



First Congregational Church of Long Beach
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

JUNE 14, 2026 • 10:00 A.M.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Please stand if you are able for items with an asterisk*.*

Our Mission:

to be a visible and prophetic presence in the church and in the world,
to steadfastly proclaim the radically inclusive love of God,
to be open to, and celebrate differences; to honor thinking for oneself,
to faithfully work for the inclusion of, and justice for all people, regardless of age, gender,
disability, sexual orientation, marital status, race or national origin, or any particular
element of a person's total humanity, and for all of God's creation.

Centering ourselves with the sound of the chime and the Land Acknowledgement

Prelude

Trumpet Voluntary
Thomas Dupuis

Dr. Marc Dickey

Invocation

The Rev. Petra Malleis-Sternberg

***Call to Celebration**

Rev. Malleis-Sternberg and The Rev. Wally Hoeger

One: Here we are, the people of God gathered from all over this community,
come to hear the good news.

**Many: We come as strangers and friends, allies and outsiders, all drawn
into the circle of God's compassion and kindness.**

One: Come and worship. Come and praise. Come and pray.

**Many: We have come because God longs to encounter us and enfold us
in love.**

One: Come, let us celebrate together.

***Processional Hymn**

The Summons
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Welcome and Announcements

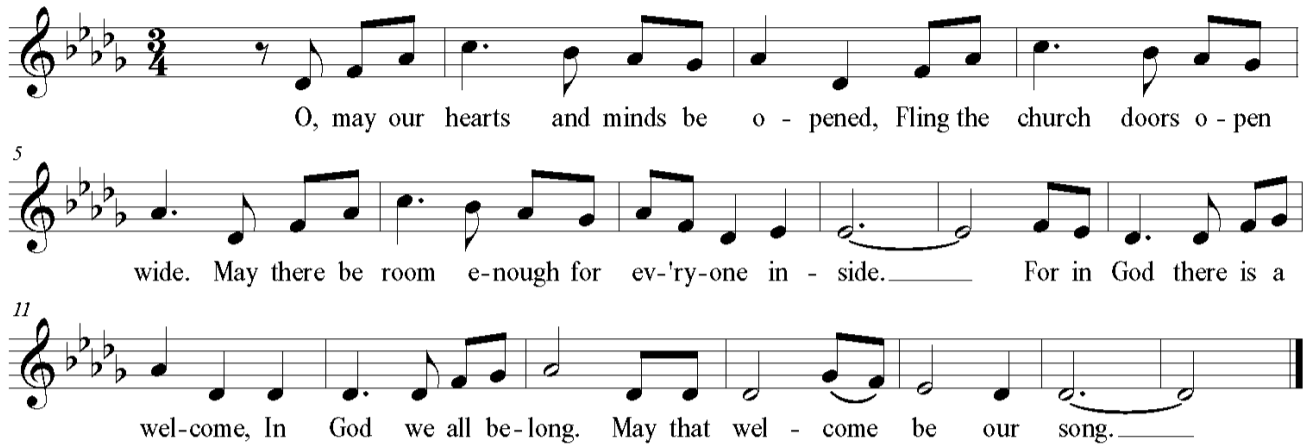
Rev. Hoeger

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Hoeger

Welcome Song

The children are invited to come forward during this song.



O, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, Fling the church doors o - pen
5 wide. May there be room e-nough for ev-'ry-one in - side. For in God there is a
11 wel-come, In God we all be-long. May that wel - come be our song.

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Time With Children

Rev. Hoeger

Anthem

Sisi Ni Moja (We Are One)
Jacob Narverud

Sanctuary Choir
Guests from Wilson Choir

The children are invited to Funday Sunday in the Ramsay Dining Room.

Scripture

Matthew 9:35-10:8
From the Common English Bible, adapted

Robert Stapp

Jesus traveled among all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, announcing the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness. Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were troubled and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The size of the harvest is bigger than you can imagine, but there are few workers. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for the harvest.”

Then Jesus called his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to throw them out and to heal every disease and every sickness. Here are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, who is called Peter; and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee; and John his brother; Philip; and Bartholomew; Thomas; and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus; and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean; and Judas, who betrayed Jesus.

Jesus sent these twelve out and commanded them, “Don’t go among the Gentiles or into a Samaritan city. Go instead to the lost sheep, the people of

Israel. As you go, make this announcement: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those with skin diseases, and throw out demons. You received without having to pay. Therefore, give without demanding payment.'

Contemporary Reading

Sabbath Poem X
By Wendell Berry

Robert Stapp

Whatever is foreseen in joy
Must be lived out from day to day.
Vision held open in the dark
By our ten thousand days of work.
Harvest will fill the barn; for that
The hand must ache, the face must sweat.

And yet no leaf or grain is filled
By work of ours; the field is tilled
And left to grace. That we may reap,
Great work is done while we're asleep.

When we work well, a Sabbath mood
Rests on our day, and finds it good.

