



January 22, 2022

Third Sunday After the Epiphany • 10:45 am
4112 W Slauson Ave • Los Angeles, CA 90043

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PRELUDE

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WELCOME

Pastor Lesa Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

Valjean Boyd
Worship Leader

ONE: We come seeking God,

ALL: the one who guides us and protects us.

ONE: People of God, there is nothing to fear,

ALL: for God dwells in our hearts.

ONE: Let us shout with joy, for God is here!

ALL: Let us sing praises to the Holy One!

OPENING PRAYER

God of light, we come tired and weary, carrying many burdens.

We come wondering if you are even here.

We come seeking your face, seeking your love.

In this moment, Holy One, open our hearts to the mystery of your love.

Remind us that you are always with us and that you never leave us.

Reassure us that you love us, even as you invite us to love one another.

In this time and space, may we say “yes” to you.

In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

THEME SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:6-7, 19

Earl Wooten

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 27:1, 4-9
(Common English Bible)

Valjean Boyd

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation. Should I fear anyone? The Lord is a fortress protecting my life. Should I be frightened of anything?

4 I have asked one thing from the Lord—it’s all I seek: to live in the Lord’s house all the days of my life, seeing the Lord’s beauty and constantly adoring his temple. 5 Because he will shelter me in his own dwelling during troubling times; he will hide me in a secret place in his own tent; he will set me up high, safe on a rock. 6 Now my head is higher than the enemies surrounding me, and I will offer sacrifices in God’s tent—sacrifices with shouts of joy! I will sing and praise the Lord. 7 Lord, listen to my voice when I cry out—have mercy on me and answer me! 8 Come, my heart says, seek God’s face.[a] Lord, I do seek your face! 9 Please don’t hide it from me! Don’t push your servant aside angrily—you have been my help! God who saves me, don’t neglect me!

MUSICAL SELECTION

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PROCLAMATION

“The Way”

Pastor Lesa Smith

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

GIVING & RECEIVING

Valjean Boyd

OFFERING PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING FORTH

Pastor Lesa Smith



TODAY IN WORSHIP: Metriese Wayne, *Worship Chairperson*; Diana Andrews, *Director of Music*; Antoinette Brown, *Audio/Video Tech*; Erroll McMillan, *Assistant Audio/Video Tech*; Kwame Gibson, *Sound Tech*; Valjean Boyd, *Worship Leader*

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THIS WEEK @ GRACE UMC

- **RSVP for In-Person Worship!** tinyurl.com/Worship-RSVP or graceumcla.org
- **Wednesday Morning Prayer** | 6:15am - 6:30am
- **Wednesday Zoom Bible Study** | 12:00 - 1:00 pm

LOOKING AHEAD

- **Charge Conference** | Saturday, January 28th @ 11:00 am via Zoom
- **Get updates COVID-19 testing and vaccinations** @ covid19.lacounty.gov.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS | Loretta Butler 1/1 • Cece Creasia 1/2 • Charlene Adderly 1/5 • Dorothea Howard 1/12 • Tylan Thornton 1/13 • Erin Burts 1/20 • Roberta Jones 1/21 • Merla Beech 1/23

PRAYER LIST | Charles McWells • Frederick Anthony (Brother of Gloria Bias & Sylvia Brown) • Charles McWells • Pastor Lesa Smith (Covid-19) • Myron & Melanie Hammond (their mother passed away December 29th) • Charlene & Marc Adderly & Family • Myrna-Joy Pugh & Family • Jimmie Lindsey (husband of Emma Lindsey, hospitalized after dogs attacked him) • Valjean Boyd & family (the passing of her aunt, Marilyn Rumford Porter) • Susan & Eric Warren • Samuel Howell & Family • New WJ Bishop Dottie Escobedo - Frank • Barbara Little • Theo Nemeth • Pamela Byrd & Family • Ezunial & Marion Burts & Family • Elwood & Brenda Horn & Family • Rev. Paul & Allyson Hill • California extreme weather conditions • Greg Parker (brother of Marilyn Parker-Brooks) • Donna Cunningham • Eddie Rowe • Valanda Schlosser & Patricia Rollerson • Family of Metriese & Carl Wayne • Kimberly Austin (La Vivian Taylor's niece) • Dianna Simmons • Bernice Sparks • Yolanda McMillan • Sherry Page (Sister of Charmaine Sance) • Members, Family & Friends who have been infected with COVID-19/Variants • The people of Ukraine

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