

# 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

# SIXTH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

July 17, 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:** "Wer nur den lieben Gott" (Whosoever Loveth God) – Mina Rhee  
Music: Johann Andreas Streicher

**OPENING READING:** The Violence of Our Times – Liturgist  
*Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander* by Thomas Merton

To allow oneself to be carried away by a multitude of conflicting concerns, to surrender to too many demands, to commit to too many projects, to want to help everyone in everything is itself to succumb to the violence of our times. More than that, it is cooperation in violence. It destroys one's own capacity for peace. It destroys the fruitfulness of one's own work, because it kills the root of inner wisdom which makes the work fruitful.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE:** "Lord, Speak to Me" – Page 8  
Words: Frances R. Havergal + Music: Adapt. From Robert Schumann  
(*United Methodist Hymnal* 463 – verses 1, 2, 3, 5)

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** – Read responsively  
by Joanne Carlson Brown, based on Psalm 82 (*Abingdon Worship Annual* 2022)

Liturgist:

Come from the busyness and the business of the day.

The Community:

We come to let go of the ways of the world.

Liturgist:

Come and turn aside from the temptation to do the things that are only done in the shadows.

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

**The Community:**

We come to embrace what God offers us, God’s presence and unconditional love.

**Liturgist:**

Come, however hesitantly, to find refuge and the way to live in Christ’s great love.

**OPENING PRAYER**

– Prayed in unison

by Joanne Carlson Brown (*Abingdon Worship Annual 2022*)

**The Community:**

As we come before you, God, in the presence of our siblings in faith, help us look honestly at our lives and see what you want them to be. Help us perceive the things and attitudes we need to change.

As we open ourselves to your healing presence, fill us with the Spirit of your love and wholeness. Amen.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

– Prayed responsively

by Joanne Carlson Brown (*Abingdon Worship Annual 2022*)

**Liturgist:**

There is nothing we can do that will make God love us any less. We can disappoint God. We can ignore God’s way. But God is always there on the way—guiding us, calling us to live in God’s unconditional, steadfast love.

**The Community:**

Let us open ourselves to this love, knowing that with God, all things can be made right.

**WELCOME:**

– Franie Maddela

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**MESSAGE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE:**

– Pastor David Farley

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

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION:**

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“I Want a Principle Within”

Words: Charles Wesley + Music: Louis Spohr

Adapted by J. Stimpson

*United Methodist Hymnal 410*

**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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righteousness and peace; till Christ shall dwell in  
 flaming love and zeal, to preach to all thy  
 blend their creeds in one, and earth shall form one  
 makes thy children whole; till, perfected by

human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.  
 great good news, God's glorious commonwealth.  
 family by whom thy will is done.  
 thee, we reach creation's glorious goal!

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**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.

## HYMN OF DEDICATION

# O SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

**WORDS:** Henry H. Tweedy, 1935 (Acts 2)

**FOREST GREEN**

**MUSIC:** Trad. English melody; arr. by Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906

**CMD**

1. O Spir - it of the liv - ing God, thou  
 2. Blow, wind of God! With wis - dom blow un -  
 3. Teach us to ut - ter liv - ing words of  
 4. So shall we know the power of Christ who

light and fire di - vine, de - scend up - on thy  
 til our minds are free from mists of er - ror,  
 truth which all may hear, the lan - guage all may  
 came this world to save; so shall we rise with

church once more, and make it tru - ly thine.  
 clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee.  
 un - der - stand when love speaks loud and clear;  
 him to life which soars be - yond the grave;

Fill it with love and joy and power, with  
 Burn, wing - ed fire! In - spire our lips with  
 till ev - ery age and race and clime shall  
 and earth shall win true ho - li - ness, which

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## SCRIPTURE READING:

– Read in Spanish

You who trample on the needy

Amos 8:4-12 (NRSVUE)

Listen for the Word of God in the book of Amos, chapter 8, verses 4 to 12.

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, <sup>5</sup>saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances, <sup>6</sup>buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

<sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. <sup>8</sup>Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?

<sup>9</sup>On that day, says the Lord GOD, I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight. <sup>10</sup>I will turn your feasts into mourning and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son and the end of it like a bitter day.

<sup>11</sup>The time is surely coming, says the Lord GOD, when I will send a famine on the land, not a famine of bread or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD. <sup>12</sup>They shall wander from sea to sea and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it.

This is the Word of God for the People of God. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**CHORAL ANTHEM:** “Now, on Land and Sea Descending” – Chancel Choir

Words: Samuel Longfellow + Music: *A Selection of Popular National Airs*

## SCRIPTURE READING:

– Read in English

Choosing the better part

Luke 10:38-42 (NRSVUE)

Listen for the Word of God in the gospel of Luke, chapter 10, verses 38 to 42.

<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus’s feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me.” <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, <sup>42</sup>but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

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

**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Based on Psalm 91:5 (NRSV)

– Prayed in unison

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

The Better Part... Today!

– Pastor Frank Wulf

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

### *Invitation to the Offering*

– Liturgist

### *Offertory*

– Walter Elmer, soloist + Mina Rhee, organist

“I Love to Tell the Story”

Words: Katherine Hankey; Music: William G. Fischer

### *\*Doxology*

*United Methodist Hymnal* 94

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Words: Thomas Ken + Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*

### *\*Stewardship Prayer*

– Prayed in unison

by Joanne Carlson Brown, based on Psalm 82 (*Abingdon Worship Annual* 2022)

Most loving God, most welcoming God, we bring these gifts to you, knowing that you will use them according to your purposes. We dedicate ourselves to your way, to challenge the worldly values that are so prevalent in your world today. Amen.

