

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

SECOND SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

FATHER'S DAY + JUNETEENTH

June 19, 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: "Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan" – Mina Rhee
Music: J. A. Streicher

OPENING READING: – Liturgist
God Confronts the Prophet Elijah
1Kings 19:8-18 (MSG)

Elijah got up, ate and drank his fill, and set out. Nourished by that meal, he walked forty days and nights, all the way to the mountain of God, to Horeb. When he got there, he crawled into a cave and went to sleep.

Then the word of GOD came to him: "So Elijah, what are you doing here?" "I've been working my heart out for the GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies," said Elijah. "The people of Israel have abandoned your covenant, destroyed the places of worship, and murdered your prophets. I'm the only one left, and now they're trying to kill me." Then he was told, "Go, stand on the mountain at attention before GOD. GOD will pass by."

A hurricane wind ripped through the mountains and shattered the rocks before GOD, but GOD wasn't to be found in the wind; after the wind an earthquake, but GOD wasn't in the earthquake; and after the earthquake fire, but GOD wasn't in the fire; and after the fire a gentle and quiet whisper.

When Elijah heard the quiet voice, he muffled his face with his great cloak, went to the mouth of the cave, and stood there. A quiet voice asked, "So Elijah, now tell me, what are you doing here?" Elijah said it again, "I've been working my heart out for GOD, the GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies, because the

* Please stand in body or spirit as you are able or prefer.

people of Israel have abandoned your covenant, destroyed your places of worship, and murdered your prophets. I'm the only one left, and now they're trying to kill me." GOD said, "Go back the way you came through the desert to Damascus... Meanwhile, I'm preserving for myself seven thousand souls: the knees that haven't bowed to the god Baal, the mouths that haven't kissed his image."

***HYMN OF PRAISE:** "God Is Here Today" – Page 9
 Words: Traditional Mexican (English trans. by C. Michael Hawn)
 Music: Traditional Mexican (Arr. by C. Michael Hawn)
(The Faith We Sing 2049)

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** – Read responsively
 by More Light Presbyterians Retreat & Mission Weekend 2006

Liturgist:
 What right do we have to invoke God's name on what we say and do here together?

The Community:
In Christ we have been called to be God's people. We have been given God's Spirit and Word.

Liturgist:
 Do we have the courage to worship in spirit and in truth, knowing that it may change us?

The Community:
We have come to seek, to find, and to be found.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION – Prayed in unison
 By Joanne Fisher, Episcopal Diocese of Easton

The Community:
Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift: You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us.

We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family. We have desired to live in freedom, while building walls between ourselves and others. We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are, while making judgments of others based on the color of skin, or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience. We have tried to love our neighbors individually while yet benefiting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.

Forgive us, Holy God. Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people. Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love. Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity, even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, Holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN OF DEDICATION

GOD OF THE SPARROW, GOD OF THE WHALE

WORDS: Jaroslav J. Vajda

ROEDER

MUSIC: Carl F. Schalk

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Unison

1. God of the spar-row God of the whale
 2. God of the earth-quake God of the storm
 3. God of the rain-bow God of the cross
 4. God of the hun-gry God of the sick
 5. God of the neigh-ber God of the foe
 6. God of the a-ges God near at hand

God of the swirl-ing stars How does the crea-ture say
 God of the trum-pet blast How does the crea-ture cry
 God of the emp-ty grave How does the crea-ture say
 God of the prod-i-gal How does the crea-ture say
 God of the prun-ing hook How does the crea-ture say
 God of the lov-ing heart How do your chil-dren say

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Awe How does the crea-ture say Praise
 Woe How does the crea-ture cry Save
 Grace How does the crea-ture say Thanks
 Care How does the crea-ture say Life
 Love How does the crea-ture say Peace
 Joy How do your chil-dren say Home

**last time*

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HYMN OF PREPARATION

GOD OF OUR FATHERS

WORDS: Daniel C. Roberts
MUSIC: George W. Warren

NATIONAL HYMN
10. 10. 10. 10

Trumpets before each stanza

- 1. God of our fa - thers, whose al-might-y hand
 - 2. Thy love di - vine hath led us in the past,
 3. From war's a - larms, from dead-ly pes - ti - lence,
 - 4. Re - fresh Thy peo - ple on their toil-some way,

Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
 Be Thy strong arm our ev - er - sure de - fense;
 Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

Of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor thru the skies,
 Be Thou our Rul - er, Guard - ian, Guide, and Stay,
 Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease,
 Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

Our grate - ful songs be - fore Thy throne a - rise.
 Thy Word our law, Thy paths our cho - sen way.
 Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 And glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er Thine! A - men.

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

– Prayed responsively

Liturgist:

Take heart: God's Spirit empowers us to move from the ways of death to the ways of new life. Our sins are forgiven. Let us forgive one another and give ourselves to one another in joyful community of justice and peace.

The Community:

Amen.

