

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP

7th Sunday after Epiphany • Children's Church • February 19, 2017



Be perfect, as God is perfect.

— Matthew 5:48

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Rev. Robert English

PRELUDE Be Thou My Vision (arr. Gordon Young)

Ty Woodward, Organist

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #451 United Methodist Hymnal – Be Thou My Vision

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dan Stirling, Lay Lector

You, O God, make the sun rise on the evil and on the good.

You send the rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous.

Give us grace to follow your example and show kindness to friend and enemy,

That we may live as your children who testify to your all-inclusive love.

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power. Amen and Amen!"

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dan Stirling

Please greet those worshipping near you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Ron Theile

#2233 The Faith We Sing – Where Children Belong

**This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's word, bread and cup, prayer and song: This is where children belong.**

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 Children's Church in the Chapel.

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Rev. English

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

Thanks be to God!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE LESSON Psalm 119 with sung response 3 (UMH pp. 840-842)

Dan Stirling

THE GOSPEL Matthew 5:38-48 (Pew Bible page 5, N.T.)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Perfection in Love's Light"

Tricia Lindley

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #2179 TFWS – Live in Charity

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Rev. English

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE

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 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. Jim Smith, Director

Antiphon *from* Five Mystical Songs (Ralph Vaughan Williams)

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King. The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly, the earth is not too low, His praises there may grow, let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King. The Church with Psalms must shout, no door can keep them out: but above all, the heart must bear the longest part. Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. English

God of wisdom, give us understanding, that we may observe your law of love. Lead us in the path of righteousness and teach us to delight in your way. Turn our hearts to your word and help us forsake selfish gain. Confirm your promise in our hearts and lead us to eternal life with Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN #164 UMH – Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Prelude and Fugue in F (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.

—Flowers: With love from the church staff team to Adam Guerrero and Tricia Lindley on their engagement. May God bless and keep you and fill your hearts with joy!

—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: Commissioning of the 2017 Haiti Work Team. Todd and Sherry Erlandson will preach.

MISSIONS

—We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. In February bring tuna.

—The First UMC 2017 Haiti Work Team is preparing for their upcoming trip March 3-12. To give, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/haiti, or make checks to First UMC with "Haiti Mission Team" on the memo line. All proceeds directly benefit Haiti.

—The Haiti Mission Team departs March 3. Please pray over and tie a knot in the prayer squares on the table along the north wall; each member of the team will take a prayer square with them.

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

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Haiti Mission Trip



Every year since the devastating 7.0 earthquake in 2010 near Port-au-Prince, First UMC has sent a work team to serve in the country of Haiti. In collaboration with our Haitian Methodist partners, our efforts thus far have made tangible progress in rebuilding churches, schools and homes. We believe that our biggest impact in the rebuilding effort in Haiti, however, is in giving hope and building relationships with our fellow Haitian brothers and sisters in Christ.

The 2017 Haiti Work Team is comprised of: Jason Beckerman, Bonnie Bennetts, Shalimar Carducci, Jan Hanley, Jim Kirtley, Dan Nessel, Greg Moul, John Pfister, Leaders: Todd & Sherry Erlandson.

We need your support!

Each team member covers their own travel expenses; therefore, 100% of all donations raised will make a direct impact on Haiti such as:

- Purchasing site building materials
- Employing Haitian laborers
- Employing Haitian translators, drivers, guesthouse cook & staff - 3 Haitian people are employed for every 1 volunteer sent!

Ways to Give

- Give online: www.santamonicaumc.org/haiti
- Make checks to First UMC, Memo: Haiti Work Team
- Save your loose change and bring to church for "Pennies for Haiti," today, and next Sunday after worship, in Simkins Hall.

Donations are 100% tax-deductible

Stories of Grace

After the team returns, all are invited to a **Report Back Luncheon** to hear the team share their experiences in Haiti.
Sunday March 19, 11 a.m., Simkins Hall in The Shelby Center

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WORSHIP & PRAYER

Sunday 10 a.m. **Sanctuary Worship**
 Sunday 5 p.m. **simple church**
simple church theme: why Jesus' love is better than a Hallmark Card

MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK**Today**

11 a.m. Pennies for Haiti Fundraiser, SH
 11 a.m. Free Blood Pressure Screenings, SH
 2:30 p.m. Walk the Labyrinth, SH

Monday, February 20 - Presidents Day,
Campus closed

2 p.m. Presidents Day Organ Festival/Reception,
 S/SH

Thursday, February 23

5 p.m. Family Place Community Meal, Off-site

Saturday, February 25

2 p.m. Tom Harmon Memorial/Reception, S/SH

Sunday, February 26 - Commissioning of the Haiti
Work Team

11 a.m. Pennies for Haiti Fundraiser, SH

11:30 a.m. Book Study/Potluck, FR

CHILDREN & YOUTH**Children: Children's Church**

Following the Children's Message in worship, the children will be guided to the Chapel for music and movement and then to Room 300 for snacks and crafts. Parents may pick up in Room 300.

UMYF: This Sunday

6:15-8:30 p.m. in Youth Lounge
 Minute-to-Win-It game night - bring friends!

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**Presidents Day Organ Festival - Tomorrow**

The Los Angeles Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, which includes former resident organist Christoph Bull, will be coming to First UMC on Presidents Day for their annual organ festival! The festival will take place at 4 venues, starting at 9 a.m. at Parish of St. Matthew. First UMC is the last stop, with the concert beginning about 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Christoph Bull will perform around 2:45 p.m. followed by a reception in Simkins Hall. There is no charge for this event at any of the venues.

Book-of-the-Month Study/Potluck - Next Sunday

The February book is *Would You Baptize an Extraterrestrial? ...and Other Questions from the Astronomers' In-Box at the Vatican Observatory* by Guy Consolmagno & Paul Mueller. Brother Consolmagno and Father Mueller, both Jesuits and PhDs, are scientists at the Vatican Observatory, the official astronomical research institute of the Catholic Church. This book, in the form of a dialogue, muses on the great variety of actual questions they receive in the course of their work. Written in a conversational tone, this book "will make you laugh, make you think, and make you reflect more deeply on science, faith and the nature of the universe." Book available at the Sunday Hospitality Table. Bring a dish to share. Sunday, February 26, 11:30 a.m., Fireside Room.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**Family Place Community Meal**

simple church hosts a monthly potluck for Family Place. A program of Upward Bound House, Family Place provides transitional housing for families with minor children in crisis. The potluck feeds about 30-40 adults & children. We serve buffet style and eat as one community! Please share and invite your friends to this wonderful gathering. Contact: r.english@santamonicaumc.org. to sign up to bring a dish, or set-up/clean up. Thursday, February 23, 5-7 p.m. at Family Place (1020 12th St., SM)

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.