

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# W O R S H I P

Holy Communion • First Sunday in Lent • March 5, 2017



Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

— Matthew 4:1

---

## WE GATHER

### WELCOME

Tricia Lindley

PRELUDE When in the Hour of Utmost Need (J. S. Bach)

Ty Woodward, Organist

### \*CENTERING ON GOD

*Please stand and turn toward the cross in the center aisle.*

#484 United Methodist Hymnal – Kyrie Eleison

Psalm 32:1-7

#484 UMH – Kyrie Eleison

Larry Wilson, Lay Lector

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#269 UMH – Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

When we are lost in the wilderness,

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

When we complain about our problems,

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

When we ignore abundant provisions,

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

When we sneak around in the dark,

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

When questions loom and faith falters,

**God's steadfast love endures forever. God, in this time of worship may we release our failures and rest in your love.**

## \*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"Tis Love! 'tis Love! Thou diedst for me, I hear Thy whisper in my heart; the morning breaks, the shadows flee, pure, Universal love Thou art."

## \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*Please greet those worshipping near you.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Tricia Lindley

#191 UMH - Jesus Loves Me

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

*As the congregation sings, all children are invited to come forward.*

I Am a Child of God

**I am a child of God; You are God's child, it's true. Children of God are called to love one another, as Jesus taught to do.**

*As the congregation sings, the children may go to their Sunday School classes.*

## OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Rev. Robert English

We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship, for worship, and for service.

**Thanks be to God!**

---

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE GOSPEL Matthew 4:1-11 (Pew Bible page 3, N.T.)

Larry Wilson

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

## RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

May the words of my mouth,

**and the meditation of our hearts, be acceptable to you, our rock and our salvation. Amen.**

HOMILY "Authenticity/Courage/Compassion: In Search of the True Self"

Rev. English

---

## WE RESPOND

## WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

*Your generous gifts support the ministries and outreach of the church. You may place gifts of cash or checks made out to "First UMC" in the offering plates as they are passed. You may also place your Let's Connect/Let Us Pray card in the offering plate. Give online at any time at [www.santamonicaumc.org](http://www.santamonicaumc.org) or by using the QR code in the insert. Credit cards are now accepted at the Sunday Hospitality Table during Coffee Fellowship. Thank you. May God grow in us generous and joyful hearts.*

## THE OFFERTORY

The Chancel Choir/Dr. James Smith, Music Director

A Hymn to God the Father (John Ness Beck/words by John Donne, 1572-1631)

Wilt Thou forgive that sin where I begun, Which is my sin, though it were done before? Wilt Thou forgive that sin through which I run and do still run, though still I do deplore? When Thou hast done, Thou hast not done, for I have more. Wilt Thou forgive that sin which I have won others to sin, and made my sin their door? Wilt Thou forgive that sin which I did shun a year or two, but wallowed in a score? When Thou hast done, Thou hast not done, for I have more. I have a sin of fear that when I've spun my last thread, I shall perish on the shore; Swear by Thyself, that at my death Thy Son shall shine as He shines now and heretofore; And, having done that, thou hast done. I fear no more.

\*RESPONSE #95 UMH – The Doxology

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Tricia Lindley

**Compassionate God, you who reveal your power above all in your mercy and forgiveness, open us up by the power of your grace that we may know our authentic self in your abundant love. Give us courage to share from this place of plenty filled with your Spirit as we walk in the Way of Jesus. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*We will use the Musical Setting D on pages 23-24 in The United Methodist Hymnal. Gluten-free vegan wafers are available from the servers upon request. The Ushers will guide you in coming forward to receive the communion elements. You may pause at the kneeler to pray or be in silent prayer at your seat.*

#620 UMH – One Bread, One Body

#628 UMH – Eat This Bread

#618 UMH – Let Us Break Bread Together

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Patricia Farris

**God of extravagant life-giving love, you never leave us, but constantly cherish each of your children. Strengthen us by this meal to share that same love with all we meet, following in the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*HYMN #2208 The Faith We Sing – Guide My Feet

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Fugue in G minor - the "Little" (J. S. Bach)

Ty Woodward

*Worship concludes with the Postlude music which prepares us to transition from worship to life in the world. You are invited to remain seated until the Postlude concludes, or to exit quietly.*

FAMILY INFO

—Nursery Care is available at 9 a.m. in Room 204 in the Education Building. Parents with young children are welcome to worship in the sanctuary or in the Kids Zone in the narthex.