WELCOME:

– Franie Maddela

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE:

– Pastor David Farley

“Walls that Divide”

Words: Walter Farquharson; Music: Ron Klusmeier

Following the children's message, the children are invited to go with their teachers to Sunday school.

HONORING OUR FATHERS

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:**

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“God of Our Fathers”

Words: Daniel C. Roberts + Music: George W. Warren

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

– Pastor Frank Wulf

Call to Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Our Communal Prayer

The Prayer that Jesus Taught

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SCRIPTURE READING:

– Read in Spanish

Heirs According to the Promise

Galatians 3:23-29 (NRSVUE)

Listen for the Word of God in the book of Galatians, chapter 3, verses 23 to 29.

²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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

THANKS BE TO GOD.

CHORAL ANTHEM: “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright” – Chancel Choir

Words: Ambrose of Milan (English translation by Robert S. Bridges)

Music: William Knapp

SCRIPTURE READING:

– Read in English

Jesus Heals the Gerasene Demoniac

Luke 8:26-39 (NRSVUE)

Listen for the Word of God in the gospel of Luke, chapter 8, verses 26 to 39.

²⁶Then they arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me,” ²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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)

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

DIOS ESTÁ AQUÍ + GOD IS HERE TODAY

WORDS: Trad. Mexican (Eng. trans.: C. Michael Hawn)

DIOS ESTÁ AQUÍ

MUSIC: Trad. Mexican (Arr.: C. Michael Hawn)

Irregular

God is here to - day; as
Dios es - tá a - quí, tan

cer - tain as the air I breathe, as
cier - to co - mo el ai - re que res - pi - ro, tan

cer - tain as the morn - ing sun that ris - es, as
cier - to co - mo la ma - ña - na se le - van - ta, tan

cer - tain when I sing you'll hear my song.
cier - to co - mo que le can - to y me pue - de o - ír.

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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.

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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.

SERMON

Life in the Spirit: Liberty

– Pastor Frank Wulf

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

Invitation to the Offering

– Liturgist

Offertory

– Marcelina Souffle, soloist + Mina Rhee, organist
“The Father’s Love”
Words & Music: Stan Pethel

**Doxology*

United Methodist Hymnal 94
“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”
Words: Thomas Ken + Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*

**Stewardship Prayer*

– Prayed in unison

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

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“God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale”
Words: Jaroslav Vajda + Music: Carl F. Schalk
(*United Methodist Hymnal 122*)

SENDING FORTH

*BENEDICTION

– Prayed responsively

by Mary Petrina Boyd, alt. (*Abingdon Worship Annual 2022*)

Pastor:

Jesus told the one who was healed and whole: “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” As our service ends, we too return to our homes. In all that we do and say, let us declare how much God has done for us.

The Community

Alleluia and amen.

*POSTLUDE

“Harwell”
Music: E.L. Ashford

– Mina Rhee

ENTER TO WORSHIP

DEPART TO SERVE

BIBLE VERSE FOR COMFORT AND INSPIRATION

THE WEEK OF JUNE 19-25

There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.
(Galatians 3:28-NRSVUE)

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 JUNE 5 TO 11

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

Greeter: Franie Maddela + **Liturgist:** TBA; **Readers:** TBA + **Message for Young People:** Pastor David Farley + **Musicians:** Mina Rhee (Music Director), Ember Knight (Technical Support), Marcelina Souffle (Offertory), Chancel Choir (Anthem) + **Technical Support:** John Chavis, Danny Bernabe, 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 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.

- 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 Thursday, June 23, at 7:00 p.m. Please read chapters 5 and 6 of *The God Who Sees: Immigrants, the Bible, and the Journey to Belong* by Karen Gonzalez, which is available in electronic and print format through cokesbury.com, amazon.com, and your local bookstore. A hard copy is also available for loan in the church office. Use the following link to join the group online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7184544317>. You may also join by phone by calling 1-669-900-9128 and using meeting ID: 718 454 4317 #

4. On the first Sunday of July, 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.
5. Thank you to Emily Schoales and John Chavis (alternate) for representing Echo Park United Methodist Church at this last week's Annual Conference, which focused on the theme "Ending Spiritual & Physical Hunger." Conference participants packed food boxes and hygiene kits for use by UMCOR. Echo Park United Methodist Church provided 35 unused toothbrushes and tubes of toothpaste toward this very successful project.
6. The Finance and Stewardship Committee will meet via Zoom at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evening, June 22. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7184544317> or call 1-669-900-9128 and use meeting ID 718 454 4317#.
7. The Board of Trustees will meet in person in the Basement Hall or via Zoom following worship on Sunday, June 26. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7184544317> or call 1-669-900-9128 and use meeting ID 718 454 4317 #.
8. The Church office will be closed tomorrow, June 20, in honor of the Juneteenth federal holiday, which commemorates the official end of slavery in the United States.
9. Happy birthday to: Jonathan Moreno (June 19); Rosa Aguilar (June 22), Juana Rodriguez (June 24), Frank Wulf (June 25).

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