

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

W O R S H I P

Third Sunday in Lent • Children's Church • March 19, 2017



Just then Jesus' disciples came.
They were astonished that he was
speaking with a woman...."
—John 4:27a

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Tricia Lindley

PRELUDE Sheep May Safely Graze (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 95:6-7

#484 UMH – Kyrie Eleison

Dane Rold, Lay Lector

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #2236 The Faith We Sing – Gather Us In

* CALL TO WORSHIP

In these forty days of Lent, God leads us into a time of reflection and prayer.

You open our eyes, O God, to your presence in the world.

You free us to lead others to the radiant splendor of your mercy.

Be with us in these journey days, O God.

Make us those who are born fresh and loving, open to life and people, growth and new being.

Guide us to new living in Christ Jesus.

* CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay."

* 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

#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 Children's Church in the Chapel.

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Rev. Robert English

Moments for Mission

Dane Rold, Director of Children's After School Theater (C.A.S.T.)

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

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

The Chancel Choir/Dr. James Smith, Music Director

David Kossoff, Oboe

Be Thou My Vision (John Rutter)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, be all else but naught to me, save that thou art; be thou my best thought in the day and the night, both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word, be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord; be thou my great Father, and I thy true son; be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one. Be thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight; be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might; be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower: O raise thou me heavenward, great power of my power. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise: be thou mine inheritance now and always; be thou and thou only the first in my heart: O Sov'reign of heaven, my treasure thou art. High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun, O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won; great heart of mine own heart whatever befall, still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE GOSPEL John 4:5-30, 39-42 (Pew Bible pages 94-95, N.T.)

Dane Rold

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

SERMON "Shared Need"

Rev. Patricia Farris

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #2132 TFWS – You Who Are Thirsty

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Rev. English

SILENT PRAYER & PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With humble hearts we pray:

Lord, have mercy.

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. 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

Nearer, Still Nearer (arr. Dan Forrest)

Nearer, still nearer, close to Thy heart, draw me, my Saviour, so precious Thou art; Fold me, O fold me close to Thy breast, shelter me safe in that "Haven of Rest." Nearer, still nearer, nothing I bring, naught as an off'ring to Jesus my King, only my sinful, now contrite heart, grant me the cleansing Thy blood doth impart. Nearer, still nearer, while life shall last. 'Til safe in glory my anchor is cast, through endless ages, ever to be, nearer, my Savior, still nearer to Thee! Nearer, close to Thee!

* **RESPONSE #95 UMH – The Doxology**

* **UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Rev. English

Holy One, holy and eternal—make us pure in heart to see you; make us merciful to receive your kindness; and through all the gifts you bestow upon us, to share our love with all your human family. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* **HYMN #548 UMH – In Christ There Is No East or West**

* **BENEDICTION**

* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE Kyrie from Requiem (Michael McClish)

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

—Flowers in the Narthex: In loving memory of Carl Douglas Rogers, from the Rogers Family.

—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.

—Visit the Fireside Room to view drawings and writings by First UMC Sunday School kids, the Youth Group, and adult groups, based on the Lenten theme of Authenticity/Compassion/Courage.

—Stop by the Hospitality Table in Simkins Hall in The Shelby Center during Coffee Fellowship for information or 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.

—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.

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by Rev. Robert English, New & Emerging Ministries

Going on its second year, simple church hosts a monthly potluck Community Meal with Family Place. A program of Upward Bound House, Family Place provides transitional housing and intensive wrap-around case management for families with minor children in crisis. Upward Bound House was created through the tireless work of First UMC members and community partners. Family Place opened in 1997. Traditionally, homeless shelters separate men and women; Family Place offers a unique model maintaining the family unit intact in separate apartments. They serve about 50 families per year and achieve superlative outcomes. Over 95% of the graduates of Family Place have remained in permanent, self-sufficient housing for at least a year after graduating.



The First UMC Angel Tree program, held in December and lead by church member Chris Ruud, provides the families necessary home items such as towels, bedding, and cookwares. Families are then able take their items with them into their new homes once they've graduated the program.

The Community Meal potluck is an opportunity to help feed about 30-40 adults & children, served buffet style. Attending the potluck not only provides a delicious meal for the families and allows the parents an evening free from cooking dinner, but is a way for all who attend to be a part of a warm and accepting community.

Invite your friends and join the next potluck for an evening of conversation, crafts or games with the kids, and a shared meal. Contact: r.english@santamonicaumc.org. to sign up to bring a dish, or set-up/clean up.

Family Place Community Meal: Thursday, March 23: 5 - 7 p.m. at Family Place (1020 12th St., SM)

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WORSHIP & PRAYER

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

MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today - Third Sunday in Lent
 11 a.m. Haiti Report Back Luncheon, SH
 11 a.m. Free Blood Pressure Screenings, FR
 2:30 p.m. Walk the Labyrinth, SH
Thursday, March 23
 5 p.m. Family Place Community Meal, OS
Saturday, March 25
 10 a.m. Sacred Yoga, FR
 2 p.m. Ted Lee Memorial/Reception, S/SH
Sunday, March 26 - Fourth Sunday in Lent
 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. Parents may pick up in Room 300.

UMYF: This Sunday

6:15-8:30 p.m. in Youth Lounge
 Program: Coffee House and Talent Show

FELLOWSHIP /COMMUNITY

Haiti Report Back Luncheon - Today

The 2017 Haiti Work Team hosts a Report Back Luncheon as they share experiences of their trip, where they helped build a medical clinic in a rural part of Haiti called Sobier. Enjoy a light lunch, no charge. Today after worship, 11 a.m., Simkins Hall. (Childcare provided until 12:30 p.m.)

Book of the Month Study/Potluck - Next Sunday

March book: *How Jesus Saves the World From Us: 12 Antidotes to Toxic Christianity* by Morgan Guyton. Guyton is a UM minister serving as a Campus Minister in New Orleans. Well acquainted with young adults' critiques of the church, he challenges us all to look again at the church we love and sometimes question. You will be challenged, maybe infuriated, refreshed, and renewed. Book available on Amazon, and at the Sunday Hospitality Table. Bring a dish to share. Sunday March 26, 11:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

West District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries

This year First UMC will host Lay Servant Ministry classes on Monday nights, beginning April 17 thru May 15, class time 6:30 - 9 p.m. This is a foundational course for all Lay Servants. For registration info, stop by the Sunday Hospitality Table. Deadline for early registration is April 1 (\$40), after April 1, \$50.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Habitat for Humanity

Look for the Habitat for Humanity LA Lenten Devotional Calendar at the Sunday Welcome Table or at the Hospitality Table. Combine support for Habitat Culver City with your Lenten spiritual practice.

Red Cross Community Blood Drive

The Health Ministry Council is sponsoring an American Red Cross Community Blood Drive. Sign up at the Sunday Hospitality Table or at the website: www.redcrossblood.org, and enter sponsor code FirstUMCSM. Help save up to 3 lives! For more information, questions, or to volunteer, contact Dorothy Williams (dorothywil@gmail.com). Sunday April 23, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Simkins Hall.

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.