

April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Lent • 9:00 am 304 E Spruce Ave Inglewood, CA 90301

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INTROIT

"My Cherie Amour"

Inglewood First Music Manu Tu'uholoaki-Murrin Liturgist

GREETING AND WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come to worship, remembering God's goodness that has carried us and sustained us to this present moment.

People: We remember the days when God covered us in love and filled us with joy.

Leader: We come to worship, weary from stress, heavy with grief, and wondering when relief will come.

People: We long for the days God covered us in love and filled us with joy.

Leader: We come to worship to remember and remind one another that God's love has never left us, and God's joy cannot be extinguished.

People: God, restore us that we know your love and your joy once again.

Leader: We come to worship to remember and become the Body of Christ, a community called to restore the world around us.

People: God, empower us to be your restoration people who fill the world with love, laughter, and abundant life. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"His Eye is on the Sparrow"

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OPENING PRAYER

Manu Tu'uholoaki-Murrin

Come to this sanctuary, this house, this home, Holy Christ, and let us receive you with lavish welcome. You are the Restorer of our fortunes, the Promise of new life – we pour out our praise to you. Fill this room with your Spirit: the sound of wind, the warmth of flame, the scent of perfume and fill our

hearts with your compassion, not just in this time and place, but in all times and in all places, so that as we celebrate the great things you have done for us, we may also embody the love you give to all. Amen.

JAZZ MOMENT

Tre Cyrus-Franklin & Max Weiner

SONG OF PREPARATION

"Spirit of the Living God"

Hymnal #393

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 126

New Revised Standard Version

Pastor Monalisa Lolohea

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. 2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. 4 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb. 5 May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. 6 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Isaiah 43:16-21

New Revised Standard Version

16 Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, 17 who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down; they cannot rise; they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: 18 Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. 19 I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. 20 The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, 21 the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

MESSAGE

"Fill Me With Joy"

Pastor Monalisa Lolohea

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

INVITATIONAL SONG

"In the Garden"

Hymnal #319

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

Pastor Monalisa Lolohea

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

- Worship Team Planning Meeting | Tuesdays @ 10:00 am
- Affordable Housing Campaign Initiative State Capitol Vote | Tuesday, April 8 @ 1:00 pm
- 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
- We're on our journey to Build Affordable Housing! Updates @ inglewoodfirst.org/housing

CONGREGATIONAL CARE | Submit prayer requests at 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