



September 24, 2023

17th Sunday After Pentecost • 11:00 am

4112 W Slauson Ave • Los Angeles, CA 90043

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PRELUDE

"I'll Be Singing Up There"

The Chordsmen

WELCOME

Rev. Kimberly Scott

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Barbara Collier

THEME SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:6-7, 19

Worship Leader

Emma Henderson

OPENING PRAYER

Barbara Collier

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We come to hear the story of God's faithfulness to the past generation.

P: But we also look to the future as well as the past.

L: The God, who was with our ancestors, is with us as well.

P: Then we can forward in hope.

L: Whatever else fails, God remains faithful.

P: We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

L: Let us also lay aside every weight.

P: And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

All: Looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

OPENING HYMN

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Hymnal #326

1ST SCRIPTURE

Psalms 8 (NIV)

Barbara Collier

1 Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. 2 Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. 3 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, 4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? 5 You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. 6 You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: 7 all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, 8 the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. 9 Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

2ND SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 12:1-3 (NIV)

Barbara Collier

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

INTRODUCTION TO GUEST PREACHER

Rev. Kimberly Scott

SONG OF PREPARATION

"Find Your Yes in Him"

The Chordsmen

PROCLAMATION

"Persevering: You Shall Live & Not Die"

Pastor Christian Washington

SONG OF RESPONSE

"He's Sweet I Know"

The Chordsmen

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Kimberly Scott

CONGREGATION PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Barbara Collier

L: For the times we have not recognized that our suffering, our toiling as we suffer, may still produce new life.

P: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the times we have been too preoccupied to be willing to wade into the bulrushes, to receive the renewing gifts you've placed alongside and among our struggles, and to open our lives to one another.

P: Lord, have mercy.

L: The truth is, we do not recognize the baby in the basket, the provision, the blessing, the faith. We cannot see past the bricks to be made from mud and straw, the death and sickness and trials we and our loved ones face every day. We have made ourselves unable to hear those among us calling us to something higher, something better: the midwives rescuing Hebrew babies, the mother weaving a basket, the God guiding the basket into the reeds.

P: Lord, have mercy

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rev. Kimberly Scott

GIVING & RECEIVING

Barbara Collier

OFFERING PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

Pastor Christian Washington



TODAY IN WORSHIP: Rev. Kimberly Scott, *Lead Pastor*; Valjean Boyd, *Worship Chairperson*; Diana Andrews, *Director of Music*; Antoinette Brown, *Audio/Video Tech*; Erroll McMillan, *Assistant Audio/Video Tech*; Kwame Gibson, *Sound Tech*; Barbara Collier, *Worship Leader*

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- **Mail to:** Grace UMC, 4112 W Slauson Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90043
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- **Text-to-Give:** Text GRACELA to 73256
- **Mobile App:** Download REALM CONNECT from App store or Google play
- **Bank Draft:** Have your bank send your gift from your checking or savings account

THIS WEEK @ GRACE UMC

- **New Worship Series for October:** Soul Reset
- **Our Wednesday noon Bible Study** will coincide with our worship series using Junius Dotson's book Soul Reset. Book can be purchased via Upper Room, Cokesbury or Amazon
- **World Communion Sunday** | October 1st
- **Youth & Young Adult Pizza w/the Pastor** | Sunday, October 1st Sign up via church website
- **TEDxSouthCentral: Emancipation of the Mind** | Sat, October 7th more info on Eventbrite
- **Cal-Pac Annual Conference Special Called Session** | Zoom on November 11th 2pm-5pm
- **\$5/per day for 55 days** | Began Monday, August 14th - Saturday, October 7th
- **Church Office Hours** | Mon, Wed, & Thurs 9:30am - 2:30pm
- **Sunday School For All** | 9:45 am
- **Wednesday Morning Prayer** | 6:15am-6:30am
- **Wednesday Zoom Bible Study** | 12pm-1pm
- **Amazing Grace 50+ Club: Chair Exercise Class** | Wednesdays @ 10am

CONGREGATIONAL CARE | *Go to the church website at graceumcla.org for more information!*

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK | Kiya Leake 9/25, Jeanna Wagle-Garcia 9/30

PRAYER LIST | Al & Joy Henley (Friends of Myrna-Joy Pugh) • Charlene Adderly & Family (loss of brother, Albert Stuart) • Connie & Sean Leake • Morris Owens, Alison Hill & Family (loss of wife & mother Willa Owens) • Brittneye & Sirach Dix & Family (New son Joshua Christopher born in August) • Alex & Shanice Fitch & Family (New daughter Malia Olivia born in August) • Lance Eddins, Wynter Eddins & Family (loss of 106 yr-old Aunt Thelma Smith) • Aaron Rodgers & Family • Darrell Scott (Brother of Pastor Kim Scott) • Yolanda McMillan • Tammy Salmon-Johnson & Family • Carolyn Cobb • Eddie Row, Marilyn Silver & Family • Gina Thornton - Braxton • Lorraine Ike • Berthann Heath • Norris Jackie McReynolds • Frederick Anthony (Brother of Gloria Bias & Sylvia Brown) • Myrna-Joy & Gayle Pugh • Jimmie Lindsey (Husband of Emma Lindsey) • Ezunial & Marion Burts & Family • Greg Parker (brother of Marilyn Parker-Brooks)