



November 12, 2023

Veterans Day Sunday • 11:00 am

4112 W Slauson Ave • Los Angeles, CA 90043

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PRELUDE

"Jesus Be a Fence"

Voices of Grace

WELCOME

Valjean Boyd

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Charles McWells

THEME SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:6-7, 19

Kim Newsom

OPENING PRAYER

Charles McWells

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We are pulled in many directions.

P: Many duties and tasks seek to lay claim on our lives.

L: This day, in this place, let service to God be your choice.

P: This day, in this place, we open our hearts and spirits to God.

L: Blessed be the God of creation who has called us here.

P: Praise be to God who sustains and nurtures our lives. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN

"I am on the battlefield for my Lord"

AAHH #480

SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 (NRSV)

Charles McWells

1 Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. 2 And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors--Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor--lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. 3a Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

14 "Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. 15 Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." 16 Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; 17 for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; 18 and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God." 19 But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. 20 If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." 21 And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" 22 Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." 23 He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." 24 The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." 25 So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

INTRODUCTION TO GUEST SPEAKER

Valjean Boyd

SONG OF PREPARATION

"Break Every Chain"

Voices of Grace

PROCLAMATION

"Serving the Lord with Faithfulness"

Nona Pittman

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Where The Spirit Is"

Voices of Grace

HONORING OUR VETERANS

Valjean Boyd

Leader: Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties. For all the wonder of our country's story. **People: We give you thanks, O God.**

Leader: For leaders in nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth. **People: We give you thanks, O God.**

Leader: For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the world's common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their fellows. **People: We give you thanks, O God.**

Leader: For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service. **People: We give you thanks, O God.**

Leader: O almighty God and most merciful Father, as we remember these your servants, remembering with gratitude their courage and strength, we hold before you those who mourn them. Look upon your bereaved servants with your mercy. As this day brings them memories of those they have lost awhile, may it also bring your consolation and the assurance that their loved ones are alive now and forever in your living presence.

Charles McWells

GIVING & RECEIVING

OFFERING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Valjean Boyd



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

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ALTAR FLOWERS: *In memory of Woody Harrell given by Brenda Harrell*

UPCOMING @ GRACE UMC

- **Executive Leadership Team** | Mtg on Thurs., November 16th @ 6:00 pm
 - **Board of Trustees** | Mtg Sat., Nov. 18th 10am
 - **Charge Conference** | Sat., Dec. 2nd @ 10am
 - **Church Office Hours** | Mon, Wed, & Thurs 9:30am - 3:30pm
 - **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
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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK | Joshua Chin-Harvey 11/12, Darren Homes 11/15, Erroll McMillan 11/16, Crystal Campbell Graham 11/17, Stephen Alexander 11/17

PRAYER LIST | 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)
