

February 16, 2025

Jazz & Justice Sunday · 9:00 am 304 E Spruce Ave Inglewood, CA 90301

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INTROIT

"Pearls" by Sade

Inglewood First Jazz

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elethea Cunningham *Liturgist*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God."

People: May we learn to depend on God's abundant provision

instead of the world's grasping for wealth as we worship today.

Leader: Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled."

People: May we learn to follow Christ's call to provide for the hungry as co-creators of God's kingdom as we worship today.

Leader: Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh."

People: May we learn to pay attention to those who suffer and mourn and to extend God's comfort and hope to those who need it as we worship today.

Leader: Jesus declared, "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man."

People: May our worship teach us to rejoice in that day and every day as we live out the good news in our families, neighborhoods, community, and world!

OPENING HYMN

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Hymnal #519

OPENING PRAYER

Elethea Cunningham

Compassionate God,

we recognize that our world is a broken place, hurt by poverty, famine, and disease.

We admit that sometimes we make the world a broken place, tolerating prejudice, conflict, and self-interest.

We confess that our hearts also suffer with anger, Resentment, and jealousy.

Renew us in Your love, O God, and heal us with the comfort of Your abundant love.

Awaken us to the role we can play in healing Your creation.

Strengthen us through the power of the Holy Spirit

to hear Your word and move forward in faith. Amen.

BLACK HISTORY MOMENT

Larry Porchia

PASSING OF THE PEACE

"We Are the Church"

Inglewood First Jazz

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 13:2-8 Common English Bible

Risa Wheat

2 If I have the gift of prophecy and I know all the mysteries and everything else, and if I have such complete faith that I can move mountains but I don't have love, I'm nothing. 3 If I give away everything that I have

and hand over my own body to feel good about what I've done but I don't have love, I receive no benefit whatsoever. 4 Love is patient, love is kind, it isn't jealous, it doesn't brag, it isn't arrogant, 5 it isn't rude, it doesn't seek its own advantage, it isn't irritable, it doesn't keep a record of complaints, 6 it isn't happy with injustice, but it is happy with the truth. 7 Love puts up with all things, trusts in all things, hopes for all things, endures all things. 8 Love never fails. As for prophecies, they will be brought to an end. As for tongues, they will stop. As for knowledge, it will be brought to an end.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Risa Wheat

MESSAGE "What Is Love?" Quincy Brown Sr.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Pastor Monalisa Lolohea

INVITATIONAL SONG

"O How I Love Jesus"

Hymnal #170

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

Pastor Monalisa Lolohea

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE "Pearls" by Sade

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TODAY IN WORSHIP: Pastor Monalisa Lolohea; *Site Pastor*, Risa Wheat, *Worship Chairperson*; Sam Reid, *Music Director*; Tre' Cyrus-Franklin, *Percussion*; Max Weiner, *Bass*; Tony Greene, *Sound Tech*; Tuutanga Tuihalamaka, *Video Tech*; Elethea Cunningham, *Liturgist*; Quincy Brown, *Guest Speaker*

4 WAYS TO GIVE:

- (1) Mail: Send to Inglewood First UMC, 304 E Spruce Ave, Inglewood, CA 90301
- (2) **Online**: <u>www.inglewoodfirst.org/give</u> or/
- (3) **Text-to-Give:** Text an amount to **84321**!
- (4) Download the Church App at www.inglewoodfirst.org/app

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

- Worship Team Planning Meeting | Tuesdays @ 10:00 am
- Zoom Bible Study | Tuesdays @ 12 pm & 7 pm | Sign up at <u>inglewoodfirst.org/biblestudy</u>
- Choir Rehearsal | 3rd & 4th 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.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS | Toni Ravens 2/6 • Greg Eberhardt 02/10 • Pastor Joe Siofele 2/11 • Christopher Breaux 2/12 • Beverly Puebla 2/17 • Patricia Soto 2/22 • Elethea Cunningham 2/24 • Sarita Diaz-Montejano 2/24 • Fai'ana Lolohea 2/28 Risa Wheat 2/29

PRAYER LIST | Quinn Jones & Family • Larry Porchia & Family • Patricia Thomas • Smith Family • Dozier Family • Jimmie Woods-Gray • Mary Collins • John Cohill • Rokyia Ferguson • Soto-Mack Family • Houseless Neighbors • Elizabeth Payne • Elva Herrera • Affordable Housing Project • Della Greene & Anthony Greene • Stephannie Starr