

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
WORSHIP

Second Sunday of Easter • April 23, 2017



Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

- John 20:21-22

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WE GATHER

WELCOME

Tricia Lindley

PRELUDE Sketch in D-flat (Robert Schumann)

Ty Woodward, Organist

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #327 United Methodist Hymnal – Crown Him with Many Crowns

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Carol Reich, Lay Lector

God has burst the bonds of sorrow. Life has crushed the most horrible death.

**Our hearts overflow with cries of gladness, our silent tongues rejoice.**

Our spirits dwell in heavens hope, our God is always with us!

**God has revealed to us the way, truth, and life! Sing with glad hearts, before God's glory!**

\*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"O sing to the Lord a new song!"

\*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 worshiping 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 GOSPEL John 20:19-31 (Pew Bible page 115, N.T.)

Carol Reich

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

SERMON "On the Power of Doubt"

Rev. Robert English

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## WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #2026 TFWS – Halle, Halle, Halleluja

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](http://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

See the Land, Her Easter Keeping (Alice Jordan)

See the land, her Easter keeping, rises as her maker rose; seeds so long in darkness sleeping, burst at last from winter's snows. Earth with heav'n above rejoices; fields and gardens hail the spring. Hills and woodlands ring with voices, all creatures sing: Alleluia.

\*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Farris

**Good Shepherd, you spread a table before us. We offer you our gifts, signs of your gracious love and tokens of our grateful hearts. Nourish us at the feast of the lamb, that we may proclaim to all the world your triumphant love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN #2153 TFWS – I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Toccata in D Minor (Gordon Balch Nevin)

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: In celebration of our 67th Anniversary, from Barbara & Howard Hackett.

—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: Rev. Larry Young will preach.

MISSIONS

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

—Today is the Health Ministry Council's Red Cross Blood Drive, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in Simkins Hall. Walk-ins are welcome. Give the gift of life today!

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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 23, 2017

Children's After School Theater (C.A.S.T.), is a community program of First UMC for children in 1st through 12th grade, led by First UMC member Dane Rold. In its 10th year, C.A.S.T. fosters positive, imagination-inspired actions while building self-esteem through the arts.



*Rehearsing for Bye Bye Birdie, Jr.*

Their upcoming production for the 5th-12th graders is *Bye Bye Birdie, Jr.* A loving send-up of the 1950s, small-town America, teenagers, and rock & roll, *Bye Bye Birdie* tells the story of teen heartthrob Conrad Birdie (based on Elvis Presley). He has been drafted, and is set up to have a very public farewell kiss with all-American girl Kim McAfee. We asked some of the participants their thoughts on being in the show:

Nerea: "Personally, one of the things I am most excited about are the costumes. This show is so much fun and I'm so excited for opening night."

Maddie: "I am most excited to wear the 50s themed costumes. It's so fun to wear clothing from other times because we can experience being a whole other person. I have loved doing C.A.S.T. for as long as I have started and I will continue to participate in the upcoming productions."

Sally: "For this show, I am most excited for the audience to see how unique each character is and how hard everybody has worked on their dancing and singing. My favorite part is the soundtrack."

Mallory: "I am most excited for the audience to see and experience all of the show's surprises, and having the "older style" clothes on because they are so different and the colors are so bright. The costumes and songs are my favorite part of this show with all of the dresses and bouncy tunes!"

Lilianah: "What I like most about the show is the story. It's such a great plot, and I love how it's basically the story of Elvis. And, as always, I love the costumes! Period costumes are always the most fun, and lucky for us, it's a period show!"

**Bye Bye Birdie Jr. (5th-12th Grade), May 5 at 7 p.m., May 6 at 5 p.m.**  
**Simkins Hall in The Shelby Center**

Tickets: \$10/adult, \$5/seniors, \$5/child - at the door

or online: [santamonicaumc.org/cast](http://santamonicaumc.org/cast).

*Save the Date: Disney's Aristocats Kids (1st-5th Grade) May 19 at 6 p.m., May 20 at 3 p.m.*



**WORSHIP & PRAYER**

Sunday 10 a.m. **Sanctuary Worship**  
 Sunday 5 p.m. **simple church**  
*simple church theme: on the power of doubt and the Holy Spirit*

**MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK**

**Today** - *Second Sunday of Easter*  
 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive, SH  
 11:30 a.m. Book Study/Potluck, FR  
**Monday, April 24** - *Rev. Robert English Family leave begins*  
**Tuesday, April 25**  
 6:30 p.m. Staff-Parish Relations Committee Meeting, CR-A  
**Thursday, April 27**  
 5 p.m. Family Place Community Meal, OS  
**Sunday, April 30** - *Third Sunday of Easter • Faith in Action Sunday*  
 7:30 p.m. simple church (\*note time change) Chapel

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

April Theme: Hosanna!

Learning: We celebrate Jesus

"Hosanna in the highest!" Matthew 21:9

April 23 - Come to Breakfast!

**UMYF: This Sunday**

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

Program: Games and preparation for leading simple church the following week.

**Save the Date: Vacation Bible School**

Before you know it, summer break and VBS will be here! Contact Tricia Lindley at: t.lindley@santamonicaumc.org to volunteer. 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****Book-of-the-Month Study & Potluck - Today**

*Reading for the Common Good: How Books Help Our Neighborhoods and Churches Flourish* by C. Christopher Smith. The April Book Study wraps up our "spring semester" of reading. *Reading for the Common Good* brings a new perspective on the importance of reading and discussing together in groups. How does our reading and talking together animate the mission of the church and turn us outward to the needs of our neighbors? How does it deepen our faith? Here's a great opportunity to explore why we do what we do at First UMC—and the difference it makes. Today, 11:30 a.m., in the Fireside Room.

**Preschool Spring Fair**

Come to the First UMC Preschool Spring Fair for great fun for the whole family! Featuring moon bounces, arts & crafts, pony rides, petting zoo, food, and lots more! Bake your favorite pie for the pie contest! Sunday May 7, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Courtyard

**Save the Date: First UMC Spring Concert**

*Requiem of Remembrance*, by First UMC choir member Michael McClish. Featuring soloists, chorus, orchestra, harp, organ and percussion. Sunday May 21, 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

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

The First UMC Health Ministry Council's Blood Drive is today. Walk-ins are welcome. Help save up to three lives! 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Simkins Hall.

**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. Feeding about 30-40 adults & children, we eat as one community. Invite your friends and join the potluck for an evening of conversation, crafts/games with the kids, and a shared meal. Contact the volunteers: meal@santamonicaumc.org to sign up to bring a dish, or set-up/clean up. Thursday April 27, 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](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/calendar).