### **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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## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

U.S. Independence Sunday + Holy Communion July 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:** "Awake, Awake, My Heart with Joy"

Mina Rhee

Music: Johann Andreas Streicher

**OPENING READING:** Christian Freedom

Liturgist

Philip D. Kenneson

In our [contemporary] context, [the term, freedom,] is "fraught with ideology," clearly functions with "mythic power," and is exalted "as the one thing that must at all costs be achieved and defended." Yet despite the central role that the language of freedom plays in the rhetoric of daily life, its meaning has become dangerously unstable, not least because it has become untethered from other traditionally important goods of human life (such as justice, community, authority, and God) and now stands largely alone as the only unquestioned good remaining. As a result, the crisis of modernity is a crisis of freedom, and the most pressing question is whether any freedom worth having is ultimately sustainable apart from these other goods, including God—the ground of all good and of all freedom.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE:

"All Who Hunger"

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Words: Sylvia Dunstan; Music: William Moore The Faith We Sing 2126

\*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Read responsively

by Kathryn M. Schreiber, In the Big Love website

Liturgist:

In the turning that bends too quickly, too sharply...

The Community:

...God invites us to make this wondrous journey.

\* Please stand in body or spirit as you are able or prefer.

#### Liturgist:

In the weight of chains that we've come to be friend...

### The Community:

...God lures us into an unimaginable freedom.

### <u>Liturgist:</u>

In the very moments when it seems most impossible...

### The Community:

...God calls our hearts to blossom with love.

### Liturgist:

This is the God we have gathered to worship.

### The Community:

Let us worship God together!

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

- Prayed in unison

by B. J. Beu (Abingdon Worship Annual 2022)

God of unexpected mercies and fierce challenges, it can be disorienting to be your people.

You turn our mourning into dancing, then you send us forth like lambs into the midst of wolves. You turn our weeping into shouts of joy, then you charge us to seek the welfare of those who have abused and betrayed us. You turn our scarcity into overflowing abundance, then you instruct us to leave it all behind and seek those who have gone astray.

Help us question our deeply held assumptions and challenge our unconscious convictions. Grant us the courage to speak Christ's word of peace and to share Christ's word of comfort: "The kingdom of God has come near." Amen.

#### **WELCOME:**

- Lay Leader Franie Maddela

### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

### **MESSAGE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE:**

- Pastor David Farley,

Following the children's message, the children are invited to go with their teachers to Sunday school.

### \*HYMN OF PREPARATION:

- Pages 11-12

"Pues Si Vivimos" + "When We Are Living"

Words: Anonymous & Roberto Escamilla; Music: Traditional Spanish melody English translation by Elise Eslinger & George Lockwood (*United Methodist Hymnal* 356)

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

- Pastor Frank Wulf

Call to Prayer Sharing Our Joys and Concerns Our Communal Prayer

### SERVICE NOTES AND PERMISSIONS

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Doing What Is Right Galatians 6:1-10 (NRSVUE)

Listen for the Word of God in the book of Galatians, chapter 6, verses 1 to 10.

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup>All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup>For all must carry their own loads.

<sup>6</sup>Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

<sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup>If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.

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

THANKS BE TO GOD.

CHORAL ANTHEM:

Chancel Choir

**HEM:** "America" Words: Samuel F. Smith; Music: *Thesaurus Musicus* 

**SCRIPTURE READING:** 

– Read in Spanish

Jesus Sends Out the Seventy-two Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 (NRSVUE)

Listen for the Word of God in the gospel of John, chapter 14, verses 12 to 16.

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. ¬Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹0But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out



into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

<sup>16</sup> "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

<sup>17</sup>The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" <sup>18</sup>He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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

#### THANKS BE TO GOD.

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

- Prayed in unison

Based on Psalm 91:5 (NRSV)

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.

**SERMON** Life in the Spirit: Working for the Good of All! – Pastor Frank Wulf

#### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

Invitation to the Offering

Liturgist

Offertory

- Sherman McClellan + Mina Rhee, organist

"Come, Ye Disconsolate"

Words: Thomas Moore; Music: Will James

\*Doxology

United Methodist Hymnal 94

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Words: Thomas Ken + Music: Geistliche Kirchengesänge

\*Stewardship Prayer

Prayed in unison

May your Word shape our lives, form our thoughts, and guide our steps, O God, 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

Liturgist

Communion Prayer

- Prayed responsively

May God be with you. **And also with you.** 

### SANCTUS HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

WORDS: Argentine Folk Song MUSIC: Argentine Folk Song

SANTO Irregular



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### **HYMN OF DEDICATION**

### THIS IS MY SONG

WORDS: Lloyd Stone (vv. 1, 2); Georgia Harkness (v. 3) MUSIC: Jean Sibelius

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- En la tristeza y en el dolor, en la belieza y en el amor, sea que suframos o que gocemos, Estribillo
- En este mundo, hemos de encontrar gente que llora y sin consolar.
   Sea que ayudemos o que alimentemos, Estribillo
- 'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain, when sensing beauty or in love's embrace, whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing, Refrain
- Across this wide world, we shall always find those who are crying with no peace of mind, but when we help them, or when we feed them, Refrain

Lift up your hearts.

### We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the sovereign God.

### It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

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

Sanctus

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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Words & Music: Argentine Folk Song (The Faith We Sing 2007)

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

... 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:

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

The pastor concludes the communion prayer invoking the presence of the Holy Spirit.

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

Amen.

### The Prayer Jesus Taught

Pages 6-7

### 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.

The body of Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. Amen.

