

February 23, 2025
7th Sunday After the Epiphany · 9:00 am
304 E Spruce Ave Inglewood, CA 90301

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INTROIT

"Someday We'll All Be Free"

Inglewood First Music

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Risa Wheat Liturgist

OPENING PRAYER

Holy Jesus,

You call us into a life that others have told us is easy, but it is not.

You challenge us to forgive, to love our enemies, to bless those who curse us.

We want the easy way, but You have given us the hard path.

Grant us the patience and endurance to journey with You,

to allow ourselves at times to stumble, to live into the hard way so that we might fully experience

Your love, grace, and peace in this world, by becoming a people full of love and grace and forgiving others.

In Your name, we pray. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"When We All Get to Heaven"

Hymnal #701

BLACK HISTORY MOMENT

Michelle Taylor Greene

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Common English Bible

Risa Wheat

If I speak in tongues of human beings and of angels but I don't have love, I'm a clanging gong or a clashing cymbal. 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. 9 We know in part and we prophesy in part; 10 but when the perfect comes, what is partial will be brought to an end. 11 When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, reason like a child, think like a child. But now that I have become a man, I've put an end to childish things. 12 Now we see a reflection in a mirror; then we will see face-to-face. Now I know partially, but then Iwill know completely in the same way that I have been completely known. 13 Now faith, hope, and love remain—these three things—and the greatest of these is love.

INVITATION TO SOUL CARE PRACTICE

COMMUNITY SONG

"Love, Love, Love, Love"

Rev. Neema Cyrus-Franklin Inglewood First Music

Love, love, love, love, Christians, this is your call Love your neighbour as yourself, for God loves all.

Rev. Neema Cyrus-Franklin

BREATHING THE BREATH OF LIFE

WORD MADE FLESH: SCRIPTURE EMBODIMENT

MEDITATION & REFLECTION

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PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

Rev. Neema Cyrus-Franklin

GOING FORTH

POSTLUDE

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TODAY IN WORSHIP: Bravo Maintenance; Risa Wheat, *Worship Chairperson & Liturgist*; Sam Reid, *Pianist*; Tre' Cyrus-Franklin, *Percussion*; Max Weiner, *Bass*; Tony Greene, *Sound Tech*; Rev. Neema Cyrus-Franklin, *SoulCare Leader*

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- (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/

- **Zoom Bible Study** | Tuesdays @ 12 pm & 7 pm | Sign up at <u>inglewoodfirst.org/biblestudy</u>
- United Women in Faith MidWinter Event | Saturday, February 22 @ Holman UMC @ 9:30am
- 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

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