

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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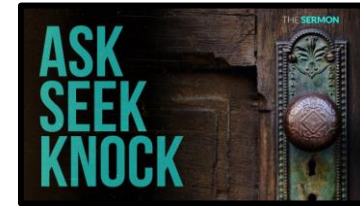
Resident Bishop: Rev. Dr. Grant Hagiya

District Superintendent: Rev. Mark Nakagawa

SEVENTH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

July 24, 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:

"Christus, der ist mein Leben"

— Mina Rhee

(Christ, There Is My Life!)

Music: Johann Andreas Streicher

OPENING READING:

The Answer to Every Prayer

— Liturgist

Unanswered Prayer, a sermon by Michael K. Marsh

If prayer, as Jesus teaches it, really is all about relationship and presence then there is only one answer to every prayer. God. I don't just mean God answers our prayer, but that God is the answer: God's presence, life, love, beauty, generosity, compassion, forgiveness, wisdom, justice, mercy. God gives God's self as the answer to our every prayer. Jesus tells us that. If you, he says, know how to give your kids good things "how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit."

While God can and sometimes does change circumstances, I am increasingly convinced that God, more often than not, changes us. God's self-giving sustains, nourishes, strengthens, empowers, emboldens, and enables us to face the circumstances of life. We do so, sometimes with joy and gratitude, other times with pain and loss, but always with God. On my better days I know this and that's enough. On those other days? It's "Lord, teach me to pray."

*HYMN OF PRAISE:

"All Are Welcome

— Pages 8-9

Words & Music: Marty Haugen

(Verses 1, 2, 4, 5)

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

– Read responsively
by John A. Brewer (*Abingdon Worship Annual 2019*)

Liturgist:

Come! Join the fellowship of God's people—people who gather as faithful disciples of Christ.

The Community:

We seek the One who frees us from uncertainty and doubt.

Liturgist:

Come! Join the welcome of God's people—people who meet together for justice and peace.

The Community:

We seek the One who is trustworthy, the One who gives us what is good.

The Community:

Come! Join the celebration of God's people—people of the One who was, and is, and shall ever be.

The Community:

We raise our voices in praise and honor to God, and we worship the One who is faithful.

OPENING PRAYER

– Prayed in unison
by John A. Brewer (*Abingdon Worship Annual 2019*)

The Community:

O God of mercy and compassion, we bare our souls before you in this hour of worship and prayer. We have been unfaithful to you and have forsaken the Covenant Love you have shared with us. For our wandering, wayward ways, hear our confessions of sin and selfishness and offer us your forgiveness.

We ask for forgiveness and the strength to behave as your true children, as your very people, the Church. It is the redeeming Christ before whom we bow and before whom we confess our need. We come to you in hope of redemption. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

– Prayed responsively
by John A. Brewer (*Abingdon Worship Annual 2019*)

Liturgist:

Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you. Ask and it will be given to you. God has promised us grace and forgiveness in the love of Jesus Christ.

The Community:

Let us come home again and be the people God intended.

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

– Marcelina Souffle

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

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OFFERTORY:

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E♭ A♭ A♭/C D♭ A♭/C A♭ A♭/E♭ E♭7 A♭

bri - lle - mos co-mo an - tor - chas que a - nun - cian sal - va - ción.
 el que qui - tó a la muer - te su an - gus - tia y su te - rror.
let's lift our light - ed torch - es, re - joice be - neath love's rule.
He has dark death de - feat - ed, e - raised our guilt - y sin.

3. Por Cristo y por su Reino
 deseamos trabajar;
 poner nuestros talentos
 en su sagrado altar.
 Y mientras esperamos
 el triunfo del Señor,
 queremos ser testigos
 de su infinito amor.

3. *For Christ and for his kingdom
 let all our labor be
 pledged at his sacred altar:
 he died for you and me.*
*And as we wait his triumph,
 the coming of the Lord,
 we'll witness to his promise
 and trust his faithful word.*

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.

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:

"Seek Ye First"

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Words & Music: Karen Lafferty
 United Methodist Hymnal 405

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

Children of the Living God
 Hosea 1:2-10 (NRSVUE)

Listen for the Word of God in the book of Hosea, chapter 1, verses 2 to 10.

