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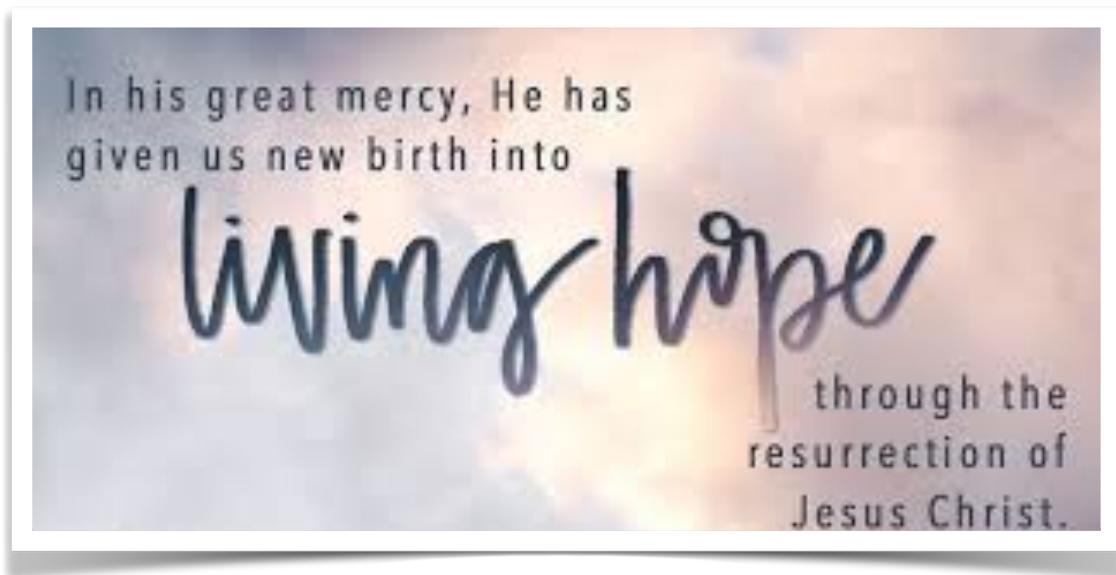
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## *Third Sunday After Epiphany*



**Exploring God's mercy and grace can inspire genuine transformation in our lives, guiding us beyond a surface-level faith and toward a more meaningful connection with Him.**

**Today's Message: *Born From Above: Called to Renewal***

**Rev. Alma Johnson-Hawkins**

*Worship Service*

10:00 AM

Sunday, January 25, 2026

## Order of Worship

### Welcome

#### Centering Words

Ms. Aaleia Davis, Liturgist

God knows each of us personally because He created us completely. He formed us while we were still in our mother's womb. In quiet moments of reflection, we should praise Him for how wonderfully we are made. His works are amazing, and we should embrace that promise and truth. (Based on Psalm 139:13-14)

#### \*Opening Song

*Every Praise*

Congregation

#### \*Call to Worship

Liturgist

L=Leader, C=Congregation

L: People of God, we gather before the One who gives new birth by His Spirit.

C: **We come as those who long to be born from above, renewed in heart and mind.**

L: Not by our own strength, but by God's mercy, we are invited into a new beginning.

C: **We leave behind empty routines and shallow faith. We come seeking a living encounter with the living God.**

L: The Spirit of God is ever-present, awakening faith, stirring hope, and calling us to worship.

C: **Lord, open our hearts to Your Spirit. Make us new as we lift our praise to You.**

L: **Come, let us worship the God who calls us out of darkness into His marvelous light.**

ALL: **Come, let us worship the God who calls us out of darkness into His marvelous light. Amen.**

#### \*Opening Prayer:

Pastor Alma

#### Inspirational Praise:

*Spirit Break Out*

*You Are My Strength*

Congregation

#### \*Affirmation of Faith:

Congregation

### Life Together:

**1st Wednesday Lunch and Bible Basics** ~ Our next **1st Wednesday lunch is scheduled for February 4, 2026**, at 12:30 pm in Sutton Hall. Participants will share perspectives and learn biblical facts about evil in the world. Genesis 6:5-7 is the foundation for our discussion. Bring a friend next month.

**Ash Wednesday** ~ There will be a service on February 18, 2026, at 6:30 pm. Lenten Devotionals will be available.

**Brown Memorial AME\* Family and Friends Day** ~ Scheduled for February 2026, on either the third or fourth Sunday afternoon, Pastor Alma will be the preacher for the occasion. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to share the strength of our faithful witness. I encourage our congregational choir, ushers, and officers to attend in celebration of family and friends. [ \*1281 Sunset Ave., Pasadena, CA 91103 ]

**Visionary Outreach Ministry** ~ Sharing Christ's light in our community is essential. You are invited to join Pastor Alma in prayer for guidance and revelations from the Holy Spirit to sustain and enhance our existing ministry. Take a moment to reflect on how God may be calling you to participate. January is the month of prayer; February will be a time to gather those interested in serving in this ministry; and in March, we will consider relaunching this evangelism-focused ministry.

**Faith Readers: Bible Reading and Book Study** ~ It's not too late to decide to participate. "Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul." (3 John 12 NRSVue). This verse serves as a prayer for the nurturing of the soul when it feels burdened. Join us on Thursday, January 29, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. as we discuss John Ortberg's insights on nurturing your soul, focusing on Chapters 6 and 7. [ **Zoom Meeting ID 859 5913-3345 ~ Meeting Passcode: 552825 ~ Dial-in: 669-900-6833** ].