### Thanksgiving after Communion

- Prayed in unison

Loving God, we give you thanks for this meal that we have shared with each other. It has strengthened us for our 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.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION:

Pages 13-14

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Words: Lloyd Stone & Georgia Harkness + Music: Jean Sibellius
(United Methodist Hymnal 437)

### SENDING FORTH

### \*BENEDICTION

- Prayed responsively

by B. J. Beu (Abingdon Worship Annual 2022)

#### Pastor:

In the spirit of Christ, bear one another's burdens; correct one another with gentleness; and heal one another with signs of peace.

Rejoice as you leave this place, for if you persevere in doing what is right, you will reap a harvest of joy, hope, and love.

Go with the peace of God.

### The Community:

Alleluia and amen.

\*POSTLUDE

"Rock of Ages"

- Mina Rhee

Music: Emma Louise Ashford

**ENTER TO WORSHIP** 



**DEPART TO SERVE** 

### BIBLE VERSE FOR COMFORT AND INSPIRATION

#### THE WEEK OF JULY 3 TO 9

So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith. (Galatians 6:10)

### THE PRAYER THAT JESUS TAUGHT US

(Each is invited to pray in their own heart language)

**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.

<u>Tagalog:</u> 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

### **HYMN OF PREPARATION**

### WHEN WE ARE LIVING

WORDS: v. 1 Anonymous; vv. 2-4 Roberto Escamilla SOMOS DEL SEÑOR English translation: v. 1 Elise Eslinger; vv. 2-4 George Lockwood MUSIC: Traditional Spanish melody Irregular



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### **OPENING SONG**

### **ALL WHO HUNGER**

WORDS: Sylvia Dunstan MUSIC: William Moore HOLY MANNA 87.87 D



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kami sa lahat ng masama. Sapagkat Iyo ang kaharian, at kapangyarihan, at ang kadakilaan, magpakailanman. Amen.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 3 TO 9

- Thank you to all who helped out with today's service of worship:
   Greeter: Franie Maddela (Lay Leader) + Liturgist: Marcelina Souffle;
   Readers: John Chavis + Message for Young People: Pastor David Farley + Musicians: Mina Rhee (Music Director), Ember Knight (Technical Support), Sherman McClellan (Offertory), Chancel Choir (Anthem) + Technical Support: John Chavis, Josefina Amado, 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: https://www.facebook.com/EchoParkUnitedMethodistChurch
- 3. Christian education programming:
  - Thank you to Pastor David Farley for planning and guiding this morning's Sunday School activities, which will take place this week at the back of the sanctuary.
  - We are looking for volunteers to be part of a Sunday school team. If you would like to help Sunday school happen at Echo Park UMC, please contact Pastor David Farley at grandpastordavid@gmail.com.
  - 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 Thursday, July 7, at 7:00 p.m. Please read chapters 9 and 10 of *The God Who Sees: Immigrants, the Bible, and the Journey to Belong* by Karen Gonzalez, which is available through your local bookstore, *Cokesbury* and *Amazon*. A hard copy is available for loan in the church office. More information about the Bible and Theology Group can be found on the church website: *www.echoparkumc.org/bible-study/*. Use the following link to join the group online: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7184544317">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7184544317</a>. You may also join by phone by calling 1-669-900-9128 and using meeting ID: 718 454 4317 #
- 4. The July edition of *The Echo* will be published and distributed by email and postal mail early this coming week.
- 5. A vigil to honor the lives of the 53 migrants who died in a shipping container in San Antonio, Texas, and to demand action to reform U.S. immigration policies will be held on the west steps of Los Angeles City Hall at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 5. This vigil is being sponsored by the

Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA), Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE), the Justice and Compassion Essential Ministry Team of the California-Pacific Annual Conference, Echo Park United Methodist Church, and others.

- 6. Mission U 2022 will be held online via Zoom between July 7 and 22. The theme for this year's Mission U is *Building Communities of Hope and Joy: Who Can We Be Together?* based on chapter 13 of the gospel of Luke. The adult study book, *Who Can We Be Together?*, can be purchased at the website of *United Women in Faith* or at *Amazon.com*. In-person worship and fellowship will be held at Holliston United Methodist Church in Pasadena, CA on Saturday, July 23. The registration deadline for both online and in-person events is Tuesday, July 5.
- 7. The United Methodist Women have changed their name to United Women of Faith. Our own local unit for Echo Park UMC will meet in person and by Zoom following worship on Sunday, July 10. At this meeting, we will among other things select a new president for the unit and consider making trips to visit Lois Price and others who are unable to drive or otherwise get around.
- 8. Use the following address to send cards and letters to Lois Price, who suffered a stroke three weeks ago: Room 207, Vista Knoll Specialized Care, 2000 Westwood Road, Vista, CA 92083.
- 9. The Trustees have scheduled a time for cleaning and repairing the church building from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 16. We will be cleaning and making repairs inside and outside the building, painting the ramp door on Reservoir Street, helping the Echo Park Immigration Center organize the Tally Room, and doing graffiti abatement. Please join us. We'll serve a light lunch at the end of the work time.
- 10. **SAVE THE DATE:** We will celebrate Homecoming Sunday on August 14, 2022. On that date, worship will be followed by a time of fellowship in the Basement Dining Room.
- 11. The church office will be closed on Monday, July 4, for U.S. Independence Day.
- 12. Happy birthday to: Jeff Alexander (July 3), Josefina Amado (July 3), Samantha Moreno (July 3), Iliana Sánchez (July 5), and Giovany Martínez (July 6).

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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