

# OUR RECONCILING STATEMENT

(Approved February 17, 2019)

Inspiring the world as passionate followers of Jesus Christ so all can experience God's life-giving love.

Echo Park United Methodist Church is a faith community seeking to live in joyous response to the love of God in Christ.

We are people of Christ's new creation called to be ministers of reconciliation.

We are not always of the same mind, but we seek to be of the same Spirit, reaching out in unconditional love to let others know that there is a place of reconciliation: "There is a Balm in Gilead."

We share the Gospel and Spirit of Jesus Christ and open our community to all, especially to those who are hurt or have been left out because of racial differences, ethnic origin, gender identity, legal or immigration status, language, sexual orientation, disability, all who have suffered abuse or abandonment by society, or even by the church.



We invite you to make ECHO PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH your spiritual home as together we celebrate being a reconciling and inclusive ministry. We strive to love as Jesus loved, welcoming all people and excluding no one. It takes open hearts, open minds and open doors to make a place of real equality, respect, justice and peace. It takes people loving people to make God's reign a reality.

## ECHO PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Reconciling Congregation

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Pastor: Rev. Frank Wulf + Music Director: Mina Rhee

# ASCENSION SUNDAY

The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 29, 2022 + 10:00 a.m.



Welcome to Echo Park United Methodist Church  
A Reconciling Congregation



We are a church of open hearts, open minds, and open doors.  
We welcome you to worship here just as you are!

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE:

"Nocturne"

– Mina Rhee

Music: Louis Spohr

### OPENING MEDITATION:

– Read and pray in silence

A Prayer for Victims of Violence and Terrorism (Author unknown)

*Loving God, welcome into your arms the victims of violence and terrorism.*

*Comfort their families, their communities, and all anywhere who grieve for them.*

*Help us in our fear and uncertainty that we may be blessed with the knowledge that we are secure in your love.*

*Strengthen all of us to work for peace, so that the peace the world cannot give may reign eternally in our hearts. Amen.*

### WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO DIED:

**Tops Friendly Market, Buffalo, NY:** Roberta A. Drury, Margus D. Morrison, Andre Mackniel, Aaron Salter, Geraldine Talley, Celestine Chaney, Heyward Patterson, Katherine Massey, Pearl Young, Ruth Whitfield

**Irvine Taiwanese Presbyterian Church, Laguna Hills, CA:** John Cheng

**Robb Elementary School, Uvalde, TX:** Naveah Bravo, Jackie Cazares, Makenna Elrod, Jose Flores Jr., Eliahna Garcia, Irma Garcia, Uziyah Garcia, Amerie Jo Garza, Jayce Carmelo Luevanos, Xavier Lopez, Tess Marie Mata, Miranda Mathis, Eva Mireles, Alithia Ramirez, Annabell Guadalupe Rodriguez, Maite Rodriguez, Alexandria Aniyah Rubio, Layla Salizar, Jailah Silguero, Eliahana Cruz Torres, Rogelio Torres

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE:** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" – Page 8  
 Words: Matthew Bridges, Godfrey Thring + Music: George J. Elvey  
 (United Methodist Hymnal 327)

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** – Read responsively  
 From *Prayers and Practices of Nonviolence*, Peace Sunday Packet 2011  
 Mennonite Central Committee of Canada

Liturgist:  
 We wait for God...

**The Community:**  
 We hope in God's word...

Liturgist:  
 More than those who watch for the morning...

**The Community:**  
 More than those who watch for the morning...

Liturgist:  
 For with God there is steadfast love...

**The Community:**  
 And with God is great power to redeem.

**\*OPENING PRAYER:** – Prayed in unison  
 Adapted from *Christian Reformed Church*, Office of Social Justice

Liturgist:  
 Let us pray together.

**The Community:**  
 Lord, we come before you in our shock and confusion. In our grief and despair in the midst of hate, in our sense of helplessness in the face of violence, we lean on you.

We pray for the families of those who have been killed. We pray for the communities that have lost members. We pray for all who feel anger, grief, and fear. We pray for churches that strive to be your light even in the midst of darkness beyond comprehension.