**Request for Pastoral Care** ~ If you or someone you know needs pastoral care, please don't hesitate to reach out. You may call or send a direct message to Pastor Alma at 626-755-4026 to share your needs and concerns.

**Monday Morning Prayer Group** ~ Every Monday at 8:00 a.m. [Zoom Meeting ID: 823 4274 8470 ~ Meeting Passcode: 700091 ~ Dial in: 669-900-6833]. Consider bringing your prayer request in person on Monday morning.

**Pastor's Online Bible Study** ~ Led by Rev. C. Hawkins, at 1:00 p.m. [Zoom Meeting ID: 891 2370 4246 ~ Meeting Passcode: ~ 183551 ~ Dial in: 669-900 6833].

**Friday Evening Online Bible Study** ~ Led by Ms. Labarbara Madison, at 7:00 p.m. [Zoom Meeting ID: 575 251 3265, wait for the host to grant entrance to the meeting]

**Greetings of Friendship and Peace:** Wise seekers were led to the Savior. May God's Spirit guide your steps, reveal His truth, and warm your heart with His presence.

**Liturgist:** The peace of the Lord, the Light to all nations, be with you and remain with you always.

**All:** And also with You

**Liturgist:** Let us give thanks to God as we greet one another in this spirit of freedom and peace.

**Prayer Song:** *Something About That Name* **Congregation**

## **Intercessory Prayers for the People**      **Prayer Ministry**

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession:** Liturgist

*Let us come before God in adoration and confession because He is gracious and always ready to forgive.*  
**[Unison]** **Holy and gracious God, We adore You, for You are faithful and unchanging.** You spoke light into darkness and formed us in love. You know our thoughts, our worries, and our deepest hopes. You are merciful and just, slow to anger and rich in steadfast love. There is no one like You— You heal the brokenhearted, You lift up the weary, You call us by name and claim us as Your own. We praise You for Your goodness, Your patience, and Your never-failing grace. Yet, Lord, in Your presence we confess our sin. We have trusted our own understanding more than Your wisdom. We have chased comfort and convenience, ignoring the needs of those around us. We have spoken words that wound, held on to resentment, and turned away from opportunities to do justice and show mercy. Forgive us, O God. Forgive the sins we remember and those we have forgotten, the sins we confess and the ones we hide. Renew in us a right spirit. Open our hearts to Your Holy Spirit, that we may be born from above— transformed in mind, softened in heart, and strengthened to walk in Your ways. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **Words of Assurance:** Pastor Alma

*Friends hear the good news of your salvation and receive this promise: God did not send His Son into the world to pass judgment on it, but rather so that the world could be saved through Him. When we acknowledge the truth that our need for God, who is just, compassionate, and forgiving, we are renewed and made whole.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Song of Celebration:** *Every Time I Feel The Spirit* **Congregation**

**Scripture Reading:** "Listen to the word of God, knowing His Kingdom is near," **Ms. Alva Mayo**

New Testament Gospel John 3:1-21 (NRSVue)

Reader: This is the Word of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

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Message: Born From Above: Called to Renewal Pastor Anna

## **Responding to the Word: Invitation to Discipleship /**

## *Invitation to Discipleship / Student Reflection*

**Offering / Doxology:** Ushers

**Closing Song:** *Because He Lives* **Congregation**

**Sending for Service and Benediction:** **Pastor Anna**

Stand as you are able and as you wish

*“Bring a Friend to Worship Next Sunday!”*

## Monday Morning Intercessory Prayers

Beverly Wallace  
Tonice Hall

Joyce Archie  
Ollie Carr

Doris Spratlen  
Lois Young

Betty Ford  
Suzanne Williams

Grace Scarlett  
Solomon Grimmett Jr

Diane Boston  
Amber Boston  
Kim Barr

Seniors  
experiencing a  
decline in mobility

Ray Hairston  
And  
Family

Naasire  
Meitzenhtimer  
(Study in Thailand)

Candidates in Cal-  
Pac applying for  
clergy orders

Mildred Moore  
(Hospice)

The Banks Family  
Stella Mendoza's  
Family

Kelly Cowherd  
Kathy Cowherd

Victims of violence

Family Members &  
care providers

Kiana Felix  
and  
Family

Leaders of all  
Nations

All Clergy and  
Ministry Leaders

Young Christians  
distracted from the  
faith

Adult children, now  
caregivers, for their  
parents

*We pray for the Church and her leaders: may they boldly proclaim the Gospel, guide God's people with wisdom and compassion, and be steadfast witnesses of Christ's love.*

*We pray for families: that homes may be places of faith, forgiveness, and encouragement, where God's Word is lived daily, and children grow in holiness, hope, and trust in the Lord.*

*We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit: that the Lord may grant them healing, courage, and peace, and that we may be attentive and generous in offering them our support and care.*

*We pray for peace and justice in our communities and throughout the world: that God may turn hearts from violence and hatred, and inspire leaders to work together for the common good, especially for the most vulnerable.*

*We pray for those who feel lost, discouraged, or far from God: that they may experience the mercy of Christ, find their way back to Him through the Church, and discover renewed purpose and joy in His presence.*

*We pray that our local church grow in holiness, unity, and missionary enthusiasm, using our gifts in the service of others as a sign of God's kingdom in our lives.*

*Lord, receive these prayers and fill us with the light of Christ. Open our hearts to Your love and strengthen our relationship with You. Grant us Your mercy and the strength to serve those in need, making Your love tangible in their lives. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

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Rev. Garth Gilliam**

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Rev. Alma Johnson-Hawkins, Pastor  
Ms. Megan Pinnock, Lay Leader**

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Ms. Pauline Drummond, Visual Media  
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