



# February 11, 2024

*Transfiguration Sunday* • 11:00 am  
4112 W Slauson Ave • Los Angeles, CA 90043  
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**PRELUDE**

*"Oh Happy Day!"*

Voices of Grace

**WELCOME**

Rev. Kimberly Scott

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Charles McWells

*Worship Leader*

**BLACK HISTORY MOMENT**

*Still I Rise* by Maya Angelou

Zaneta Smith

**OPENING PRAYER**

Charles McWells

Your miracles of love proved Jesus was your Son. He touched blind eyes to give them sight. He touched deaf ears to let them hear. He was lifted high to be made new on a mountaintop before Peter, James, & John; & your voice proclaimed Christ as your own. Your miracles of love give us hope. We know you can touch our blinded hearts to see what needs to be redeemed. We know you can touch our hearing-impaired souls to listen to your spirit. And we know you can lift us high, make us new as you call out to the world, "These people are my Beloved!" Thank you for your miracles of love through Jesus, your Son. In Christ's holy name, Amen.

**AFRICAN AMERICAN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Charles McWells

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"*

Charles McWells

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

LaVivian Taylor

**SCRIPTURE READING**

*Matthew 16: 21-28 & 17: 1-18 NRSV*

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21 From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. 22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" 23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." 24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For whoever wants to save their life[a] will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. 26 What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? 27 For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. 28 "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

## The Transfiguration

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. 3 Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. 4 Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." 5 While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. 7 But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." 8 When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. 9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." 10 The disciples asked him, "Why then do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?" 11 Jesus replied, "To be sure, Elijah comes and will restore all things. 12 But I tell you, Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but have done to him everything they wished. In the same way the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands." 13 Then the disciples understood that he was talking to them about John the Baptist.

### SONG OF PREPARATION

*"Glory"*

Voices of Grace

### PROCLAMATION

*"Why Jesus? He Must Not Bear the  
Cross Alone"*

Rev. Kimberly Scott

### SONG OF RESPONSE

*"Amazing Grace"*

Voices of Grace

### OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE

Charles McWells

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 BLESSING

Rev. Kimberly Scott

### POSTLUDE

*"We've Come This Far By Faith"*

Voices of Grace



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- **Mobile App:** Download REALM CONNECT from App store or Google play
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## UPCOMING @ GRACE UMC

- **Ash Wednesday Service** | Wed., Feb. 14th @ 7pm
- **Mrs. Quinoa Ike's Funeral** | Sat, Feb 17th @ 2pm
- **Yvonne Burke Senior Center Outings** | Weekly
- **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 | Henry Grayson 2/11

**PRAYER LIST** | Troy Jenkins & Family • Darren Holmes & Family • Howard Story & Family (loss of Uncle) • Marilyn Silver • Kirk Given (nephew of Marion Burts) • 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)