May we embrace love in the face of hatred. May we love those who are far off and those who are near. May we love those who are strangers and those who are friends. May we love those with whom we agree and those we consider to be our enemies. May we even love those who commit violence through our prayers for their healing and salvation.

Kyrie Eleison. God, have mercy. Heal our sin-sick souls, and make our wounded bodies whole. Amen.

**WELCOME:** – Lay Leader Lois Price

**\* INDICATES: PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT AS YOU PREFER.**

**THE SUMMONS**  
 (continued from page 10)

let my love be shown, will you let my  
 risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 use the faith you've found, to re - shape the  
 com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

Gm7 Gm7 Bb Bb Am7

name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

Bb Caus C F C7

grown in you and you in me?  
 prayer in you and you in me?  
 mean in you and you in me?  
 sound in you and you in me?  
 grow in you and you in me.

Dm Dm Gm7 Bb/C F F

# HYMN OF DEDICATION

GRACE  
2130

## The Summons

1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but  
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but  
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but  
 4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but  
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but

(F) F C7 Dm Dm

call your name? \_\_\_\_\_ Will you go where you don't  
 call your name? \_\_\_\_\_ Will you care for cruel and  
 call your name? \_\_\_\_\_ Will you set the pris - oners  
 call your name? \_\_\_\_\_ Will you quell the fear in -  
 call my name. \_\_\_\_\_ Let me turn and fol - low

Gm7 Gm7 Csus C F C7

know and nev - er be the same? \_\_\_\_\_ Will you  
 kind and nev - er be the same? \_\_\_\_\_ Will you  
 free and nev - er be the same? \_\_\_\_\_ Will you  
 side and nev - er be the same? \_\_\_\_\_ Will you  
 you and nev - er be the same. \_\_\_\_\_ In your

Dm Dm Gm7 Bb/C F F

Congregation: Unison

WORDS: John Bell  
 MUSIC: Traditional Scottish; arr. by John Bell

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# PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

**MESSAGE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE:**

– Franie Maddela

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION:**

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“God of Day and God of Darkness”

Words: Marty Haugen; Music: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

– Pastor Frank Wulf

*Call to Prayer*

*Sharing Joys and Concerns*

*Community Prayer*

*The Prayer that Jesus Taught*

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**SCRIPTURE READING:**

– Pastor David Farley (read in Spanish)

A Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation

Ephesians 1:15-23 (NRSV)

Listen for the Word of God in the book of Ephesians, chapter 1, verses 15 to 23.

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**CHORAL ANTHEM:** “Close to Thee”

– Chancel Choir

Words: Fanny Crosby; Music: Silas J. Vail

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

– Marcelina Souffle (read in English)

The Ascension of Jesus

Acts 1:1-11 (NRSV)

Listen for the Word of God in the book of Acts, chapter 1, verses 1 to 11.

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:**

– Prayed in unison

Based on Psalm 91:5 (NRSV)

The Community:

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of all of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O God, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

**SERMON**

God’s Wisdom for Violent Days

– Pastor Frank Wulf

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS:**

*Invitation to the Offering*

– Pastor Frank Wulf

*Offertory*

Walter Elmer, soloist + Mina Rhee, organist

*\*Doxology*

*United Methodist Hymnal 94*

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Words: Thomas Ken + Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*

## HYMN OF PREPARATION

### GOD OF DAY AND GOD OF DARKNESS

WORDS: Marty Haugen  
MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844

BEACH SPRING  
8.7.8.7. D

1. God of day and God of dark - ness, now we stand be - fore the  
2. Still the na - tions curse the dark - ness, still the rich op - press the  
3. You shall be the path that guides us, you the light that in us  
4. Praise to you in day and dark - ness, you our source and you our

night; as the shad - ows stretch and deep - en, come and make our dark-ness  
poor; still the earth is bruised and brok - en by the ones who still want  
burns; shin - ing deep with - in all peo - ple, yours the love that we must  
end; praise to you who love and nur - ture as a fa - ther, mo - ther,

bright. All cre - a - tion still is groan - ing for the dawn - ing of your  
more. Come and wake us from our sleep - ing, so our hearts can - not ig -  
learn. For our hearts shall wan - der rest - less 'til they safe to you re -  
friend. Grant us all a peace - ful rest - ing, let each mind and bod - y

13 might, when the sun of peace and jus - tice fills the earth with ra - dant light.  
nore all your peo - ple lost and brok - en, all your child - ren at our door.  
tum; find - ing you in one an - oth - er, we shall all your face dis - cem.  
mend. so we rise re - freshed to - mor - row, hearts re - newed to kin - dom tend.

