### 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, and 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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## 9<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Communion August 7, 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:** "O How Cheating, O How Fleeting" - Mina Rhee Music: Johann Andreas Streicher

**OPENING READING:** Knowing God

Liturgist

Barbara Brown Taylor, from An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith

People encounter God under shady oak trees, on riverbanks, at the tops of mountains, and in long stretches of barren wilderness. God shows up in whirlwinds, starry skies, burning bushes, and perfect strangers. When people want to know more about God, the son of God tells them to pay attention to the lilies of the field and the birds of the air, to women kneading bread and workers lining up for their pay. Whoever wrote this stuff believed that people could learn as much about the ways of God from paying attention to the world as they could from paying attention to scripture. What is true is what happens, even if what happens is not always right. People can learn as much about the ways of God from business deals gone bad or sparrows falling to the ground as they can from reciting the books of the Bible in order. They can learn as much from a love affair or a wildflower as they can from knowing the Ten Commandments by heart.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE:

"Jesu tawa pano"

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Words & Music: Patrick Matsikenyiri; Traducción al español de Pedro P. Pirón The Faith We Sing 2273 + Mil Voces para Celebrar 57

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

- Read responsively

Based on a prayer by Bill Hoppe on the *Ministry Matters* website

#### Liturgist:

God's word bursts forth into our lives like a glorious sunrise.

#### The Community:

God speaks, and our hearts rejoice.

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

#### Liturgist:

God commands, and our eyes are opened.

#### The Community:

The sound of God's voice brings revival to our souls.

#### Liturgist:

God's words are purer than the finest gold.

#### The Community:

Let us worship God, the true and righteous One, the living Word, who lights our way.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- Prayed in unison

by Bill Hoppe on the Ministry Matters website

No matter how righteous we imagine ourselves to be, God, your perfect word reveals our imperfections all too clearly. No matter how hard we strive to fulfill the requirements of your law, we always fall short. We have forgotten that righteousness and perfection come not from rules and regulations but from faith. We have ignored the truth that your righteousness comes from faith.

Open our eyes to see that all we have accomplished is nothing compared to knowing Christ as our Savior. Let us count everything as loss, that we might gain heaven and be found blameless in Christ. For it is in Christ's name that we pray. Amen.

#### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

- Prayed responsively

by Bill Hoppe on the Ministry Matters website

#### Liturgist:

Take heart; have faith. The goal is in sight. Press on to take hold of it, as Christ has taken hold of us. Have no fear; leave the past behind.

### The Community:

We reach out for what lies ahead, for the prize, for the life to be found in Christ Jesus.

**WELCOME:** 

- UWF President, Marcelina Souffle

### 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:

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"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" Words: Catherine Cameron; Music: William Moore United Methodist Hymnal 150

#### 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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### THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE

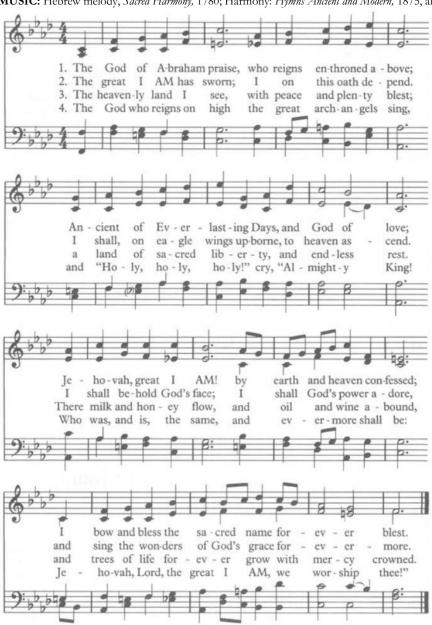
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#### **SCRIPTURE READING:** A Holy Nation

Exodus 19:1-6; 20:1-2 (NRSVUE)

Listen for the Word of God in the book of Exodus, chapter 19, verses 1 to 6, and chapter 20, verses 1-2.

19:1On the third new moon after the Israelites had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that very day, they came into the wilderness of Sinai. <sup>2</sup>They journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. <sup>3</sup>Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: 4You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. 5Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, 'but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

<sup>20:1</sup>Then God spoke all these words, <sup>2</sup>"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."

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

**CHORAL ANTHEM:** "O Spirit of the Living God"

- Chancel Choir

Words: Henry H. Tweedy; Music: Trad. English; Arr. by Ralph Vaughn Williams

### **SCRIPTURE READING:**

- Read in Spanish

The Greatest Commandment Matthew 22:34-40 (NRSVUE)

Listen for the Word of God in the gospel of Matthew, chapter 22, verses 34 to 40.

<sup>34</sup>When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup> and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup>"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" <sup>37</sup>He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

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 (NRSVUE)

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** 

Holiness in a Pluralistic World

- Pastor Frank Wulf

#### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

Invitation to the Offering

- Liturgist

Offertory

"Turn Thee to Me" — Sherman McClellan; Organist: Mina Rhee

Words: Bible of Králice; Music: Antonín Dvořák

\*Doxology

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Pages 12-13

Words: Thomas Ken + Music: Geistliche Kirchengesänge

United Methodist Hymnal 94

\*Stewardship Prayer

- Prayed in unison

by Robin D. Dillon, Abingdon Worship Annual 2022

The Community:

Generous God, you offer us unfailing treasure in heaven. In love and gratitude for your gifts to us, we return these gifts and offerings to you. Use them and stretch them to ease the plight of the poor and the widow, the orphan and the downtrodden. Use and stretch us, that we may do good, seek justice, and be your light in the world. Amen.

### THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

#### THE SACRED MEAL

Invitation to Christ's Table

- Liturgist

Communion Prayer

- Prayed responsively

May God be with you.

And also with you.

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

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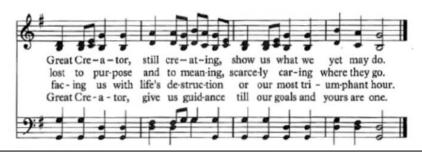
### COMMUNION SANCTUS HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

WORDS: Argentine Folk Song MUSIC: Argentine Folk Song

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### **DOXOLOGY**

### PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

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### 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:

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"The God of Abraham Praise"

Words: The Yigdal of Daniel ben Judah + Translated & paraphrased: Thomas Olivers Music: Hebrew melody, Sacred Harmony; Harm. from Hymns Ancient and Modern United Methodist Hymnal 116 (verses 1, 3, 4)

### SENDING FORTH

#### \*BENEDICTION

- Prayed responsively

by Bill Hoppe on the Ministry Matters website

#### Pastor:

Hear the voice of the Creator, the mighty God, the One who built the vault of heaven, who set the sun on its blazing course through the skies! Hear the words of life, declared not by speech or language or voice but written on the heart!

### The Community:

We go forth in the name of the living Word, the One whose words bring forth the fruit of the kingdom in our own lives! Alleluia and amen.

\*POSTLUDE

"Children of the Heavenly King"

- Mina Rhee

Music: Tullius Clinton O'Kane

**ENTER TO WORSHIP DEPART TO SERVE** 

### BIBLE VERSE FOR COMFORT AND INSPIRATION

#### THE WEEK OF AUGUST 7 TO 13

Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. (Exodus 19:5-6a)

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 7 TO 13

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

  \*Greeter:\* Marcelina Souffle (President, UWF) + Liturgist: Sulma Zepeda Rosales; \*Reader:\* Herbert Alexander Arias + Message for Young People:\* Pastor David Farley + Musicians: Mina Rhee (Music Director), Ember Knight (Technical Support), Sherman McClellan (Offertory), Chancel Choir (Anthem) + Technical Support: 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: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/EchoParkUnitedMethodistChurch">https://www.facebook.com/EchoParkUnitedMethodistChurch</a>
- 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.

### **HYMN OF PREPARATION**

# GOD WHO STRETCHED

THE SPANGLED HEAVENS

WORDS: Catherine Cameron, 1967 MUSIC: William Moore, 1825 HOLY MANNA



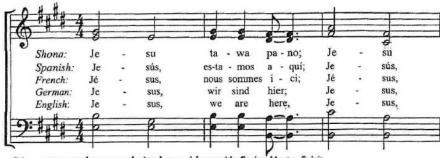
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### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

## **JESU TAWA PANO**

WORDS: Patrick Matsikenyiri (Zimbabwe) TRADUCCIÓN AL ESPAÑOL: Pedro P. Pirón JESU TAWA PANO Irregular

MUSIC: Patrick Matsikenyiri



Other stanzas may be sung replacing Jesu and Jesus with: Savior, Master, Spirit





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- Suggested activities for children and families for the coming week have been posted on the church website.
- The Bible and Theology Study Group for adults will meet by Zoom this coming Thursday, August 11, at 7:00 p.m. Please read chapter 11 of *The God Who Sees: Immigrants, the Bible, and the Journey to Belong* by Karen Gonzalez.
- 4. The August edition of *The Echo* has been published and distributed by email and postal mail.
- 5. **The Visioning Team** will meet by Zoom this coming Tuesday, August 9, at 6:30 p.m. Please let James Ballagh know whether or not you will attend.
- 6. **The United Women in Faith** (formerly United Methodist Women) will meet by Zoom this coming Wednesday, August 10, at 7:00 p.m. Please let Marcy Souffle know whether or not you will attend.
- 7. **A Conversation on Spanish language ministry** at Echo Park UMC will take place in person and by Zoom next Sunday, August 14, at 2:00 p.m.
- 8. **The Administrative Council** will meet by Zoom on Tuesday, August 16 at 7:00 p.m.
- 9. **HOMECOMING SUNDAY:** Join us on Sunday, September 11, for Homecoming Worship and Fellowship. Invite your family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors to join us as we celebrate our life together as God's people and look forward to a future with hope!

#### 10. EPIC (Echo Park Immigration Center)

- a. **The EPIC Board** will meet by Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9. For more information, contact Josh López-Reyes at <u>milopez.reyes@gmail.com</u>.
- 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.
- 11. **Laundry Love:** Coupons good for six free loads of washing and drying during August at Luxe Laundry in Echo Park are available for those who need them at the Church office.
- 12. Unless otherwise indicated, all Zoom meetings for the church are accessed online at: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7184544317">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7184544317</a>. 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!

Oscar Hernández (August 8); Samuel Cruz (August 13)

### PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

LaDell Stapp – Surgery for skin cancer and dementia + Lani Stapp – Parkinson's disease + Betsy McClellan Hall – Recovery from cancer surgery + Susan Perez – Chemotherapy foe cancer + Lois Price – Recovery from a stroke + Armisticia Dorotan – Severe hip pain + Ferlyn Lawson – Sciatica + Nellie Contreras – Heart problems + David Farley – Upcoming surgery + Emily Schoales – Undergoing diagnosis + Marcy Souffle – Undergoing diagnosis + Sherman McClellan – Traveling mercies + Caroline, Kent & Olivia Young – 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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After entering the amount of your donation, use the drop-down menu to select the purpose of your donation. Then click "Next". On the following page, add any other specific instructions into the field labeled "What's this payment for?" Also, if necessary, enter your payment information. Then click the blue button labeled "Donate Now."

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