

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# W O R S H I P

Palm Sunday • Holy Communion • April 9, 2017



Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them and give  
thanks to the Lord.  
—Psalm 118:19

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## WE GATHER

### WELCOME

Tricia Lindley

PRELUDE Prelude in C minor (J. S. Bach)

Ty Woodward, Organist

\*THE GOSPEL PROCLAMATION Matthew 21:1-11

William Bumiller, Lay Lector

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #280 United Methodist Hymnal – All Glory, Laud, and Honor

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

William Bumiller

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

**Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven.**

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!

**Let those who trust the Lord say, "God's steadfast love endures forever."**

\*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors. Who is the King of glory?  
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory."

\*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 a special Palm Sunday in Sunday School in Room 300.*

## OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Moments for Mission - Messy Church

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

**Thanks be to God!**

Rev. Robert English

Shalimar Carducci

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## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE PSALM Psalm 118:1,26-29 (Pew Bible pages 565-566, O.T.)

William Bumiller

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

HOMILY "Who Is This?"

Rev. Patricia 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/Dr. James Smith, Music Director

Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates *from* Messiah (G. Frederic Handel)

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. Who is the King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, strong and mighty in battle. The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

\*RESPONSE #95 UMH – The Doxology

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Keri Olsen

**God of all good gifts, we thank you for showing us how to care for each other. May these gifts lead to great feasting for those who have no banquets set before them. May these gifts build shelters and places of prayer for those who are homeless. May these gifts proclaim your desire that all your creation live in peace. Give us grateful and generous hearts, O God, in the name of the One who comes in the name of the Lord. 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.*

#618 UMH – Let Us Break Bread Together

#628 UMH – Eat This Bread

#620 UMH – One Bread, One Body

#617 UMH – I Come with Joy

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## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

RESPONSIVE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. English

God has caused light to shine on us and offered salvation to transform us.

**We give thanks for the goodness of God whose steadfast love endures forever.**

This is the day the Lord has made; let us continue to rejoice and be glad in it.

**God has opened to us the gates of righteousness. We will go through them with joy.**

**Amen.**

\*HYMN #278 UMH – Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Fugue in C minor (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.*

—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.

—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 the Narthex: In loving memory of my mother, Gladys L. Youngman, from John Youngman.

—**Today is the last day** to donate towards the purchase of Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday morning worship. Stop by the Hospitality Table after worship to order your dedication. The cost is \$12 per plant.

—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 is Easter: Sunrise Service begins at 6:30 a.m. in Palisades Park (Santa Monica Blvd. & Ocean Ave.) Dress warmly, bring blankets or chairs, and bring live flowers for the cross. Communion will be served and fresh coffee will be provided. The Easter Celebration Worship service begins at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary with music of choir, brass and organ, beautiful lilies, and loud Alleluias! Rev. Patricia Farris is preaching.

—We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. In April bring canned pork and beans.

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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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**Today • PALM SUNDAY****Sunday Morning Worship***10 a.m., Sanctuary*

Waving of the Palms

**Family Brunch & Easter Egg Hunt***11 a.m. Family Brunch (Donations appreciated)**11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m. Photos with Easter Bunny**11:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt**(See signs for age group locations.)***simple church***5 p.m. Chapel***April 13 • MAUNDY THURSDAY****Evening Worship Service***7:30 p.m., Sanctuary*

Communion, Word, Music &amp; Silent Darkness

*(Child care provided)***April 14 • GOOD FRIDAY****Prayer Vigil***9 a.m. - 9 p.m., Gates Chapel*

Open all day to pray and "watch with Jesus."

**Community Mid-day Service***12 p.m., Brentwood Presbyterian**(12000 San Vicente Blvd)***Good Friday Labyrinth Walk***1 - 9 p.m., Simkins Hall*

The Labyrinth will be open for walking as you feel led.