Special Music

You've Got to be Carefully Taught
Rogers & Hammerstein, arr. Heard

Lisa Bode Heard, vocalist
Curtis Heard, piano

Sermon

Sent to Harvest

Rev. Malleis-Sternberg

Hymn, No. 360

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'
(We Are Marching in the Light of God)
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Prayers of the People

Rev. Hoeger

Our Common Prayer

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the people of the earth!
With the bread we need today, feed us.
For the hurts we inflict on one another, forgive us.**

**In the time of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For your reign is in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.**

Offering

Invitation to Give

Robert Stapp

Offertory

Flute Piece
William Hine

Dr. Dickey

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***Doxology:** Old Hundredth (Hymn No. 7)
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God with all the hosts above;
Praise God in wonder, joy and love.**

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Hoeger

***Recessional Hymn, No. 355** God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian
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***Benediction**

Rev. Malleis-Sternberg

***Benediction Response**

Radical Love
Datsko/Heard

Sanctuary Choir

Postlude Amazing Grace (New Britain) from "Three Hymn Settings" Dr. Dickey
Curtis Heard

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First Church has both assistive listening devices and noise-blocking headphones available to borrow for services. Please see one of the Diaconate, ushering in the entry

to the church, to borrow one of these assists or to ask any other questions about available accommodations. Thank you!

The sanctuary flowers this morning are provided by Pat and Bob Kalayjian in celebration of our church community.

Parish Concerns

Please remember in your prayers: The loved ones of Trisha Pappas; Laura McCrary; Pam Chapin; Steve Batstone; Victoria Bryant and family; Kirsten Pickus; Jim Heard; David McMillin; Dale Whitney; Marion Hinze; Wayne Hester; Joanne Paine; and Aida Porteneuve.

To submit joys and concerns for inclusion in the bulletin and the newsletter and to subscribe to the newsletter, contact the office: office@firstchurchlb.org.

Birthdays This Week – Happy Birthday!

15 - David Plowman, Karen Santa Cruz, Nancy Valencia

16 - Joan Greenwood

19 - Mattea Fisher

20 - Debbie Klar Bond, Jade Dodgen

The Summons

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



your name? ___ Will you go where you don't know and
 your name? ___ Will you care for cruel and kind and
 your name? ___ Will you set the pris - oners free and
 your name? ___ Will you quell the fear in - side and
 my name. ___ Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? ___ Will you let my love be
 nev - er be the same? ___ Will you risk the hos - tile
 nev - er be the same? ___ Will you kiss the lep - er
 nev - er be the same? ___ Will you use the faith you've
 nev - er be the same. ___ In your com - pa - ny I'll



shown, _ will you let my name be known, _ will you
 stare ___ should your life at - tract or scare? ___ Will you
 clean, ___ and do such as this un - seen, ___ and ad -
 found ___ to re - shape the world a - round, ___ through my
 go ___ where your love and foot - steps show. ___ Thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me? ___
 let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me? ___
 mit to what I mean in you and you in me? ___
 sight and touch and sound in you and you in me? ___
 move and live and grow in you and you in me. ___

WORDS: John Bell
 MUSIC: Traditional Scottish

KELVINGROVE
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Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'

(We Are Marching in the Light of God)

Ps. 89:15

South African freedom song; transl. Freedom Is Coming, 1984

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-khos', si - ya -
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are

hamb' e - ku - kha-nyen' kwen-khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
 march-ing in the light of God. We are march-ing in the

nyen' kwen - khos', Si - ya - ham - ba,
 kha - nyen' kwen-khos', ham - ba, si - ya -
 light of God. We are march-ing,
 the light of God. march-ing, we are

Oo, si - ya - hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwen-khos'.
 ham - ba, ham - ba,
 Oo, we are march-ing in the light of God.
 march-ing, march-ing,

Last time, end

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God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

Gen. 2:7; John 10:11-16

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1987

1 God the Spir - it, guide and guard - ian, wind - sped
 2 Christ our Sav - ior, sov - ereign, shep - herd, Word made
 3 Great Cre - a - tor, life - be - stow - er, truth be -
 4 Tri - une God, mys - te - rious be - ing, un - di -

flame and hov - ering dove, Breath of life and voice of
 flesh, love cru - ci - fied, Teach - er, heal - er, suf - fering
 yond all thought's re - call, Fount of wis - dom, womb of
 vid - ed and di - verse, Deep - er than our minds can