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## HYMN OF PRAISE

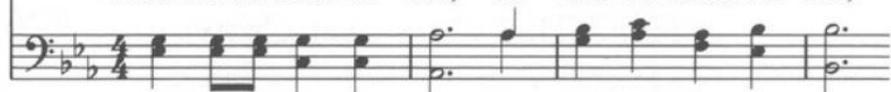
CHRIST'S GRACIOUS LIFE

RESURRECTION AND EXALTATION

### 327 Crown Him with Many Crowns



1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne.
2. Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave,
3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
4. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,



Hark! how the heav-en-ly an-them drowns all mu-sic but its own.  
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.  
those wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
His glo - ries now we sing, who died, and rose on high,  
His reign shall know no end, and round his pier - ed feet  
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra-grance ev - er sweet.  
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.



WORDS: Matthew Bridges, 1851, and Godfrey Thring, 1874 (Rev. 19:12)  
MUSIC: George J. Elvey, 1868

DIADEMATA  
SMD

## \*Stewardship Prayer

– The Congregation

### The Community:

May your Word shape our lives, form our thoughts, and guide our steps, O God, so that we may live in this world as your faithful followers and love this world as those who have been transformed by your love. Amen.

## THANKSGIVING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION:

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“The Summons”

Words: John Bell + Music: Traditional Scottish (arranged by John Bell)  
(*The Faith We Sing* 2130)

## SENDING FORTH

### \*BENEDICTION

– Read responsively

Based on a prayer by David O. Taylor

#### Pastor:

Let us go into the world, trusting in the God whose holy anger heals, in the Messiah whose righteous anger overcomes evil, and in the Spirit who keeps our anger from turning destructive.

#### The Community:

As we go, we surrender our wounded hearts to God.

#### Pastor:

May our righteous anger become fuel for justice in our fractured world.

#### The Community:

May it create hope for the mending of broken relations in our neighborhoods and homes.

#### Pastor:

Let us go from this place with courage and faith to do justice and make peace in God's world.

#### The Community:

God have mercy! Alleluia and amen.

### \*POSTLUDE

“Postlude”

– Mina Rhee

Music: Christian Heinrich Rinck

ENTER TO WORSHIP  DEPART TO SERVE

## BIBLE VERSE FOR COMFORT AND INSPIRATION

THE WEEK OF MAY 29 TO JUNE 4

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him. (Ephesians 1:17)

## THE PRAYER THAT JESUS TAUGHT US

(Each is invited to pray in their own heart language)

**English:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**Español:** Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad, como en el cielo, así también en la tierra. El pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy. Y perdónanos nuestras deudas, como también nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores. Y no nos dejes caer en tentación, mas líbranos del mal; porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la gloria, por todos los siglos. Amén.

**Tagalog:** Ama namin, sumasalangit Ka, sambahin ang ngalan Mo. Mapasaamin ang kaharian Mo. Sundin ang loob Mo dito sa lupa, para nang sa langit. Bigyan Mo kami ngayon ng aming kakanin sa araw-araw. At patawarin Mo ang aming mga sala, para ng pagpapatawad naming sa mga nagkakasala sa amin. At huwag Mokaming ipahintulot sa tukso, at iadya Mo kami sa lahat ng masama. Sapagkat Iyo ang kaharian, at kapangyarihan, at ang kadakilaan, magpakailanman. Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 29 – JUNE 4

1. Thank you to all who helped out with today's service of worship:

**Greeter:** Lois Price (Lay Leader) + **Liturgist:** Emily Schoales;  
**Readers:** Marcelina Souffle + Pastor David Farley **Message for Young People:** Franie Maddela + **Musicians:** Mina Rhee (Music Director), Ember Knight (Technical Support), Walter Elmer (Offertory), Chancel Choir (Anthem) + **Technical Support:** John Chavis, Josefina Amado, Walter Elmer