—A changing table is provided in the restroom located in the hallway west of the Fireside Room.

—First UMC takes the care and safety of children seriously. We are a Safe Sanctuary congregation.

WORSHIP INFO

—Please see an usher if you need information or assistance.

—After today's service, members of the Communion Server Ministry will be taking the communion elements to those who were unable to worship with us.

—Flowers: Dried floral arrangements at the reredos help to remind us of our Lenten Discipline during the season of Lent.

—Now is the time to donate toward the purchase of Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday morning sanctuary worship in celebration of a loved one, an event, a joy, or a remembrance. Stop by the Sunday Hospitality Table or call, email or mail your dedication (please print clearly) along with \$12 per plant to the church office. Deadline to order is April 9.

—To request a prayer, fill in a Let's Connect/Let Us Pray card and drop it in the offering plate during worship.

—If there are Prayer Quilts on the north wall of the sanctuary, you are invited to pray over and tie knots on the quilts.

—Stop by the Hospitality Table in Simkins Hall in The Shelby Center during Coffee Fellowship for information to ask whatever might be on your mind! We're here to serve you.

—Next Sunday: Rev. Patricia Farris will preach.

MISSIONS

—We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. In March bring canned fruits and vegetables.

—The Haiti Work Team is on their Mission Trip, working in the town of Sobiér.

—Look for the special Habitat for Humanity LA Lenten Devotional Calendar which you can pick up at the Sunday Welcome Table, and the Hospitality Table. This is a great way to combine support for Habitat Culver City with your Lenten spiritual practice.

*Resident Bishop*

**Bishop Grant J. Hagiya**

*West District Superintendent*

**Rev. Mark M. Nakagawa**

*Senior Minister*

**Rev. Patricia Farris**

p.farris@santamonicaumc.org

*New & Emerging Ministries*

**Rev. Robert English**

r.english@santamonicaumc.org

*Chaplain in Residence*

**Rev. Keri Olsen**

k.olsen@santamonicaumc.org

*Director of Children & Youth Ministry*

**Tricia Lindley**

t.lindley@santamonicaumc.org

*Business Administrator*

**Christina Eddy**

c.eddy@santamonicaumc.org

*Congregation Care Visitor*

**Anne Premer**

a.premer@santamonicaumc.org

*Preschool Director*

**Batsheva Spector**

b.spector@santamonicaumc.org

*Assistant to the Preschool Director*

**Dane Rold**

d.rolld@santamonicaumc.org

*Music Director*

**Dr. James Smith**

*Organist*

**Ty Woodward**

*Lead Coordinator*

**Sarah Rold**

s.rolld@santamonicaumc.org

*Membership and Facilities*

*Coordinator*

**David Penson**

d.penson@santamonicaumc.org

*Communications Director*

**Tina Gage**

t.gage@santamonicaumc.org

*Communications Coordinator*

**Shalimar Carducci**

s.carducci@santamonicaumc.org

*Head Custodian*

**Javier Espinosa**

God is real. God is love. ■ Every person matters. You matter. ■ Together we can change the world.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of SANTA MONICA**

1008 Eleventh Street, Santa Monica, CA 90403 www.santamonicaumc.org · 310-393-8258

March 5, 2017

by Rev. Robert English, New & Emerging Ministries

simple church is a new worshipping community of First UMC. We exist to cultivate calm, centered and compassionate lives at 5 p.m. on Sunday evenings in the Chapel. The worship gathering is quiet, contemplative and traditional, but also informal with music by Jack McHugh (piano) and Holly Pitrago (vocals). I share a reflection on the scripture each week in a conversational style. After my talk there is some space for other members of the community to share their engagement with the scripture. We celebrate communion each week.

So why did we launch simple church?

1. To create a simple and meaningful opportunity for spiritual community outside of Sunday morning at 10 a.m. worship in order to reach new people in our neighborhood.
2. To offer our congregation an alternative worship experience in case your schedule prevents you from worshipping on Sunday mornings because of kids birthday parties, soccer, time with the grandkids, or any other number of life priorities.
3. Because we believe our congregation is more vital and more vibrant when we offer different ways to encounter God's grace in Jesus Christ and grow in the bonds of Christian love.

