



# February 4, 2024

5th Sunday after the Epiphany • 11:00 am

4112 W Slauson Ave • Los Angeles, CA 90043

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**PRELUDE**

*“Ride On King Jesus”*

Combined Choir

**WELCOME**

Rev. Kimberly Scott

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Annette Chelette

*Worship Leader*

**BLACK HISTORY MOMENT**

*Carter G. Woodson*

Charles McWells

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Annette Chelette

Stony the road we have walked and yet we forget our footsteps. We have too often not honored the faith of our foreparents. We have too often strayed from the righteous path. We have too often been drunk on the wine of the world, and not lived out the radical gospel of service and peace. We have too often lived in division and sin. Forgive us, O God. Call us back to our heritage; back to you.

**AFRICAN AMERICAN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I believe in God, who formed people of every nation, tribe and language and calls the whole earth to love and service. I believe this same God loves color and character; ethnicity and diversity. I believe in the God of Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglas, Richard Allen, Jarena Lee, Paul Lawrence Dunbar, Mahalia Jackson, Martin Luther King Jr., Fannie Lou Hammer, Ella Baker, Bayard Rustin, Vincent Harding, Rev. James Lawson, Bishop Melvin Talbert, Rev. Ennis Whaley, Rev. Leroy Brown, Rev. Lorenzo Hubbard, Rev. Albert Hammond Jr., Rev. Sylvester Gillespie, Rev. Paul Hill, Bishop Cedrick Brideforth, Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Pastor Lesa Smith and African American pastoral leaders and believers who paved the way in faith, leaning on the Lord. I believe in Jesus Christ, who came as an ethnic Jew to call people of all races to Abba, parent of us all. I believe in the Spirit of God, who works in and through the gifts of peoples of all races and tongues and who infuses African American and peoples of the African diaspora with prophetic and anointed gifts for the whole church. I believe in the community of faith, from many grains, but now one loaf in solidarity with God, Three-in-One, who stands with poor & disenfranchised people throughout the world. I believe in God's promise to finally triumph over all evils, from racism to sexism, to global and local, and who will establish a reign of justice and peace that will have no end.

**OPENING HYMN**

*“Lift Every Voice & Sing”*

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**CENTERING MOMENT**

Rev. Kimberly Scott

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*“Jesus Loves Me”*

Annette Chelette

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Kimberly Newsom

**SCRIPTURE READING**

*John 4:1-30,39-40 NRSV*

Annette Chelette

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, “Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John” 2—although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized—3 he left Judea and started back to Galilee. 4 But he had to go through Samaria. 5 So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. 7 A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” 8 (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” 11 The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12 Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flock drank from it?” 13 Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” 15 The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” 16 Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” 17 The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; 18 for you have

had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" 19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. 20 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." 21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." 25 The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." 26 Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." 27 Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" 28 Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 29 "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" 30 They left the city and were on their way to him. 39 Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days.

## SONG OF PREPARATION

Combined Choir

## PROCLAMATION

*"I Am The Woman At The Well"*

Rev. Kimberly Scott

## SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

## SONG OF RESPONSE

*"Fill My Cup"*

Combined Choir

## OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE

Annette Chelette

You don't have to give, **but you keep giving.**  
You don't have to love, **but you keep loving.**  
You don't owe us anything, **but you give us everything.**  
Thank you for these gifts we return to you.  
Use them for your justice and righteousness! Amen!

## COMMUNITY BENEDICTION

Rev. Kimberly Scott

## POSTLUDE

*"Great Things"*

Combined Choir



## There Are 6 Ways to Give:

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- **Online:** [www.GRACEUMCLA.org](http://www.GRACEUMCLA.org)
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- **Mobile App:** *Download REALM CONNECT from App store or Google play*
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## UPCOMING @ GRACE UMC

- **Charge Conference** | Sat., Feb. 10th @ 10am
  - SPPRC Mtg w/ DS @ 9am
- **Grace UMM** | Saturday, Feb. 10th @ 1pm
- **Claremont School of Theology Day** | Feb. 11th
- **Ash Wednesday Service** | Wed., Feb. 14th @ 7pm
- **Mrs. Quinoa Ike's Funeral** | Sat, Feb 17th @ 2pm
- **Yvonne Burke Senior Community Center Outing**
- **Sunday School** | 9:45 am
- **Wednesday Morning Prayer** | 6:15am-6:30am
- **Wednesday Zoom Bible Study** | 12pm & 7pm
- **Food Pantry** | Fridays @ 10am - 12pm
- **AG 50+ Club: Chair Exercise** | Weds @ 10am

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE | *Visit the church website at [graceumcla.org](http://graceumcla.org) for more information!*

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK** | Tresa Robinson-Jackson 2/6, Ahamefula Ujournunna 2/7, Sylvia Brown 2/9

**PRAYER LIST** | Howard Story & Family (loss of Uncle) • Marilyn Silver • Kirk Given (nephew of Marion Burts) • Darren Holmes & Family • Donald Woodward Jr & Family • Christopher Hall (Oklahoma) • Wynter Eddins • Carolyn Cobb • Eddie Rowe & Marilyn Silver Families • Gina Thornton-Braxton • Lorraine Ike • Berthann Heath • Norris Jackie McReynolds • Myrna-Joy & Gayle Pugh • Jimmie Lindsey • Greg Parker (brother of Marilyn Parker - Brooks) • Larry Brooks (brother of Leonard Brooks)