-Lolohea, Site Pastor*; Risa Wheat, *Worship Chairperson*; Tony Greene, *Sound Tech*; Tootie Tuihalamaka, *Video Tech*; Sheila Clayborn, *Liturgist*

**4 WAYS TO GIVE:**

(1) **Mail:** Send to *Inglewood First UMC*,  
304 E Spruce Ave, Inglewood, CA 90301

(2) **Online:** [www.inglewoodfirst.org/give](http://www.inglewoodfirst.org/give)

(3) **Text-to-Give:** Text an amount to **84321!**

(4) **Download the Church App** at  
[www.inglewoodfirst.org/app](http://www.inglewoodfirst.org/app)

**COMING UP @ INGLEWOOD FIRST UMC / [inglewoodfirst.org/calendar](http://inglewoodfirst.org/calendar)**

- **Zoom Bible Study** | Tuesdays @ 12 pm & 7 pm | Sign up at [inglewoodfirst.org/biblestudy](http://inglewoodfirst.org/biblestudy)
- **Worship Crew Monthly Zoom Meeting** | Tuesday, September 11, 2024 @ 11:00 am
- **Irvine Foundation Meeting** | In Ross Lounge on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 @ 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
- **Church Council Zoom Meeting** | Wednesday, September 18, 2024 @ 7:00 pm
- **Virginia Beckett Food Pantry** | Thursday, September 19, 2024 @ 9:45 am - 12:00 pm
- **Choir Rehearsal** | 3rd & 4th Sundays after worship service
- **SoulCare Sundays Planning Meeting** | 3rd Sundays after worship service
- **We're on our journey to Build Affordable Housing! Updates @ [inglewoodfirst.org/housing](http://inglewoodfirst.org/housing)**

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE | *Submit prayer requests at [inglewoodfirst.org/prayer](http://inglewoodfirst.org/prayer).***

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS** | Helen Harris 9/1, Manavahe Tupe 9/4, Mary Collins 9/8, Annamarie Baker 9/9, Kologio Hill 9/11, Tasha Kelley 9/22, Samuel Reid 9/22, Estee Nsek 9/28, Arianna Wheat 9/28, Woodie Dozier 9/29, Amara (Maree) Wright 9/30, Assemblymember Tina McKinnor 9/30

**PRAYER LIST** | Quinn Jones & family • Pastor Rey Guevara's family • 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