**April 15 • EASTER VIGIL****simple church Easter Vigil - Saturday***7:30 p.m., Courtyard/Chapel*

An ancient liturgy of Light, Word, and Communion

**April 16 • EASTER SUNDAY****Sunrise Service***6:30 a.m., Palisades Park**(Santa Monica Blvd. & Ocean Ave.)*

Beautiful scenery, worship, Holy Communion, hot coffee &amp; fellowship. Bring blankets, chairs, &amp; fresh flowers for the cross.

**Easter Celebration Worship***10 a.m., Sanctuary*

Family Sunday with music of choir, brass &amp; organ, Easter Lilies &amp; Alleluias!

Children remain in church; activity bags are provided. *Each child will receive a small gift of a flower after the service.*

**WORSHIP & PRAYER**

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

**MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK**

**Today - Palm Sunday • Holy Communion**  
 11 a.m. Palm Sunday Family Brunch/Easter Egg  
 Hunt, Courtyard/Simkins Hall  
**Wednesday, April 12**  
 12:10 p.m. Mid-Week Recital/Reception, S/FR  
 4 p.m. Trustees Meeting, CR-A  
**Thursday, April 13 - Maundy Thursday**  
 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service, S  
**Friday, April 14 - Good Friday**  
 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Good Friday Prayer Vigil, Chapel  
 12 p.m. Community Good Friday Service, OS  
 1 - 9 p.m. Walk the Labyrinth, SH  
**Saturday, April 15**  
 7:30 p.m. simple church Easter Vigil, CY/Chapel  
**Sunday, April 16 - Easter Sunday • Family Sunday**  
 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service, OS  
 10 a.m. Easter Celebration Worship, S  
 11 a.m. Free Blood Pressure Screenings, SH

**CHILDREN & YOUTH**

**Children: Sunday School this Week**  
 April Theme: Hosanna!  
 Learning: We celebrate Jesus  
 "Hosanna in the highest!" Matthew 21:9  
 Palm Sunday craft and snack activities in Room 300  
**UMYF: This Sunday**  
 6:15-8 p.m. in Youth Lounge  
 Program: Holy Week: Claiming the Cross

**FELLOWSHIP /COMMUNITY****April Mid-Week Recital - Wednesday**

April's Mid-Week recital features *Trio Accento*, comprised of violinist Limor Toren-Immerman, cellist Maksim Velichkin and pianist Nora Chiang Wrobel, who have a collective history of decades of solo, chamber music and orchestral performances with renowned groups and orchestras.  
 FREE Concert Wednesday, April 12: 12:10 - 12:40 p.m., Sanctuary. Reception follows in the Fireside Room.

**Maudy Thursday: April 13**

The *Maudy Thursday Worship Service* begins at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary with Holy Communion, the Passion story as read from scripture, and extinguishing of lights.

**Good Friday: April 14**

A *Community Good Friday Service* begins at 12 p.m. at Brentwood Presbyterian. Gates Chapel is open for a *Prayer Vigil* from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The *Labyrinth* is open for walking from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Simkins Hall.

**simple church Easter Vigil - April 15**

*simple church Easter Vigil* begins at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, in the courtyard, with a procession of light moving into the Chapel. This ancient liturgy (worship) is a service of light, word and table (communion). Join us for this new Holy Week service.

**Easter: April 16**

*Easter Sunrise Service* begins at 6:30 a.m. in Palisades Park (Santa Monica Blvd. & Ocean Ave.) Dress warmly, bring chairs or blankets, and look for our balloons (and complimentary coffee). Bring fresh flowers for the cross.  
*Easter Celebration Worship Service* begins at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary which will be overflowing with Easter Lilies and loud Alleluias!

**MISSION OPPORTUNITIES****Red Cross Community Blood Drive**

The First UMC Health Ministry Council's Red Cross Community Blood Drive is coming soon! For more information, questions, or to volunteer, contact Dorothy Williams (dorothywil@gmail.com). Sign up at the Sunday Hospitality Table or on the website: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), and enter sponsor code FirstUMCSM.  
 Blood Drive: 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](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/calendar).