²When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of prostitution and have children of prostitution, for the land commits great prostitution by forsaking the LORD." ³So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

⁴And the LORD said to him, "Name him Jezreel, for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. ⁵On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel."

⁶She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the LORD said to him, "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. ⁷But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the LORD their God; I will not save them by bow or by sword or by war or by horses or by horsemen."

⁸When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. ⁹Then the LORD said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people, and I am not your God."

¹⁰Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered, and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

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

CHORAL ANTHEM:

"Saranam, Saranam"

— Chancel Choir

Words: Traditional Pakistani; Music: Traditional Punjabi
 English trans. by D. T. Niles; Arr. by Shanti Rasanayagam

SCRIPTURE READING:

– Read in English

Ask, search, knock!
Luke 11:1-13 (NRSVUE)

Listen for the Word of God in the gospel of Luke, chapter 11, verses 1 to 13.

¹Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ²So he said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your reign come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

⁵And Jesus said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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)

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.

SERMON

Saving persistence

– Pastor Frank Wulf

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

Invitation to the Offering

– Liturgist

Offertory

– Walter Elmer, soloist + Mina Rhee, organist

**Doxology*

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” – Sung in unison

Words: Thomas Ken + Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*

United Methodist Hymnal 94

HYMN OF DEDICATION FOR CHRIST AND FOR HIS KINGDOM (POR CRISTO Y POR SU REINO)

WORDS: Federico J. Pagura (Engl. trans. by Delbert Asay)

MUSIC: George J. Webb

WEBB

76. 76. D

Ab Ab Ab/C Db Ab/C Eb/Bb Ab Eb



1. Por Cris - to y por su rei - no, oh pue - blo de la luz,
2. En fal - sas es - per - an - zas no ha - bre - mos de con - fiar;
1. For Christ and for his king - dom, O chil - dren of the light,
2. Let not false hope be - tray us nor rich - es lead a - stray;



Eb Ab Ab/C Db Ab/C Ab Ab/Eb Eb7 Ab



rin - da - mos nues - tra vi - da, to - me - mos nues - tra cruz.
el pa - so de los a - ños las han de mar - chi - tar.
our lives we now sur - ren - der and bear our cross this night.
the pass - ing years of glit - ter must tar - nish and de - cay.



Eb Eb sus Eb Ab Db/F Ab/Eb Db Bbm Ab/Eb Eb



En me - dio de vio - len - cia, a - fán y a - flic - ción,
Es Cris - to, el Rey e - ter - no, del mun - do el Ven - ce - dor,
A - mid the times of sor - row, of fear and vio - lence cruel,
'Tis Christ, the King e - ter - nal who will this world re - deem.



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HYMN OF PREPARATION

SEEK YE FIRST

WORDS: Karen Lafferty, 1972 (Mt. 6:33; 7:7)

MUSIC: Karen Lafferty, 1972

SEEK YE

Irr.

Chords: D, F#m, G, D, G, D, Em7, A7, D, F#m, G, D, G, D, A7sus, A7, D

Lyrics:
 1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God and his
 2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and
 righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be
 ye shall find; knock, and the door shall be
 add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
 o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

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*Stewardship Prayer

– Prayed in unison

by Deborah Sokolove, based on Luke 11 (*Abingdon Worship Annual 2022*)

The Community:

Generous Giver, having received so much from you, we offer our tithes and offerings into your hands, that they may bring hope and gladness to a hurting world. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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*HYMN OF DEDICATION:

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“For Christ and For His Kingdom”

Words: Federico Pagura; Music: George J. Webb

English translation by Delbert Asay

SENDING FORTH

*BENEDICTION

– Prayed responsively

by John A. Brewer (*Abingdon Worship Annual 2019*)

Pastor:

As you go forth, know that you leave with the unfailing love of God. As you leave this place, know that by God’s strength you will be able to face the challenges of the coming week.

The Community

As we return to our daily lives, may we know that our pursuit of peace reveals to the world that we are God’s children.

