

**INTROIT**

*"Isn't She Lovely"*

Inglewood First Music

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Risa Wheat

*Liturgist*

**OPENING PRAYER**

*Holy Stream of Righteousness—as we embrace the dawn of this week and the reemergence of hope in our lives, we sing your praises. As we face the journey before us, we seek your wisdom and your strength. Erase the envy from our minds and the biases from our hearts, as we enter this space. Fill our lives with the refreshing brooks of your peace. Amen.*

**OPENING HYMN**

*"We'll Understand it Better  
By and By"*

Hymnal #525

**Verse 1:**

*We are often tossed and driv'n  
on the restless sea of time,  
somber skies and howling tempest  
oft succeed a bright sunshine;  
in that land of perfect day,  
when the mists have rolled away,  
we will understand it better by and by.*

**Refrain:**

*By and by, when the morning comes,  
when the saints of God are gathered home,  
we'll tell the story,  
how we've overcome,  
for we'll understand it better by and by.*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

*Ezekiel 37:3-10,14  
Common English Bible*

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*3 He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "Sovereign Lord, you alone know." 4 Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! 5 This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath[a] enter you, and you will come to life. 6 I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.'" 7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. 8 I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. 9 Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" 10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army. 14 I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord."*

**INTRODUCTION TO GUEST SOULCARE LEADER**

Pastor Monalisa Siofele-Lolohea

**INVITATION TO SOUL CARE PRACTICE**

Minister Tanya Boucicaut

**BREATHING THE BREATH OF LIFE**

**COMMUNITY SONG**

*"We'll Understand it Better  
By and By"*

Hymnal #525

**Verse 2:**

*We are often destitute of the things that life demands,  
want of food and want of shelter, thirsty hills and barren  
lands; we are trusting in the Lord, and according to the  
Word, we will understand it better by and by.*

**Refrain:**

*By and by, when the morning comes,  
when the saints of God are gathered home,  
we'll tell the story, how we've overcome,  
for we'll understand it better by and by.*

MEDITATION & REFLECTION

COMMUNITY SONG

*We'll Understand it Better  
By and By"*

Hymnal #525

**Verse 3:**

*Temptations, hidden snares, often take us unawares,  
and our hearts are made to bleed  
for any thoughtless word or deed;  
and we wonder why the test when we try to do our best,  
but we'll understand it better by and by.*

**Refrain:**

*By and by, when the morning comes,  
when the saints of God are gathered home,  
we'll tell the story,  
how we've overcome,  
for we'll understand it better by and by*

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

Minister Tanya Boucicaut

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

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GOING FORTH

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POSTLUDE

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

**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) or
- (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)
- **September Zoom Birthday Shout Out** | Tuesday, September 24th @ 6:30 pm
- **Annual Laity Council Fall Retreat** | Saturday, October 12th @ 8:30am at First UMC of San Gabriel
- **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](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, Kenneth Hicks 9/24, Estee Nsek 9/28, Arianna Wheat 9/28, Woodie Dozier 9/29, Amara (Maree) Wright 9/30, Assemblymember Tina McKinnor 9/30

**PRAYER LIST** | Gina Williams • Quinn Jones & family • Pastor Rey Guevara's family • Mary Collins & Family • 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