

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Easter • April 30, 2017



Their eyes were opened,
and they recognized him....
Luke 24:31a

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Tricia Lindley

PRELUDE Be Thou My Vision (arr. Gordon Young)

Ty Woodward, Organist

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #318 United Methodist Hymnal – Christ Is Alive

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Melanie Hutsell, Lay Lector

Friends, Christ draws close to us. His presence is not announced so much by searing light or angelic song, as it is by the gradual recognition of something holy enmeshed in our daily lives: simple as salt, common as bread, as unexpected as a treasure buried in a field. Such is the presence of Christ with us in each ordinary day.

We come to offer our praise and open ourselves to Christ's presence.

* CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"Let us come into His presence with Thanksgiving, let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!"

* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Please greet those worshipping near you.

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 Faith in Action, where we will create gifts of flowers and cards for those in our church family who are sick, in the hospital or home-bound. Parents can pick their children up in Room 206.

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Rev. Patricia Farris

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

Thanks be to God!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE PSALM Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (Pew Bible pages 564-565, O.T.)

Melanie Hutsell

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL Luke 24:13-35 (Pew Bible page 90, N.T.)

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Seeing the Grace in Front of Our Noses"

Rev. Larry Young

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #2199 TFWS – Stay with Us (verses 1-2)

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Rev. Farris

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. 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

I Will Sing with the Spirit (John Rutter)

I will sing with the spirit: alleluia. And I will sing with the understanding also: alleluia.

*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Farris

Gift-giving God, we offer these gifts in recognition of the abundant grace that fills our lives. We offer them that they may be transformed into expressions of grace for others, and that we may find blessing in our giving. As we have abundantly received, so we would be abundant givers. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN #2196 TFWS – We Walk by Faith

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Trumpet Voluntary in D (John Stanley)

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: Honoring Joy Peterman, Debi Jenkinson-Wong and Health Ministry Council volunteers for a well-run and successful blood drive, and all donors who gave of themselves to save the lives of others, with appreciation from Dorothy Williams.

—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 today after worship to view the work of the First UMC Prayer Quilt Ministry.

—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: Holy Communion; Rev. Patricia Farris will preach.

MISSIONS

—We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. In May bring stews and other meats.

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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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April 30, 2017

Preschool Spring Fair

Come to the First UMC Preschool Spring Fair for great fun for the whole family! Featuring a world-famous close-up magician, two amazing food trucks (The Carnival Truck and Woody's Grill), a petting zoo, pony rides, bouncy house, a balloon artist, a green screen for fantasy photos and much, much more including NEW activities, games & prizes. Bake your favorite pie for the pie contest and win a prize!

Activity bracelets are \$20 for kids and entry is free for adults.

Foodtruck costs range from \$6-\$12.

Next Sunday May 7, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Courtyard



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WORSHIP & PRAYER

Sunday 10 a.m. **Sanctuary Worship**
 Sunday 7:30 p.m. (*note time change*) **simple church**
simple church: United Methodist Youth prayer stations.

MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today - Faith in Action Sunday
 7:30 p.m. simple church (**note time change*) Chapel
Friday, May 5
 7 p.m. C.A.S.T. presents *Bye Bye Birdie, Jr.*, SH
 7 p.m. Shareringer Monthly Dinner, Fireside Room
Saturday, May 6
 10 a.m. West District Conference, OS
 5 p.m. C.A.S.T. presents *Bye Bye Birdie, Jr.*, SH
Sunday, May 7 - Holy Communion
 11 a.m. Preschool Spring Fair, Courtyard/SH

CHILDREN & YOUTH**Children: Sunday School this Week**

April Theme: Hosanna!

Learning: We celebrate Jesus

"Hosanna in the highest!" Matthew 21:9

April 30 - Faith in Action: For our project today, we will create gifts of flowers and cards for those in our church family who are sick, in the hospital or home-bound. Parents can pick their children up in Room 206.

UMYF: This Sunday

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

Program: We will prepare and then lead prayer stations for **simple church worship** - families invited to attend worship from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

Save the Date: Vacation Bible School

Sign up now! To register, pick up a form at the Hospitality Table, or online: santamonicaumc.org/
 vbs. VBS: July 31 - August 4, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 Kids ages 5-11.

FELLOWSHIP /COMMUNITY**C.A.S.T. presents *Bye Bye Birdie, Jr.***

Children's All Community Theater features the 5th-12th graders in this loving send-up of the 1950s small-town America, teenagers, and rock & roll. *Bye Bye Birdie, Jr.* tells the story of teen heartthrob Conrad Birdie (based on Elvis Presley), who has been drafted and is set up to have a very public farewell kiss with all-American girl Kim McAfee. Friday May 5, 7 p.m., Saturday May 6, 5 p.m. in Simkins Hall. Tickets: \$10/adult, \$5/seniors, \$5/child, at the door or online: santamonicaumc.org/cast.

West District Conference

The West District was created at the 2012 Annual Conference and contains 93 churches from the former Los Angeles, Long Beach and Santa Ana Districts. District Superintendent Rev. Mark Nakagawa will preside. Saturday May 6, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Rolling Hills UMC (26438 Crenshaw Blvd., Rolling Hills Estates, 90274)

May Mid-Week Recital

The final concert of the 2017 recital series features Jaebon Hwang, organ. Award-winning composer and organist, Hwang is organist at Westwood United Methodist Church where she presides over one of the largest organs in the region. FREE Concert Wednesday May 10, 12:10 - 12:40 p.m., Reception for artist to follow in the Fireside Room.

Save the Date: First UMC Spring Concert

Requiem of Remembrance, by First UMC choir member Michael McClish, and excerpts from *The Gift of Life* by John Rutter. Featuring soloists, chorus, orchestra, harp, organ and percussion. Sunday May 21, 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Reception to follow in the Fireside Room.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**Youth Service Project Fundraiser**

Stop by the Hospitality Table after worship today to pick up the last few boxes of candy from the YSP's See's Candy fundraiser. In July, a team of 18 youth will go and work with Appalachia Service Project in the Appalachia Mountains of Wise County, VA.

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.