*POSTLUDE

“Blow Ye the Trumpet, Blow

Music/Música: Emma Louise Ashford

– Mina Rhee

ENTER TO WORSHIP



DEPART TO SERVE

BIBLE VERSE FOR COMFORT AND INSPIRATION

THE WEEK OF JULY 24-30

Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find;
 knock, and the door will be opened for you.

(Luke 11:9 - NRSVUE)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 17 TO 23

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

Greeter: Marcelina Souffle + **Liturgist:** Emily Schoales + **Readers:** Josefina Amado + **Message for Young People:** Pastor David Farley + **Musicians:** Mina Rhee (Music Director), Ember Knight (Technical Support), Walter Elmer (Offertory), Chancel Choir (Anthem) + **Technical Support:** John Chavis, Josefina Amado, 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 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 the church, please contact Pastor 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 coming Thursday, July 28, at 7:00 p.m. Please read chapter 10 of *The God Who Sees: Immigrants, the Bible, and the Journey to Belong* by Karen Gonzalez.
4. The Mission and Ministry Committee will meet by Zoom this coming Wednesday, July 27, at 7:00 p.m.
5. The Administrative Council will meet in person in the basement dining room and by Zoom on Sunday, July 31, following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. An agenda will be sent out soon.
6. **HOMEcoming SUNDAY:** Because of the recent COVID surge in Los Angeles County, our homecoming celebration, previously scheduled for August 14, is being re-scheduled for Sunday, September 11. On that date, worship will be followed by a time of fellowship in the basement dining room. Save the Date, and invite your family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors!
7. **EPIC (Echo Park Immigration Center)**
 - a. EPIC is hosting Carla Osorio to lead a youth workshop on making natural lip balm this coming Friday, July 29, from 2:30-5:30 p.m. in the Basement Dining Room and Kitchen. Please contact Daisy Cuellar (323-333-2416).
 - b. EPIC has scheduled a Back-to-School Fair for Saturday, August 13, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. For more information or to RSVP by August 9, please contact Daisy Cuellar at 323-333-2416.
 - c. 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. Coupons good for six free loads of washing and drying at Luxe Laundry in Echo Park are available in the church office for those who need them.
9. Unless otherwise indicated, all Zoom meetings for the church are accessed online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7184544317>. Meetings can also be accessed by phone by calling 1-669-900-9128 and, when prompted, entering the Meeting ID: 718 454 4317 #.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sherman McClellan (July 24); Mark Phillips (July 25)

to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of
 reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness and as
 > jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, is re -
 Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger bear the
 in the Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of

faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 > vealed in time and space, as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
 im - age of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 faith and songs of grace, let this house pro - claim from floor to raf - ter:

Refrain Gm Dm Am7 Gm F Gm/C C7
 All are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this

place.

(Fine) To stanzas

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HYMN OF PRAISE

ALL ARE WELCOME

WORDS: Marty Haugen, 1950 (Rom. 14:7)

TWO OAKS

MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1950

9.6.8.6.8.7.10; refrain: 8.7

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine, and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions

live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how hearts learn
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to dream God's
> wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground, where peace and
stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach, and live the
heard and loved and trea-sured, taught and claimed as words with -

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Leonel Sánchez and Maía Elena Quintanilla – COVID + **LaDell Stapp** – Surgery for skin cancer and dementia + **Lani Stapp** – Parkinson’s disease + **Betsy McClellan Hall** – Recovery from cancer surgery + **Susan Perez** – Recurrence of cancer + **Lois Price** – Recovery from a stroke + **Emily Schoales** – Undergoing diagnosis + **Marcy Souffle** – Undergoing diagnosis + **Cecilia Rodríguez** – Undergoing diagnosis + **Sherman McClellan** – Traveling mercies + **Franie Maddela** – Traveling mercies + **Christiana Wise** – Traveling mercies

Please send notes and cards to those suffering from illnesses at the addresses listed in the church directory or provided by the church office.

Please note that Lois Price has now been discharged to her home in Oceanside, CA.

To add a name to this prayer list, please contact Pastor Frank.

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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