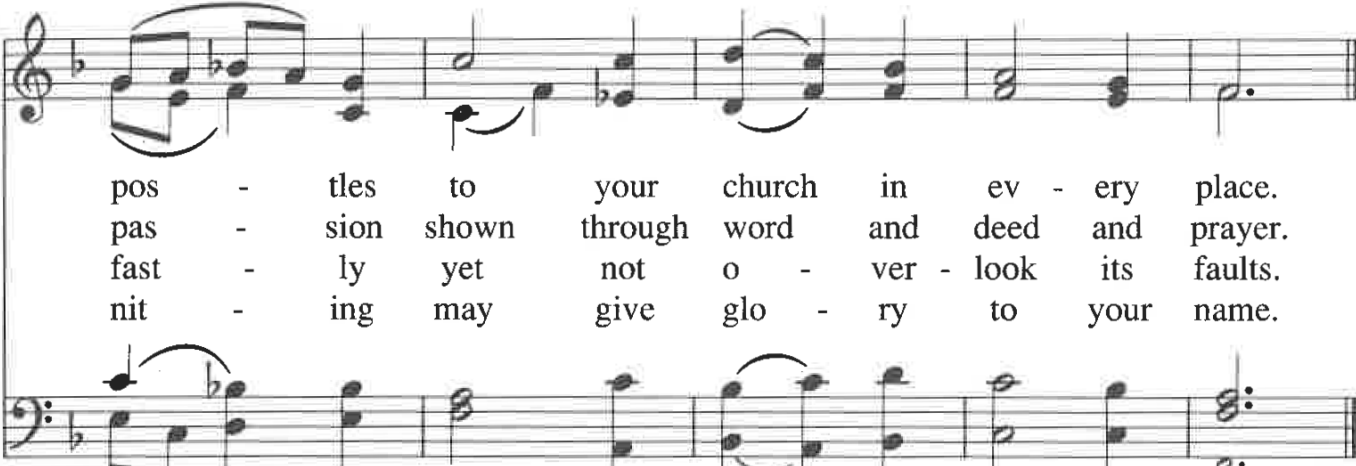
proph - ets, sign of bless - ing, power of love: Give to
 ser - vant, friend of sin - ners, foe of pride: In your
 mer - cy, giv - ing and for - giv - ing all: As you
 fath - om, great - er than our creeds re - hearse: Help us

those who lead your peo - ple fresh a - noint - ing
 tend - ing may all pas - tors* learn and live a
 know our strength and weak - ness, so may those the
 in our var - ied call - ings your full im - age

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of your grace; Send them forth as bold a -
shep - herd's care; Grant them cour - age and com -
church ex - alts O - ver - see its life stead -
to pro - claim, That our min - is - tries u -



pos - tles to your church in ev - ery place.
pas - sion shown through word and deed and prayer.
fast - ly yet not o - ver - look its faults.
nit - ing may give glo - ry to your name.

This Week at First Church

Sunday, June 14

- 8:45 AM Adult Education – Pownall Room
- 9:30 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Service of Celebration – Sanctuary & [YouTube.com/1stchurch](https://www.youtube.com/1stchurch)
Funday Sunday – Ramsay Dining Room
- 1:30 PM UCO Drop-In Center – Patterson Hall

Monday, June 15

- 10:00 AM Archives Group – Ramsay Dining Room
- 7:00 PM UCO Board Meeting – Zoom
BHPS Meeting – Zoom

Tuesday, June 16

- 10:00 AM Senior Coffee & Conversation – Koinonia Room
- 1:00 PM Library Team Meeting - Koinonia Room
- 7:00 PM Budget Committee Meeting – Zoom

Wednesday, June 17

- 7:00 PM Social Justice Book Club – Zoom

Thursday, June 18

- 5:00 PM DAYS Leaders LB – Ramsay Dining Room
- 6:00 PM Bellissimo Rehearsal – Bell Room
- 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Friday, June 19

- 1:30 PM DAYS Grocery Program – Patterson Hall & Potholder Lot

Saturday, June 20

- 9:00 AM Paddler's Group – Bayshore
- 9:30 AM Golf Group – Off-site at a local golf course
- 10:00 AM UCO Food Drive – Maple Way Alley

Sunday, June 21

- 8:45 AM Adult Education – Pownall Room
- 9:30 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Service of Celebration – Sanctuary & [YouTube.com/1stchurch](https://www.youtube.com/1stchurch)
Funday Sunday – Ramsay Dining Room
- 11:30 AM Women's Group – Pownall Room & Zoom
- 1:00 PM Legacy Giving Forum – Pownall Room
- 1:30 PM UCO Drop-In Center – Patterson Hall

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LONG BEACH

2026 FUNDAY SUNDAYS

10AM Worship Service

10:20AM Funday Sunday (during worship)

Each Sunday, after the Time with Children, preschool through 5th graders will get the opportunity to participate in our Funday Sundays! Middle and High Schoolers are invited to help lead activities and participate as well.

June 14 - Board and Group Games

June 21 - Cooking Sunday

June 28 - Improv and Minute-to-Win-It Sunday

July 5- Peace Sunday with BOSJO

July 12 - Woodworking Sunday

July 19 - Potions Sunday

July 26 - Line Dancing Sunday

August 2 - Tie Dye Sunday

August 9 - Creative Art Sunday

August 16 - Science Adventure Sunday

August 23 - God's Eyes & Bracelets Sunday

August 30 - Water Fun & BubbleFest

September 6 - Candle Making Sunday



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