2. Today's worship service is being broadcast and will be available on the church's Facebook page. Please invite your family and friends to view it there: <https://www.facebook.com/EchoParkUnitedMethodistChurch>

3. Christian education programming:

- Thank you to Pastor David Farley and Stephanie Aguilar for planning and guiding this morning's Sunday School program.
- We are looking for volunteers to be part of a Sunday school team. If you would like to help Sunday school happen at Echo Park United

Methodist Church, please contact Pastor David Farley at [grandpastordavid@gmail.com](mailto:grandpastordavid@gmail.com).

- Suggested activities for children and families for the coming week have been posted on the church website.
  - The Bible and Theology Group for adults will meet by Zoom this coming Thursday, June 2, at 7:00 p.m. Please read chapters 1 and 2 of *The God Who Sees: Immigrants, the Bible, and the Journey to Belong* by Karen Gonzalez, which is available through Amazon ([www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)) both in hard copy and in Kindle format. A hard copy is also available for loan in the church office. More information about the Bible and Theology Group can be found on the church website: [www.echoparkumc.org/bible-study/](http://www.echoparkumc.org/bible-study/).
4. The June edition of *The Echo* will be published and distributed next Sunday, June 5. Please get all articles and announcements to the church office by no later than Wednesday, June 1.
  5. During June, we will be honoring our graduates. Please get the following information to the church office as soon as possible: 1) The names of those who are graduating; 2) the full names and locations of the schools from which they are graduating; 3) the educational levels they have achieved; and 4) any degrees or special honors they will be receiving.
  6. SAVE THE DATE: The Echo Park Immigration Center will hold its Lotería Fundraiser in the church parking lot from 12:00-2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 11. For more information or to register your attendance, please go online to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/epic-loteria-fundraiser-tickets-338425589047>.
  7. With the theme "Ending Spiritual & Physical Hunger", the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference will take place on June 7 (online), 15 (online), 17 & 18 (online & in person). Echo Park UMC will be represented by Emily Schoales, John Chavis (alternate) and Rev. Frank Wulf. Lois Price and Genesis Moreno were elected at the District Conference last Saturday to represent the West District of The United Methodist Church. All sessions will be livestreamed through the Annual Conference website: [www.calpacumc.org](http://www.calpacumc.org). Please keep Bishop Hagiya and the Conference in your prayers.
  8. The Church office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, May 30, in honor of Memorial Day.
  9. Happy birthday to: Alice Velarde (June 4)

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### OFFERTORY:

**DOXOLOGY: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow/Oh, Criaturas del Señor** – Words: Thomas Ken, adapt. by Gilbert H. Vieira; Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*; Adapt. © 1989 United Methodist Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used with permission. Reprinted under One License, License #733845-A. Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE, License #733845-A.

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You may make donations to Echo Park United Methodist Church in a number of ways. If you feel called and inspired to contribute financially to the church or one or more of its ministries, please do so in a way that feels appropriate and comfortable to you.

**By cash offering:** Please put your donation into an envelope. Write your name and contact information on the outside of the envelope along with any instructions about how you want your contribution used. Place the envelope into one of the offering plates at the back of the Sanctuary or deliver it in person to the church office.

**By check:** Please make your check payable to “Echo Park United Methodist Church.” Make sure your personal contact information on the check is correct and write the purpose of your donation onto the check’s memo line. You may place your check into one of the offering plates at the back of the Sanctuary or mail it to the church office: Echo Park United Methodist Church, 1226 N. Alvarado Street, Los Angeles, CA 90026.

**Online using PayPal:** Access the church’s donation page by going online to: <https://echoparkumc.org/donate-here/> or using the following QR code:



After entering the amount of your donation, use the drop-down menu to select the purpose of your donation. Then click “Next”. On the following page, add any other specific instructions into the field labeled “What’s this payment for?” Also, if necessary, enter your payment information, and then click the blue button labeled “Donate Now.”

In whatever manner you choose to give, thank you for your offering to support the mission and ministry of Echo Park United Methodist Church and the wider United Methodist Church. Echo Park United Methodist Church is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Donations are tax deductible.