# **OUR RECONCILING STATEMENT**

(Approved February 17, 2019)

Inspiring the world as passionate followers of Jesus Christ so all can experience God's life-giving love.

Echo Park United Methodist Church is a faith community seeking to live in joyous response to the love of God in Christ.

We are people of Christ's new creation called to be ministers of reconciliation.

We are not always of the same mind, but we seek to be of the same Spirit, reaching out in unconditional love to let others know that there is a place of reconciliation: "There is a Balm in Gilead."

We share the Gospel and Spirit of Jesus Christ and open our community to all, especially to those who are hurt or have been left out because of racial differences, ethnic origin, gender identity, legal or immigration status, language, sexual orientation, disability, all who have suffered abuse or abandonment by society, or even by the church.



We invite you to make ECHO PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH your spiritual home as together we celebrate being a reconciling and inclusive ministry. We strive to love as Jesus loved, welcoming all people and excluding no one. It takes open hearts, open minds and open doors to make a place of real equality, respect, justice and peace. It takes people loving people to make God's reign a reality.

# ECHO PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Reconciling Congregation

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Pastor: Rev. Frank Wulf + Music Director: Mina Rhee

# THE 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

Holy Communion April 3, 2022 + 10:00 a.m.



# Welcome to Echo Park United Methodist Church A Reconciling Congregation



We are a church of open hearts, open minds and open doors.

We welcome you to worship here just as you are!

#### **GATHERING**

**PRELUDE** "Prelude"

Mina Rhee

Music: C. A. Kern

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Responsively

by James Dollins – Abingdon Worship Annual 2022

#### Liturgist:

When the Lord restored our fortunes, we were like those who dream.

#### The Community:

Then our mouths were filled with laughter, and our tongues were loosed with shouts of joy.

#### Liturgist:

Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

#### The Community:

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad.

#### Liturgist:

Restore our fortunes, O God, like ancient, flowing streams.

#### **The Community:**

Let those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy!

#### \* INDICATES: PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT AS YOU PREFER.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "We Sing to You, O God" The Faith We Sing 2001 Words: Gracia Grindal + Music: John Darwall

WELCOME

- Lay Leader Lois Price

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

#### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

#### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

Message for Young People

Pastor David Farley

Song

"Walk with Me" (verse 3)

The Faith We Sing 2242

Words + Music: John S. Rice

Following the Message for Young People, the children are invited to depart with their teachers for Sunday school.

#### CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

- Responsively

by James Dollins – Abingdon Worship Annual 2022

#### The Community:

God of grace, you call us into your glorious future. When we dwell on the past, you tell us to remember no longer the things of old. When we fail to notice the poor among us, you call us to give freely of what we have. When we are reluctant to share our gifts and talents, you give your own life so that we may live. Free us, Holy Spirit, from self-absorption and from fear. Amen.

#### Liturgist:

As God's children, forgiven and free, we are blessed to give our best gifts in God's name.

#### People:

Alleluia! Amen!

#### \*HYMN OF PREPARATION

United Methodist Hymnal 529

"How Firm a Foundation" (verses 1, 2, 5)

Words: "K" in Rippon's Selection of Hymns + Music: Early USA Melody

# THE WORK OF JUSTICE

Matthew Hom, CLUE-LA

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

- Community members share their prayers aloud

Community Prayer

- Pastor Frank Wulf

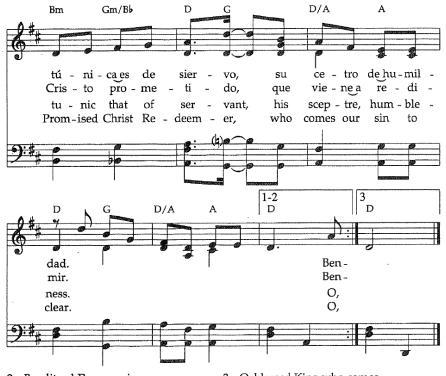
**SCRIPTURE READING** - Read in Spanish by Herbert Alexander Arias

"God Restores Zion" (Psalm 126:1-6, NRSV)

# Liturgist:

Listen for the Word of God in Psalm 126, verses 1 to 6.

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. <sup>2</sup>Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our



- 3. Bendito el Rey que viene en el nombre del Señor; que muestra a los humildes la faz del Santo Dios: a quien le han sido dadas la gloria y el poder, que al fin de las edades los pueblos han de ver.
- 3. O, blessed King who comes in the name of God, the Lord, revealing to the humble his countenance divine. To him all might is given all glory and all power which at the close of ages all nations must admire.

#### THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

English: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Español: Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad, como en el cielo, así también en la tierra. El pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy. Y perdónanos nuestras deudas, como también nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores. Y no nos dejes caer en tentación, mas líbranos del mal; porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la gloria, por todos los siglos. Amén.

