



**INTROIT**

*"The Sunny Side of The Street"*

Inglewood First Music

**GREETING AND WELCOME**

Woodie Dozier  
*Liturgist*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader: Today, we join Jesus in the final ascent to Jerusalem,  
knowing the depths we will descend on our journey through Holy Week.*

***People: Open the gates of righteousness, that we may come worship God!***

*Leader: We join the disciples in declaring that Jesus, riding on a donkey, is our Ruler,  
the One who will bring peace and salvation for all.*

***People: Open the gates of peace, that we may come worship God!***

*Leader: We join with the bystanders who questioned and wondered who this Jesus really is,  
who feared the consequences*

***People: Open the gates of truth, that we may come worship God!***

*Leader: The journey through Holy Week brings us face-to-face with  
the stark reality of sin and God's faithfulness to save.*

***People: Open the gates of salvation, that we may come to worship  
God whose steadfast love never fails!***

**OPENING HYMN**

*"This is the Day"*

Hymnal #657

**OPENING PRAYER**

Woodie Dozier

*God, we gather on this day to begin a week of contrasts.*

*From hope to despair to hope again.*

*As we begin the week, as we join with the crowd,  
help us cut through the noise to see what is happening,  
to see what is at stake.*

*As the story unfolds,  
open us to both the hope and the pain.*

*In this time of worship,  
prepare us to celebrate, to weep, and to wait. Amen.*

**JAZZ MOMENT**

Sam Reid

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION & APPRECIATION**

Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin

**SONG OF PREPARATION**

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**SCRIPTURE READING**

*Luke 19:28-40*  
*New Revised Standard Version*

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*28 After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. 29 As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 30 "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie*

it and bring it here. 31 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'" 32 Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. 33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" 34 They replied, "The Lord needs it." 35 They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. 36 As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. 37 When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: 38 "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" 39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" 40 "I tell you, "He replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

MESSAGE

***"The Lord Needs It"***

Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

INVITATIONAL SONG

*"He Has Made Me Glad"*

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PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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*Announcements*   
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#### 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)

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

- **Worship Team Planning Meeting** | Tuesdays @ 10:00 am
- **Monthly Zoom Birthday + Anniversary Shout Out** | Wednesday, April 9 @ 6:30 pm
- **Zoom Bible Study** | Tuesdays @ 12 pm & 7 pm
- **Virginia Beckett Food Pantry** | Thursday, April 17, 2025 @ 9:45 am - 12:00 pm
- **Maundy Thursday Worship Service** | Holman UMC on Thursday, April 17 @ 7:00 pm
- **BMCR Good Friday Service** | Friday, April 18 at Scott UMC @ 12:00 pm
- **Easter Sunday + Eggstravaganza** (Children's Egg Hunt) | Sunday, April 20 @ 9:00 am
- We're on our journey to Build Affordable Housing! Updates @ [inglewoodfirst.org/housing](http://inglewoodfirst.org/housing)

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

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS** | Kevin Collins 4/2, Lunden Clayborn 4/4, Dr. Ernest Black 4/7, Casolene Reynolds 4/7, Ines Diaz-Fister 4/8, Jean Pryor 4/12, Shirley Taylor 4/19, Larry Porchia 4/20, Larry & Marjorie Porchia's Anniversary 4/22, Jonathan Webb 4/26

**PRAYER LIST** | Madeline Afasena & Family • Family of Rev. Dr. Lydia Waters • Raymond Naba • 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