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

FIFTH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST July 10, 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: "Dearest Jesus"

Mina Rhee

Music: Johann Andreas Streicher

OPENING READING:

Liturgist

A Vision for Healing Our Humanity Chris Erdman

The way of Jesus is always a way that makes room for the "other." The way of Jesus is always a way that remains immensely curious about the "other." The way of Jesus is a way of naming, honoring, and celebrating the good that always exists in the "other."

What might happen in our world if we were to practice curiosity rather than criticism, if we were to create habits of looking for the good in others, even when it seems hard to find? What might happen in our families and schools and workplaces if we bucked the current trend of incivility, suspicion, blaming and name-calling and, instead, called out about the good we see in others, the beauty of their lives, and the gifts of our diversity?

If we follow in the way of Jesus, says Luke, we will find a way to cross over the artificial edifices that we erect, dividing the kin-dom of God, harming our humanity, and wounding the world.

***HYMN OF PRAISE:** "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

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Words: James Montgomery + Music: Gesanghuch der H. W. k. Hofkapelle
Adaption & harmony by W. H. Monk
(United Methodist Hymnal 203 – verses 1, 3, 4)

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Read responsively

by B. J. Beu, based on Psalm 82 (Abingdon Worship Annual 2022)

Liturgist:

Shout to the Lord, you people of God. Bring your petitions before the judgment seat.

The Community:

Worship the one who hears our cries, rescues the perishing, and lifts up the lowly.

Liturgist:

Call to the Lord, you disciples of Christ. Proclaim your case before God's holy council.

The Community:

Worship the one who heeds our pleas, frees the captives, and sustains the widows and the orphans.

Liturgist:

Sing to the Lord, you children of the Most High. Declare your need before our righteous judge.

The Community:

Worship the one who responds to our needs, heals our wounds, and fills our world with light.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- Prayed in unison

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

The Community:

Judge us in your righteousness, Holy One, and show us who we truly are, for we long to see ourselves as you see us. Against the plumb line of your justice, our ways seem out of balance, and our practices seem wanting.

We yearn for the day when the powerful will no longer deny justice to the weak and destitute or turn a blind eye to the wicked. We long for the time when those who live at ease will no longer ignore the plight of the poor or turn away from those living paycheck to paycheck.

Show us what it means to be a good neighbor, that our works may bear good fruit, and that our lives may shine the light of your justice. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

- Prayed responsively

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

Liturgist:

Eternal life is ours when we love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind.

The Community:

And when we love our neighbor as ourselves.

WELCOME:

Franie Maddela

HYMN OF DEDICATION BE THOU MY VISION

WORDS: Ancient Irish; trans. by Mary Byrne, versed by Eleanor Hull, alt. SLANE MUSIC: Traditional Irish melody; harm. by Carlton Young 10. 10. 9. 10



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HYMN OF PREPARATION TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE

MESSIAH WORDS: Frances R. Havergal (Romans 12:1) MUSIC: Louis J. F. Hérold; arr. by George Kingsley 77. 77. D 1. Take my life, and - 1y, me sing ways, on my voice, and 3. Take my will, make it thine; shall be and Take Lord. to thee. mo - ments and my days; my lips, for my King. Take and let them be mine. Take my heart, it thine own; long them flow cease - less praise. Take my hands, and let filled from thee. Take my sil - ver with mes sag es Take shall be thy al throne. my love, them move - pulse thy love. let my gold; would with - hold. and mite not Lord, pour at thy feet its trea sure - store. let them be swift and beau-ti - ful for thee. Take my feet, and Take my in - tel - lect, and use thou shalt choose. ev - ery power as all for thee. Take my-self, and will be ev - er, on - lv,

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PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE:

- Pastor Frank Wulf

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

*HYMN OF PREPARATION:

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"Take My Life, and Let It Be"
Words: James R. Havergal + Music: Louis J. F. Hérold
Arrangement by George Kingsley
United Methodist Hymnal 399

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

- Pastor Frank Wulf

Call to Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Our Communal Prayer

The Prayer that Jesus Taught

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SCRIPTURE READING:

- Read in Spanish

The sign of the plumbline Amos 7:7-9 (NRSVUE)

Listen for the Word of God in the book of Amos, chapter 7, verses 7 to 9.

⁷This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will spare them no longer; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

This is the Word of God for the People of God. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

CHORAL ANTHEM:

"Marching to Zion"

Chancel Choir

Words: Isaac Watts & Robert Lowry + Music: Robert Lowry

SCRIPTURE READING:

- Read in English

The parable of the good Samaritan <u>Luke 10:25-37 (NRSVUE)</u>

Listen for the Word of God in the gospel of Luke, chapter 10, verses 25 to 37.

