



November 19, 2023

25th Sunday After Pentecost • 11:00 am

4112 W Slauson Ave • Los Angeles, CA 90043

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THEME SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:6-7, 19

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come! Share the joy of the Lord!

P: Delight in God's goodness!

L: Praise God who gives each person a special gift to be nurtured and shared.

P: Lord, we thank you for these gifts!

L: Come, let us worship God who entrusts us with so much.

P: Lord, make us worthy of your love and trust in us. Amen!

OPENING HYMN

"Praise Him"

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CENTERING MOMENT

Rev. Kimberly Scott

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 20:17-38 (NRSV)

Annette Chelette

17 From Miletus he sent a message to Ephesus, asking the elders of the church to meet him. 18 When they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the entire time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, 19 serving the Lord with all humility and with tears, enduring the trials that came to me through the plots of the Jews. 20 I did not shrink from doing anything helpful, proclaiming the message to you and teaching you publicly and from house to house, 21 as I testified to both Jews and Greeks about repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus. 22 And now, as a captive to the Spirit,[a] I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, 23 except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and persecutions are waiting for me. 24 But I do not count my life of any value to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the good news of God's grace. 25 "And now I know that none of you, among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom, will ever see my face again. 26 Therefore I declare to you this day that I am not responsible for the blood of any of you, 27 for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. 28 Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God[b] that he obtained with the blood of his own Son.[c] 29 I know that after I have gone, savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 Some even from your own group will come distorting the truth in order to entice the disciples to follow them.

31 Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to warn everyone with tears. 32 And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified. 33 I coveted no one's silver or gold or clothing. 34 You know for yourselves that I worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions. 35 In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" 36 When he had finished speaking, he knelt down with them all and prayed. 37 There was much weeping among them all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, 38 grieving especially because of what he had said, that they would not see him again. Then they brought him to the ship.

SONG OF PREPARATION

"Use Me"

Donald Perry

PROCLAMATION

*"If You Can Use
Anything Lord, Me..."*

Rev. Kimberly Scott

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Lord, I'm Available to You"

Chancel Choir

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Kimberly Scott

GIVING & RECEIVING

Annette Chelette

OFFERING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Rev. Kimberly Scott



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*; Annette Chelette, *Worship Leader*

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UPCOMING @ GRACE UMC

- **LA Voice** | Today in the Conference Center
- **Charge Conference** | Sat., Dec. 2nd @ 10am
- **Church Office Hours For Thanksgiving** | Mon 9:30am-3:30pm, Wed 9:30am - 12:30pm
- **Sunday School For All** | 9:45 am
- **Wednesday Morning Prayer** | 6:15am-6:30am
Prayer Line: (434)300-4178 Code:976658
- **Wednesday Zoom Bible Study** | 12pm-1pm
- **Food Pantry** | 1st & 3rd Fri. @ 10am - 12pm
- **AG 50+ Club: Chair Exercise** | Wed @ 10am

CONGREGATIONAL CARE | Visit the church website at graceumcla.org for more information!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK | Gay Brown 11/20, Delano Daniels 11/20, Lisa Fitch 11/21, Bernice Shannon 11/21, Mary Wilborne 11/21, Lola Moore 11/23, Kweka Blankson 11/24, Kuweku Gifty Blankson 11/24, James McMillan 11/24, Syi Moultrie 11/25

PRAYER LIST | Abeni & Derek Bias & Family (Loss of Abeni's Father - Wendell LeRoy) • Candice Taylor-McGee (niece of Gladys Porter) • Jean Nash (Myra & Alisa Mackey's Aunt 90+) • Joy Henley-husband Al died; Darrel Alston- recovering from stroke (Friends of Josie Grant) • Pastor Lesa Smith, Delores Safford & Family (loss of Uncle Randolph Safford) • Wendell LeRoy (father of Abeni Bias) • Gena Ponticelli (daughter of Lola Moore; home from the hospital recovering) • Michelle Stewart (scheduled open heart surgery) • Larry Brooks, brother of Leonard Brooks (recovering from surgery) • Lois Carter & Lois Carter Jr. • Bridgette & Bert Smith Family (Loss of Bridgette's mom/ Shirley Johnson- 90 yrs old) • Douglas Leung & Family • Darrel Scott • Yolanda McMillan • Tammy Salmon -Johnson & Family • Carolyn Cobb • Eddie Row, Marilyn Silver & Family • Gina Thornton - Braxton • Lorraine Ike • Berthann Heath • Norris Jackie McReynolds • Myrna-Joy & Gayle Pugh • Jimmie Lindsey • Ezunial & Marion Burts & Family • Greg Parker (brother of Marilyn Parker-Brooks)