Tagalog: Ama namin, sumasalangit Ka, sambahin ang ngalan Mo. Mapasaamin ang kaharian Mo. Sundin ang loob Mo dito sa lupa, para nang sa langit. Bigyan Mo kami ngayon ng aming kakanin sa araw-araw. At patawarin Mo ang aming mga sala, para ng pagpapatawad naming sa mga nagkakasala sa amin. At huwag Mokaming ipahintulot sa tukso, at iadya Mo kami sa lahat ng masama. Sapagkat Iyo ang kaharian, at kapangyarihan, at ang kadakilaan, magpakailanman. Amen.



tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." <sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. <sup>4</sup>Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb. <sup>5</sup>May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. <sup>6</sup>Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

#### The Community:

Thanks be to God.

# **CHORAL ANTHEM**

- The Chancel Choir

"O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done?" Words: Charles Wesley + Music: Isaac B. Woodbury

**GOSPEL READING** 

- Read in English by Josephine Amado

"Mary Anoints Jesus' Feet" (John 12:1-8, NRSV)

#### Liturgist:

Listen for the Word of God in the gospel of John, chapter 12, verses 1 to 8.

<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

# The Community:

Thanks be to God.

# PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

- In unison

Based on Psalm 91:15

#### The Community:

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of all of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O God, our rock and our redeemer. Amen. The Fast God Chooses:

Pastor Frank Wulf

Extravagant Generosity

#### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering

- Pastor Frank Wulf

Offertory

– Sherman McClellan, soloist + Mina Rhee, organist

"All in the April Evening" Words + Music: Hugh S. Roberton

\*Doxology

United Methodist Hymnal 94

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Words: Thomas Ken + Music: Geistliche Kirchengesänge

\*Stewardship Prayer

- The Congregation

#### **The Community:**

May your Word shape our lives, O God! May it form our thoughts and guide our steps so that we may live in this world as your faithful followers and love this world as those who have been transformed by your love. Amen.

# THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

#### THE SACRED MEAL

Invitation to the Table

Our Communion Prayer

- Pastor Frank Wulf

Pastor:

May God be with you.

**The Community:** 

And also with you.

Pastor:

Lift up your hearts.

**The Community:** 

We lift them up to God.

Pastor:

Let us give thanks to our Sovereign God.

**The Community:** 

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Pastor gives thanks appropriate to the season for God's mighty acts of salvation.

Pastor:

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

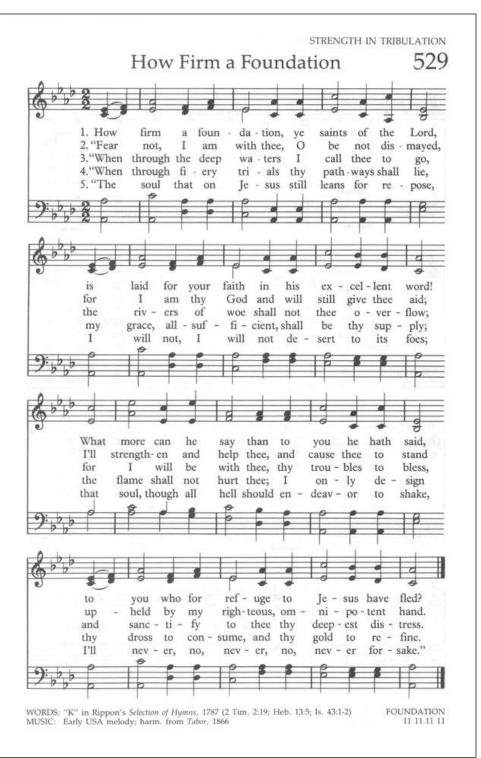
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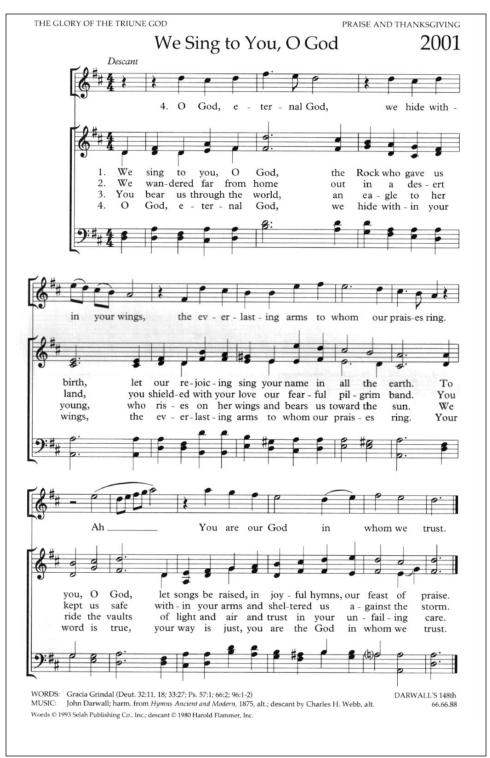
"Holy, Holy, Holy"

The Faith We Sing 2007

Words + Music: Argentine Folk Song

The Pastor continues the communion prayer, recalling the institution of the Sacred Meal.