²⁵An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." ²⁹But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

God's plumbline in our midst

- Pastor Frank Wulf

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

Invitation to the Offering

- Liturgist

Offertory

– Sherman McClellan, soloist + Mina Rhee, organist

"Father God in Heaven" Words & Music: Suzanne Lord

*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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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*HYMN OF DEDICATION:

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"Be Thou My Vision"

Words: Ancient Irish (English translation by Mary E. Bourne)

Music: Trad. Irish melody (harm. by Carlton Young)

(United Methodist Hymnal 451)

HYMN OF PRAISE HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED

WORDS: James Montgomery **ELLACOMBE** MUSIC: Gesangbuch der H. W. k. Hofkapelle, 1784, alt. 76. 76. D to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da-vid's great-er 2. He comes with suc-cor speed - y to those who suf-fer 3. He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit-ful 4. To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend; in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun! help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong; joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to king-dom still in - creas - ing, a king-dom with-out He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap-tive free; give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark-ness turn to Be - fore him, on the moun - tains, shall peace, the her-ald, tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move; take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.

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whose souls, con-demned and dy - ing, are pre-cious in his

name shall stand for - ev - er; that name to

righ-teous-ness, in foun - tains, from hill to val-ley

flow.

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HONORING OUR 2022 GRADUATES

Abel Rudnick

Pre-Kindergarten – Hastings Ranch Nursery School **Dion Xavier Maddela Fulton**

Kindergarten – La Tijera Charter School, Los Angeles Benjamin Saelor

Elementary School – Garfield Elementary School, Alhambra Lea Schorr

Middle School – Dolores Huerta Middle School, Burbank

Jacob Schorr

Middle School – Dolores Huerta Middle School, Burbank **Ayden Rosales**

Middle School – William Clinton K-8 School, Compton Andres Zepeda

High School – St. John Bosco High School, Bellflower Sulma Zepeda Rosales

Certified Medical Assistant - Concorde Career College, Garden Grove

SENDING FORTH

*BENEDICTION

- Prayed responsively

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

Pastor:

Go forth in the strength of God's glorious power. Go forth in the hope and peace of Christ. Go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit. Go with God.

The Community

Alleluia and amen.

*POSTLUDE

"Lord, Dismiss Us"

- Mina Rhee

Music: Emma Louise Ashford

ENTER TO WORSHIP



DEPART TO SERVE

BIBLE VERSE FOR COMFORT AND INSPIRATION

THE WEEK OF JULY 10-6

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.

(Luke 10:27 - NRSVUE)

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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 10 TO 16

1. Thank you to all who helped out with today's service of worship:

Greeter: Franie Maddela + Liturgist: Marcelina Souffle + Readers: + Message for Young People: Pastor Frank Wulf + Musicians: Mina Rhee (Music Director), Ember Knight (Technical Support), Sherman McClellan (Offertory), Chancel Choir (Anthem) + Technical Support: John 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: https://www.facebook.com/EchoParkUnitedMethodistChurch
- 3. Christian education programming:
 - Thank you to Pastor David Farley and Stephanie Aguilar for planning this morning's children's program.
 - 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 United Methodist Church, 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 14, 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. Use the following link to join the group online: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7184544317. You may also join by phone by calling 1-669-900-9128 and using meeting ID: 718 454 4317 #
- 4. The United Methodist Women (United Women in Faith) will meet in person, online, and by phone today at 11:30 a.m. following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Those who join in person will gather in the basement dining room. To join online, use the following link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7184544317. To join by phone, call 669-900-9128 and use meeting ID 718 454 4317 #.
- 5. The Trustees have scheduled an all-church workday for next Saturday, July 16 from 9:00 a.m. till noon. There is a lot that needs to be done, so please plan to join us. Lunch will be served.
- 6. **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. Come! And invite your friends!

7. EPIC (Echo Park Immigration Center)

- a. A Conversation with Kat Armas, author of *Abuelita Faith: What Women on the Margins teach us about wisdom, persistence, and faith.* Friday, July 22 at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom. For more information, contact Josh López-Reyes at milopez.reyes@gmail.com.
- b. Raíces Gala A fundraiser event for EPIC celebrating its historical roots (raíces) and honoring its elders. The event will be held at the historic Pico House in Plaza Olvera from 3:00-6:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 20. Save the date and watch for more information.
- 8. Use the following address to send cards and letters to Lois Price, who suffered a stroke two weeks ago: Room 207, Vista Knoll Specialized Care, 2000 Westwood Road, Vista, CA 92083.
 - Please send get-well cards and letters to Betsy McClellan Hall at her home address. Betsy had surgery on Friday, July 8.
- 9. We have laundry coupons available for distribution to those who need them. The coupons are redeemable for six loads of laundry and drying at Luxe Laundry in Echo Park.
- 10. Happy birthday to: Monica Ballagh (July 10); Sarah Alexander (July 11), David Solomon Bernabe (July 15), Lisa Palombi (July 15), Gloria Leonardo (July 15), Paz Sánchez (July 15).

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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.

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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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