# **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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# **TENTH SUNDAY**

AFTER PENTECOST August 14, 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!

### WE GATHER

**PRELUDE:** "Die Gnade unsers Herrn Jesu Christi" – Mina Rhee Music: Johann Andreas Streicher

**OPENING READING:** Diversity in the Image of God — Liturgist From an editorial by Archbishop Desmond Tutu (March 12, 2010)

Isn't it amazing that we are all made in God's image, and yet there is so much diversity among his people? Does God love his dark- or his light-skinned children less? The brave more than the timid? And does any of us know the mind of God so well that we can decide for him who is included, and who is excluded, from the circle of his love?

\*HYMN OF PRAISE: "Let's Sing unto the Lord" – Pages 8-9
Words & Music: Carlos Rosas

Engl. trans. by Roberto Escamilla, Elise S. Eslinger, George Lockwood Arr. by Raquel Mora Martínez United Methodist Hymnal 149

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

- Read responsively

by Nancy Townley on the Ministry Matters website

#### Liturgist:

They asked Jesus, "What is the greatest commandment?"

## The Community:

He said that they should love God with all their hearts and with all their souls and with all their minds.

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

Jesus has given us the key to faithful discipleship.

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

#### The Community:

Yet he added something else... something they had counted as unimportant.

#### Liturgist:

That's right! He said they should also love their neighbors as they loved themselves.

#### The Community:

That's not always easy, but it is vitally important.

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

Thanks be to Jesus who gives us the total picture of faithful discipleship.

## The Community:

God, open our hearts today, so that we might truly follow these commandments.

### **OPENING PRAYER**

- Prayed in unison

by Nancy Townley on the Ministry Matters website

#### The Community:

Merciful God, it isn't easy for us to follow the commandments of loving. Jesus said the greatest commandment is to love God and to love our neighbors. But we have allowed misunderstanding, fear, hatred, and prejudice to cloud our spirits, turning them away from those who need our love. We place a test before you, asking that you prove your love to us, or we threaten not to believe in you. Please forgive us for this foolishness and stubbornness. Give us the courage to be people who will care for others. Let us dedicate our lives in your service, always aware of your awesome love for us. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Prayed responsively

by Nancy Townley on the Ministry Matters website

#### Liturgist:

Though our hearts have been hardened to the needs of others, God touches them with God's compassionate care.

#### The Community:

God heals our wounds, giving courage and strength to our souls.

## Liturgist:

Be assured that God's love is poured out for you and rejoice!

## The Community:

Amen.

## WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

- Marcelina Souffle

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

## 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.

## SERVICE NOTES AND PERMISSIONS

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# 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.

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION: "O For a Heart to Praise My God" – Page 10 Words: Charles Wesley; Music: Thomas Haweis

United Methodist Hymnal 417 (Verses 1, 2, 4, 5)

## 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:** "No other gods before me" – Read in Spanish Exodus 20:3-11 (NRSVUE)

Listen for the Word of God in the book of Exodus, chapter 20, verses 3 to 11.

3"You shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>"You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

7"You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

8"Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. 9Six days you shall labor and do all your work. 10But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. 11For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it."

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

**CHORAL ANTHEM:** "Dear Lord Lead Me Day by Day" — Chancel Choir Words: Francisca Asuncion; Music: Philippine folk melody; Arr. Francisca Asuncion

**SCRIPTURE READING:** The First Commandment – Read in English Mark 12:28-34 (NRSVUE)

Listen for the Word of God in the gospel of Mark, chapter 12, verses 28 to 34.

<sup>28</sup>One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; <sup>30</sup>you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' <sup>31</sup>The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." <sup>32</sup>Then the scribe said to him, "You are

right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; <sup>33</sup>and 'to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." <sup>34</sup>When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

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)

#### 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** 

The Tyranny of the Image

- Pastor Frank Wulf

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

Invitation to the Offering

- Liturgist

Offertory

– Sherman McClellan, soloist + Mina Rhee, organist

"A Thanksgiving Prayer" Words: Nancy Price & Don Besig; Music: Don Besig

\*Doxology

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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Words: Thomas Ken + Music: Geistliche Kirchengesänge

United Methodist Hymnal 94

\*Stewardship Prayer

Prayed in unison

by Mary Scifres (Abingdon Worship Annual 2022)

## The Community:

God, we praise you for your mighty and abundant love. Sing through the gifts we return to you, that others may know your great love. Sing through our lives, that through us, others may discover your song. Sing through even our division, that we may discover a unity we have never tasted before in your peace. Amen.

