

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
WORSHIP

5th Sunday after Epiphany • February 5, 2017



"...let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to God in heaven."

— Matthew 5:16

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WE GATHER

WELCOME

Tricia Lindley

PRELUDE

Ty Woodward, Organist

The Peace May Be Exchanged *from* Rubrics (Dan Locklair)

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #185 United Methodist Hymnal – When Morning Gilds the Skies

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Matt Crawford

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts.

**You have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, hands to serve you, and voices to sing your praise.**

Fill us with your Spirit.

**Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!**

\*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"Eternal light, shine in our hearts, eternal hope, lift up our eyes, eternal pow'r, be our support; eternal wisdom make us wise"

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*Please greet those worshipping near you.*

As a courtesy to others, please silence all cell phones/sound-making devices. \*Asterisks indicate standing if you are able.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Tricia Lindley

#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 their Sunday School classes.*

## OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Rev. Patricia Farris

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

**Thanks be to God!**

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## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE LESSON Isaiah 58:1-12 (Pew Bible page 688-689, O.T.)

Matt Crawford

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

THE GOSPEL Matthew 5:13-16 (Pew Bible page 4, N.T.)

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HOMILY "Salt and Light"

Rev. Farris

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## 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/Ty Woodward, Directing

Hasten Thy Kingdom (Joseph Roff)

O God, who hast made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the whole earth, and didst send Thy blessed Son to preach peace to them that are far off, and to them that are nigh; grant that all men ev'rywhere may seek after Thee and find Thee. Bring the nations into Thy fold. Pour out Thy spirit, upon all flesh, and hasten Thy kingdom; through the same Thy son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

\*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Keri Olsen

**God of light and love, we offer our gifts so that the Good News may be experienced by people in our community and around the world. We ask that these gifts, and our lives, will preach the gospel of your love. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*We will use the Musical Setting beginning on page 2257 in The Faith We Sing 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.*

#2261 TFWS – Life-giving Bread

#2155 TFWS – Blest Are They

#2197 TFWS – Lord of All Hopefulness

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## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Farris

**Gracious God, in the gift of Christ Jesus, you scatter the fears that bind us and set us free to live as your children. Give us courage and conviction, that we may joyfully follow you into new adventures of faithful service, led by the light that shines through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

\*HYMN #2190 TFWS – Bring Forth the Kingdom

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Prelude in Classic Style (Gordon Young)

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: In celebration of the birth of Amelia Grace English to Robert and Allison and big sister, Olivia, with love from the church office staff.

—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 prayer 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. Larry Young 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](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/haiti), or make checks to First UMC with "Haiti Mission Team" on the memo line. All proceeds directly benefit Haiti.

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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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## Communion Servers

Each month when communion is offered in church, members of the Communion Server Ministry take communion out to those who cannot be present during the service. The elements that have been consecrated in the service are offered, and an abridged service, prepared by Rev. Farris, is conducted. By including others, we expand the Table of the Lord to include those who cannot be present in body.

This service is available to anyone in the congregation, not just those who are homebound or in a care facility long-term; anyone who is laid up and unable to come for any reason is welcome to join us this way. Please call the office as far in advance as you can to arrange this. Also, if you know someone in the congregation who might want communion, please contact one of the clergy or the office.

Those volunteers who are involved in this ministry feel blessed in being able to serve in this way. In the breaking of bread and the partaking of the wine we are united in the body of Christ and truly experience his presence. If you are interested in becoming a communion server, please contact one of the clergy or the church office.

**WORSHIP & PRAYER**

Sunday 10 a.m. **Sanctuary Worship**  
 Sunday 5 p.m. **simple church**  
*No simple church today.*

**MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday, February 7**

7 p.m. Habitat for Humanity Committee Meeting, FR

**Wednesday, February 8**

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

**Saturday, February 11**

4 p.m. Messy Church, Chapel/SH

**Sunday, February 12**

7 a.m. Upward Bound House Home Run for Kids, OS

11 a.m. Pennies for Haiti Fundraiser, Alcove



**CHILDREN & YOUTH**

**Children: Sunday School this Week**

February Theme: The Parables

Bible Verse: Luke 8:8

“Everyone who has ears should pay attention.”

Anchor Point: Parables teach us about God’s love.

February 5: The Sower - Luke 8:4-15

**UMYF: This Sunday**

SuperBowl Sunday! Come at 3:15 p.m. to watch kick-off, or anytime after. For those not so excited by football, we’ll have crafts, games and activities or bring homework to work on. Bring a snack to share!

*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**

**February Mid-Week Recital**

February’s recital features Junko Ueno Garret, piano. Junko is on the piano faculty at Occidental College. Born in Japan, she has captivated audiences around the world with her colorful tone, poetry, expressiveness, dynamic technique and wide range of repertoire. FREE Concert Wednesday February 8, 12:10 - 12:40 p.m., Sanctuary. Reception follows for artist in the Fireside Room.

**Messy Church**

Messy Church is a monthly worship where we learn about God’s love through crafts, activities, story and a shared meal. At Messy Church we grow in our relationship with God and with one another. Children, families, and adults of all ages are welcome to this worship experience. This month’s theme: **Messy Baptism**. Invite your friends and family and be ready to get messy! Saturday February 11, 4 - 6 p.m. Chapel and Simkins Hall.

**MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

**Home Run for Kids - Next Sunday**

Upward Bound House presents the 5th Annual Home Run for Kids Walk/Run in Brentwood. This year’s event expects to draw over 1,200 participants with all proceeds benefiting UBH. This is a great opportunity for kids and parents alike to work together to solve family homelessness. Before the race, look for the white First UMC tent, and attend a brief on-site worship service at 8 a.m. And, see the First UMC Youth Confirmation Class running as a team! Find out what it means to pray on your feet. Sunday February 12, beginning at 8 a.m. [www.homerunforkids.com](http://www.homerunforkids.com).

**Pennies for Haiti - Starting Today**

The Haiti Work Team will collect contributions of any size in a “Pennies for Haiti” fundraiser after worship today. Bring loose change, dollar bills, checks of any amount, or donate online, because every contribution matters. Thank you all for your support, prayers and contributions towards the Haiti Mission Trip. The team will be commissioned during worship February 26. Sundays, February 12,19, 26, Simkins Hall after worship.

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).