

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday of Easter • Holy Communion • May 7, 2017



They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.
Acts 2:42-43

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Tricia Lindley

PRELUDE They That Trust in God to Guide Them (J. S. Bach)

Ty Woodward, Organist

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #111 United Methodist Hymnal – How Can We Name a Love

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Matt Crawford, Lay Lector

O come, let us worship the Good Shepherd, for we are the sheep of his fold.

He gives us food from green pastures, water from pure fountains.

He plants our feet on safe paths and leads us through dark valleys.

He protects us with his rod and supports us with his staff.

He grants us safe keeping and refuge with the righteous.

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* CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim; with gold of obedience and incense of lowliness, kneel and adore Him: the Lord is His name!"

* 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 their Sunday School classes.

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Matt Crawford

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 23 (Pew Bible page 501, O.T.)

Matt Crawford

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

THE LESSON Acts 2:42-47 (Pew Bible page 120, N.T.)

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HOMILY "A Sense of Awe"

Rev. Patricia Farris

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. 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

God So Loved the World (Carl J. Nygard, Jr.)

God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that everyone who would believe in His only Son shall have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but God so loved the world that through His Son the world might be saved.

*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Larry Young

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.

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.

#2267 TFWS – Taste and See

#2058 TFWS – Shepherd Me, O God (*choir sings verses*)

#2260 TFWS – Let Us Be Bread

#2155 TFWS – Blest Are They

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Young

Nourished at this table, O God, may we know Christ's redemptive love and live a new life in him. Help us who recognize our Lord in the breaking of bread to see and serve him in all whose lives are broken. Give us who are fed at his hand grace to share our bread with the hungry and with the hungry of heart. Keep us faithful in your service. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN #138 UMH – The King of Love My Shepherd Is

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Chaconne (François Couperin)

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 on May 4 of our granddaughter Mia Lane Eskridge, from grandparents Patty and Mike.

—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. Patricia Farris will preach.

MISSIONS

—We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. In May bring canned 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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The logo for "Disney The Aristocats Kids" features the word "Disney" in its signature script at the top. Below it, "THE" is in small orange letters, followed by "Aristocats" in large, bold, orange letters with a white paw print on the letter 't'. To the right, "KIDS" is written in large, bold, orange letters. A small copyright notice "© Disney" is visible on the right side of the "Aristocats" text.

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. For their second show of the 2017 Spring season, C.A.S.T. is pleased to present the 1st-5th graders in:

Disney's The Aristocats Kids

In the heart of Paris, a kind and eccentric millionairess wills her entire estate to Duchess, her high-society cat, and her three little kittens. Laughs and adventure ensue as the greedy, bumbling butler pulls off the ultimate catnap caper. Now it's up to the rough-and-tumble alley cat, Thomas O'Malley, and his band of swingin' jazz cats to save the day. Don't miss the show!

Parents: if you have a 1st - 12th grader that would like to be a part of upcoming Fall 2017 or Spring 2018 C.A.S.T. shows, contact Dane Rold at: cast@santamonicaumc.org.

Showtimes: Friday May 19: 6 p.m. / Saturday May 20: 3 p.m.

All shows in Simkins Hall in The Shelby Center

Tickets: \$10/adult, \$5/seniors, \$5/child - at the door or online: santamonicaumc.org/cast

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WORSHIP & PRAYER

Sunday 10 a.m. **Sanctuary Worship**
 Sunday 5 p.m. **simple church**
simple church: special speaker - Tricia Lindley

MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today - Holy Communion
 11 a.m. Preschool Spring Fair, Courtyard/SH
Wednesday, May 10
 12:10 p.m. Mid-Week Recital, S/FR
 4 p.m. Trustees Meeting, CR-A
Saturday, May 13
 4 p.m. Messy Church, Chapel/SH
Sunday, May 14 - Mother's Day • Deadline for Methodist Foundation Scholarships

Methodist Foundation Scholarships

Applications for the annual Methodist Foundation Scholarships are available in the church office, at the Sunday Hospitality Table, and on the website: www.santamonicaumc.org/methodistfoundation. Scholarship Sunday is June 11. **Deadline for application: Sunday May 14.**

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Children: Sunday School this Week
 May Theme: Peter Rocks
 Like Peter, we can tell the good news about Jesus.
 Bible Verse: "I tell you that you are Peter. And I'll build my church on this rock." Matthew 16:18
 May 7: Peter and John

UMYF: This Sunday
 Mayhem: Messy game night—bring old clothes and a towel and prepare to get messy!
 (Note time change: *6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)

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

Preschool Spring Fair - Today

Stay after worship today for the Preschool Spring Fair—great fun for the whole family! Featuring a close-up magician, two amazing food trucks (costs range from \$6-\$12), a petting zoo, pony rides, bouncy house, a balloon artist, and much more. Activity bracelets are \$20 for kids and entry is free for adults. Courtyard/Simkins Hall.

May Mid-Week Recital

The final concert of the 2017 recital series features Jaebon Hwang, organ. Award-winning composer and organist, Hwang presides over one of the largest organs in the region at Westwood United Methodist Church. FREE Concert Wednesday May 10, 12:10 - 12:40 p.m., Reception for artist to follow 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. This month's theme: *Messy Easter: New Life in Jesus*. Invite your friends and family and be ready to get messy! Saturday May 13, 4 - 6 p.m. Chapel and Simkins Hall

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

Habitat for Humanity Event

The Westside Church Coalition invites everyone to *Jazz for Friends – Help Build a House and Hope* at the Venice Japanese Community Center, for a concert sponsored by Westlight Church. Suggested donation is \$20 (refreshments included) with proceeds going directly to the Coalition *Patience* house. Saturday May 20, 7-9 p.m. (12448 Braddock Drive, LA 90066)

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.