## THANKSGIVING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION:

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“O Spirit of the Living God”

Words: Henry H. Tweedy; Music: Trad. Engl. melody

Adapted by Ralph Vaughan Williams

(*United Methodist Hymnal* 539 – verses 1, 2, 3)

## SENDING FORTH

### \*BENEDICTION

– Prayed responsively

by Joanne Carlson Brown (*Abingdon Worship Annual* 2022)

#### Pastor:

In a world that tries to impose its values on us, live the way of God. Challenge injustice, aid those in need, listen intently, and do not be preoccupied with busyness. Share what you have heard, so that, together, we may transform the world into the beloved community of God.

#### The Community

Let us go with the strength God gives us, the love God gives us through Jesus, and the fire the Holy Spirit offers to keep us going no matter what. Alleluia and amen.

### \*POSTLUDE

“Ein feste Burg” (A Mighty Fortress)

– Mina Rhee

Music/Música: Arr. from Martin Luther

## HYMN OF PREPARATION

# I WANT A PRINCIPLE WITHIN

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1789

GERALD

MUSIC: Louis Spohr, 1834; adapt by J. Stimpson

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**HYMN OF PRAISE**  
**LORD, SPEAK TO ME**

**WORDS:** Frances R. Havergal, 1872 (Rom. 14:7)  
**MUSIC:** Adapt. From Robert Schumann, 1839

**CANONBURY**  
**LM**

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in  
 2. O strength - en me, that while I stand firm  
 3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the  
 4. O fill me with thy full - ness, Lord, un -  
 5. O use me, Lord, use ev - en me, just

liv - ing ech - oes of thy tone; as thou hast sought, so  
 on the rock, and strong in thee, I may stretch out a  
 pre - cious things thou dost im - part; and wing my words, that  
 til my ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and  
 as thou wilt, and when, and where, un - til thy bless - ed

let me seek thine err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.  
 lov - ing hand to wres - tlers with the trou - bled sea.  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of many a heart.  
 glow - ing word, thy love to tell, thy praise to show.  
 face I see, thy rest, thy joy, thy glo - ry share.

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**ENTER TO WORSHIP**



**DEPART TO SERVE**

**BIBLE VERSE FOR COMFORT AND INSPIRATION**

**THE WEEK OF JULY 17-23**

But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God.  
 I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.  
 (Psalm 52:8 - NRSVUE)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 17 TO 23**

1. Thank you to all who helped out with today's service of worship:  
**Greeter:** Franie Maddela + **Liturgist:** Emily Schoales + **Readers:** To be announced + **Message for Young People:** Pastor David Farley + **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 for planning this morning's children's program.
  - We are looking for volunteers to be part of a Sunday school team. If you would like to help Sunday school happen at the church, please contact Pastor 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, July 21, at 7:00 p.m. Please read chapter 9 of *The God Who Sees: Immigrants, the Bible, and the Journey to Belong* by Karen Gonzalez.
4. Thank you to all who took part in yesterday's All-Church workday! We got a lot accomplished.
5. The Visioning Team meeting scheduled for this coming Tuesday, July 19, has been postponed pending the receipt of needed information.
6. The Administrative Council will meet in person in the basement dining room and by Zoom on Sunday, July 31, following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. An agenda will be sent out soon.

7. **SAVE THE DATE:** We will celebrate Homecoming Sunday on August 14, 2022. On that date, worship will be followed by a time of fellowship in the basement dining room. Come! And invite your friends!
8. **EPIC (Echo Park Immigration Center)**
  - a. A Conversation with Kat Armas, author of *Abuelita Faith: What Women on the Margins teach us about wisdom, persistence, and faith*. Friday, July 22 at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom. For more information, contact Josh López-Reyes at [mjlopez.reyes@gmail.com](mailto:mjlopez.reyes@gmail.com).
  - b. Raíces Gala – A fundraiser event for EPIC celebrating its historical roots (raíces) and honoring its elders. The event will be held at the historic Pico House in Plaza Olvera from 3:00-6:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 20. Save the date and watch for more information.
9. We still have laundry coupons available for distribution to those who need them. The coupons are redeemable for six loads of laundry and drying at Luxe Laundry in Echo Park.
10. Unless otherwise indicated, all Zoom meetings for the church are accessed online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7184544317>. Meetings can also be accessed by phone by calling 1-669-900-9128 and, when prompted, entering the Meeting ID: 718 454 4317 #.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Teddy Amado (July 14); Jazmin Jean Maddela Chan (July 17), Marcelina Souffle (July 17), Elizabeth Bayne (July 22), Katy Leonardo (July 23).

## PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

*Miguel, Rosa and Stephanie Aguilar* – COVID + *LaDell Stapp* – Surgery for skin cancer + *Lani Stapp* – Parkinson’s disease + *Betsy McClellan Hall* – Cancer surgery + *Susan Perez* – Recurrence of cancer + *Lois Price* – Stroke + *Emily Schoales* – Undergoing diagnosis + *Marcy Souffle* – Undergoing diagnosis + *Sherman McClellan* – Traveling mercies + *Lisa Palombi* – Traveling mercies + *Danny Bernabe* – Traveling mercies + *Marcy Souffle* – Traveling mercies

Please send notes and cards to those suffering from illnesses at the addresses listed in the church directory (or contact the church office).

Use the following address to send notes and cards to Lois Price: Room 207, Vista Knoll Specialized Care, 2000 Westwood Road, Vista, CA 92083.

*To add a name to this prayer list, please contact Pastor Frank.*

## DONATING TO ECHO PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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.

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