## THANKSGIVING

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"Where Charity and Love Prevail" Words: 9th century Latin; Music: Alexander R. Reinagle English translation by Omer Westendorf United Methodist Hymnal 549 (verses 1, 2, 5, 6)

## SENDING FORTH

#### \*BENEDICTION

- Prayed responsively

by Nancy Townley on the Ministry Matters website

#### Pastor:

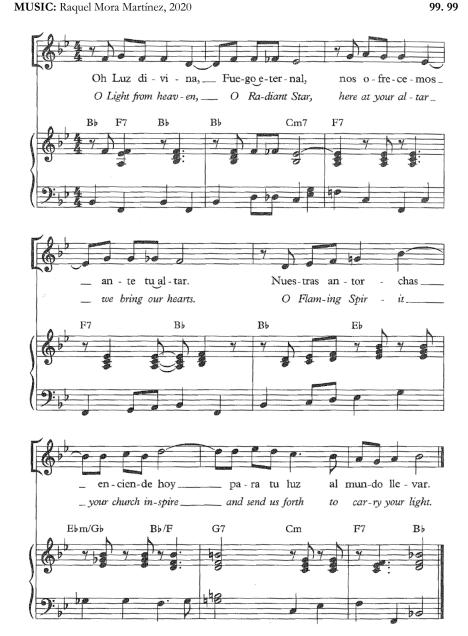
Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. Go

#### SUNG BENEDICTION

# OH LUZ DIVINA (O LIGHT FROM HEAVEN)

WORDS: Raquel Mora Martínez, 2020

DIVINA LUZ



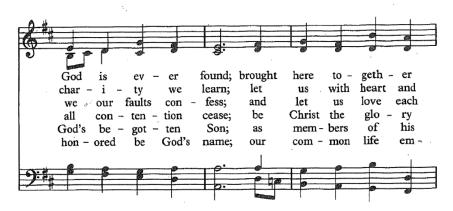
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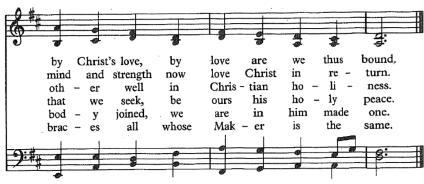
### HYMN OF DEDICATION

## WHERE CHARITY AND LOVE PREVAIL

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forth into this aching, hurting world with God's love, offering healing, hope, and peace to all. Go in peace and may God's peace surround you always.

### The Community:

Alleluia and amen.

\*SUNG BENEDICTION "O Light from Heaven"

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Words & Music: Raquel Mora Martínez

\*POSTLUDE

"Walking in the King's Highway" Music: Bentley DeForest Ackley Mina Rhee

**ENTER TO WORSHIP** 



**DEPART TO SERVE** 

# BIBLE VERSE FOR COMFORT AND INSPIRATION

#### THE WEEK OF AUGUST 14-20

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. (Exodus 20:4 - NRSVUE)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 14-20

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

Greeter: Marcelina Souffle + Liturgist & Reader: Emily Schoales + 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, 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 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 Study Group for adults will meet by Zoom this coming Thursday, August 18, at 7:00 p.m. Please read chapter entitled "Ideas for Action and Reflection" in *The God Who Sees: Immigrants, the Bible, and the Journey to Belong* by Karen Gonzalez.

- 4. **A Conversation on Spanish language ministry** at Echo Park UMC will take place in person and by Zoom today, August 14, at 2:00 p.m.
- 5. **The Administrative Council** will meet by Zoom next Tuesday, August 16 at 7:00 p.m.
- 6. **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!

## 7. EPIC (Echo Park Immigration Center)

- a. EPIC celebrated a very successful **Back-to-School Fair** yesterday. Thank you to Daisy Cuellar and to all who took part.
- 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. **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.
- 9. 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

Joseph Fowler (August 14); Luis Jaime Salvatierra (August 15), Kay Fowler (August 17), María Elena Quintanilla (August 18), Mayra Sánchez (August 18)

## 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 – Recurrence of cancer, chemotherapy + Lois Price – Recovery from a stroke, abdominal bleeding + David Farley – Upcoming surgery + Emily Schoales – Ongoing health issues + Marcy Souffle – Undergoing diagnosis + Cecilia Rodriguez – Undergoing diagnosis + Caroline, Kent & Olivia Young – Traveling mercies + Franie Maddela – Traveling mercies + Jim and Susan Ballagh – 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.

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

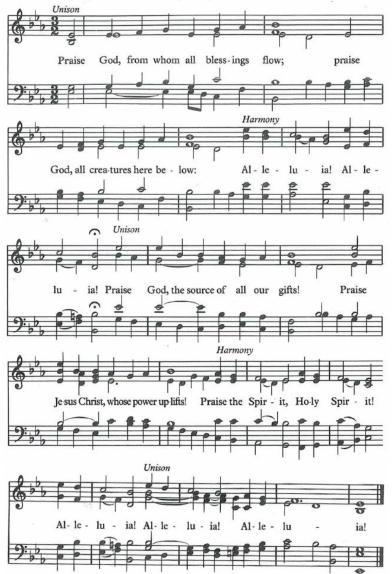
#### **DOXOLOGY**

# PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

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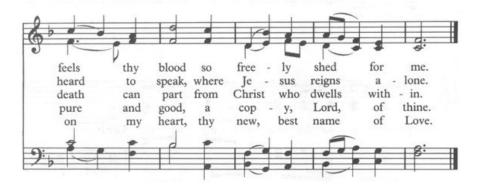
## O FOR A HEART TO PRAISE MY GOD

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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.

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.

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### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

# CANTEMOS AL SEÑOR (LET'S SING UNTO THE LORD)

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