#### Pastor:

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

#### The Community:

# Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Pastor continues the communion prayer, invoking the presence of the Holy Spirit.

#### Pastor:

Through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

#### **The Community:**

Amen.

The Prayer that Jesus Taught Us — Each in their heart language
Sharing the Bread and Cup

As you are able, please approach through the center aisle and depart through the side aisles. The elements will be taken to those who are unable to come forward.

We use unfermented grape juice and gluten free bread so that all may feel safe participating in the sacrament.

# Thanksgiving after Communion

- In unison

### **The Cummunity:**

Loving God, we give you thanks for this meal that we have shared with each other. It has strengthened us for our Lenten journey ahead. As we leave this place to follow and serve you in the world, empower us by your Spirit, refresh us with your Word, and fill us with your hope. Amen.

#### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION

Mil Voces para Celebrar 134

O Blessed King who Comes

Words: Federico J. Pagura + Music: Raquel Mora Martinez

# SENDING FORTH

\*BLESSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

- Pastor Frank Wulf

\*POSTLUDE

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"
Music: J. S. Bach

– Mina Rhee

**ENTER TO WORSHIP** 



DEPART TO SERVE

#### BIBLE VERSE FOR COMFORT AND INSPIRATION

#### THE WEEK OF APRIL 3-9

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves. (*Psalm 126:6, NRSV*)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 1-7

- 1. Thank you to all who helped out with today's service of worship:
  - Greeter: Lois Price (Lay Leader) + Liturgists: Herbert Alexander Arias, Josephne Amado + Message for Young People: Pastor David Farley + Musicians: Mina Rhee (Music Director), Ember Knight (Technical Support), Sherman McClellan (Offertory), Chancel Choir (Anthem) + Technical Support: Join Chavis, Danny Bernabe, Walter Elmer
- 2. Today's worship service is being broadcast and will be available on the church's Facebook page. Please invite your family and friends to view it there: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/EchoParkUnitedMethodistChurch">https://www.facebook.com/EchoParkUnitedMethodistChurch</a>
- 3. Today, we welcome Matthew Hom, Faith-Rooted Organizer in Los Angeles and Santa Monica at CLUE (Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice).
- 4. Christian education programming:
  - Thank you to Pastor David Farley and Franie Maddela for taking responsibility for this morning's Sunday school program.
  - Suggested activities for children and families for the coming week have been posted on the church website.
  - The Bible and Theology Group for adults will meet by Zoom this coming Thursday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m. We will be discussing chapters 5 and 6 of the book *Our Lenten Prayer* by Olu Brown. More information about the Bible and Theology Group can be found on the church website: <a href="mailto:ynww.echoparkumc.org/bible-study/">ynww.echoparkumc.org/bible-study/</a>.
  - The BIPOC Theology Study Group will meet by Zoom next Sunday, April 10, at 12:00 p.m. For more information, contact Josh López-Reyes by email at: <a href="mjlopez.reyes@gmail.com">mjlopez.reyes@gmail.com</a>. Use the following link to join the group: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85428008133?pwd=K3Y3REFpSmxMN1YvRFhpUzBoMWZwZz09YvRFhpUzBoMWZwZz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85428008133?pwd=K3Y3REFpSmxMN1YvRFhpUzBoMWZwZz09</a>.
- 5. The April edition of *The Echo* will be distributed later today by email. Hard copies will be mailed out early next week.
- 6. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with yesterday's Rummage Sale. Business was good throughout the day. We'll share an accounting of how much was made as soon as a final accounting has been done.
- 7. Thank you to everyone who contributed to last Sunday's UMCOR offering. We raised \$75 to support the work of The United Methodist Church to provide emergency relief in disaster areas around the world.

- 8. Join us for Holy Week and Easter: Palm Sunday–April 10 (10 a.m. in the sanctuary and on Facebook) + Maundy Thursday–April 14 (7 p.m. on Facebook) + Good Friday–April 15 (7 pm in the sanctuary and on Facebook) + Easter Sunday–April 17 (10 a.m. in the sanctuary and on Facebook) +
- 9. Happy birthday to Lynn Rhodes (March 30), Agustin Alexander Tovar (April 30), William Burrall (April 3), Danilo Rivera (April 9)

# DONATING TO ECHO PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

You may make donations to Echo Park United Methodist Church in a number of ways. If you feel called and inspired to contribute financially to the church or one or more of its ministries, please do so in a way that feels appropriate and comfortable to you.

By cash offering: Please put your donation into an envelope. Write your name and contact information on the outside of the envelope along with any instructions about how you want your contribution used. Place the envelope into one of the offering plates at the back of the Sanctuary or deliver it in person to the church office.

By check: Please make your check payable to "Echo Park United Methodist Church." Make sure your personal contact information on the check is correct and write the purpose of your donation onto the check's memo line. You may place your check into one of the offering plates at the back of the Sanctuary or mail it to the church office: Echo Park United Methodist Church, 1226 N. Alvarado Street, Los Angeles, CA 90026.

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