If you've never come to simple church before, make it part of your Lenten practice. It may not be your "thing" but it could be for your neighbor, co-worker, child or friend who, for whatever reason, do not come to sanctuary worship.

**simple church: Sundays, 5 p.m. in the Chapel**

**simple church Easter Vigil:** Join us for an ancient liturgy (worship) service of light, word and table (communion), where we remember God's life-giving acts from the passage from slavery to freedom, from sin to salvation, from death into new life. The service will begin in the courtyard with a procession of light moving into our chapel.

**Saturday April 15 at 7:30 p.m., Courtyard/Chapel**



## WORSHIP & PRAYER

Sunday 10 a.m. **Sanctuary Worship**  
 Sunday 5 p.m. **simple church**  
*simple church theme: going with-in to live with-out: temptation*

## MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK

**Today - First Sunday in Lent**

**Wednesday, March 8**

12:10 p.m. Mid-Week Recital/Reception, S/FR

**Saturday, March 11**

9 a.m. Wise & Healthy Aging Caregiver U, OS

4 p.m. Messy Church, Chapel/SH

**Sunday, March 12 - Second Sunday in Lent • Haiti**

*Work Team returns • Daylight Saving Time begins*

*(Set your clocks FORWARD Saturday night)*

11 a.m. St. Patrick's Day Luncheon, SH

# Lent 2017

AUTHENTICITY • COMPASSION • COURAGE

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

**Children: Sunday School this Week**

March Theme: Jesus Shows Love

Bible Verse: John 13:34

"I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you must also love each other."

Anchor Point: Jesus shows us how to love each other.

March 5: The Ten Lepers - Luke 17:11-19

**UMYF: This Sunday**

6:15-8:30 p.m. in Youth Lounge

Program: Courage Part 3

*The youth ministry at First UMC is a safe, Christ centered environment where youth can gain tools to help them explore and grow in their faith.*

*Activities are designed to nurture relationships and build a strong, loving community. This is a place of acceptance, outreach and spirituality.*

## FELLOWSHIP /COMMUNITY

**March Mid-Week Recital - Wednesday**

March's recital features Taro Wayama, guitar, and David Lee Ruest, violin. FREE Concert Wednesday, March 8, 12:10 - 12:40 p.m., Sanctuary. Reception follows for the artists in the Fireside Room.

**Caregiver U - This Saturday**

Wise and Healthy Aging presents Caregiver U, a free community event for family and working caregivers.

Contact Anne Premer for more info: a.premer@santamonicaumc.org. Saturday March 11, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Ken Edwards Center (1527 4th St. Santa Monica)  
*Free validated parking below building.*

**Messy Church - Celebrating 1 Year!**

Messy Church is a monthly worship where we learn about God's love through crafts, activities, story and a shared meal. This month's theme: *Lent: A New Start*. Plus we will celebrate our 1 year anniversary as a Messy Church with a messy birthday cake! Invite your friends and family and be ready to get messy! Saturday March 11, 4 - 6 p.m. Chapel and Simkins Hall.

**St. Patrick's Day Luncheon - Next Sunday**

Women of Action invites everyone to the 18th annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon. The cost of \$8 per person includes lunch and a robust and rousing sing-along, with gaily Gaelic piano. Children are welcome and will be provided materials to create seasonal crafts. Children under 5 will be admitted free. Don't forget to wear green! Sunday March 12, 11 a.m. in Simkins Hall.

## MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

**Habitat for Humanity**

Look for the special Habitat for Humanity LA Lenten Devotional Calendar which you can pick up at the Sunday Welcome Table, and the Hospitality Table. Combine support for Habitat Culver City with your Lenten spiritual practice.

**Save the Date: Red Cross Community Blood Drive**

Sunday April 23, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Simkins Hall. For more information, questions, or to volunteer, contact Dorothy Williams (dorothywil@gmail.com).

For our full calendar of this month's events, including weekly group meetings, pick up a copy of the Sentinel located in the Narthex, or go to our website: [www.santamonicaumc.org/calendar](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/calendar).