

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP

Choir Recognition Sunday • May 21, 2017



Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
— Psalm 47:6

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Tricia Lindley

PRELUDE Prelude in G (Felix Mendelssohn)

Ty Woodward, Organist

INTROIT

The Amadeus Handbell Choir/Mary Crawford, Director

Ablassen - Wake up Call (arranged from J.S.Bach by R. Crawford)

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #64 United Methodist Hymnal — Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Terri-Rae Elmer, Lay Lector

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I am still alive.

Let my praise be pleasing to you my God;

I rejoice in the Lord!

Let my whole being bless the Lord

Let all that I am bless the Lord!

* CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

“Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King! Alleluia. Amen!”

* 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.

ANTHEM

The Children's Church Choir/Ensemble, Janet Searfoss, Director
Mary Crawford, Accompanist

Praise the Name of Jesus (Roy Hicks, Jr.)
Hosanna! Hosanna! (Cathy Townley)

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

Terri-Rae Elmer

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

Kyrie *from* Requiem of Remembrance (Michael D. McClish)

Kyrie eleison; Christe eleison; Kyrie eleison. *Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy.*

CORPORATE PRAYER

Tricia Lindley

Most Holy God, your Spirit dwells within us as vital and deep as our beating heart. You raise within us a song of unutterable joy and unfading hope. Sound through our lives now and forever. Bless and uphold us, that through the channel of our lives the whole body of Christ may be blessed and healed. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

SILENT 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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE PSALM Psalm 47:1-2, 5-7 (Pew Bible page 518, O.T.)

Terri-Rae Elmer

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

RECOGNITION OF CHOIRS

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 Amadeus Handbell Quartet/Mary Crawford, Director

Amazing Grace (arr. Henry Wadsworth)

*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Tricia Lindley

Ever singing God, together we sing praise to your glory. Greet us now in a voice beyond our hearing. Receive our gifts and welcome our giving by a presence far greater than we know. Summon us into joyous harmony, peace and hope. Amen.

ANTHEM

The Chancel Choir
Peter Smith, percussion

I Am Bound for the Promised Land (Craig Courtney)

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye to Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie. *I am bound for the promised land, I am bound for the promised land; oh who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land.* Oh, the transporting, rapturous scene that rises to my sight! Sweet fields arrayed in living green, and rivers of delight! *I am bound for the promised land, I am bound for the promised land; oh who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land.* Filled with delight my raptured soul would here no longer stay; though Jordan's waves around me roll, fearless, I'd launch away. *I am bound for the promised land, I am bound for the promised land; oh who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land!*

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN #68 UMH – When in Our Music God Is Glorified

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Fugue in G - *the "Jig"* (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.*

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: Given to the glory of God, from donations to the First UMC Flower Fund. Please consider a gift to the Flower Fund, which will be used for Sundays such as today when flowers have not been ordered.

—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.

—Confirmation Prayer Squares: Please tie a knot and say a prayer for each of the youth that are preparing to be confirmed Sunday June 4.

—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.

—Rev. Robert English is on Paternity Leave. He will return June 18.

—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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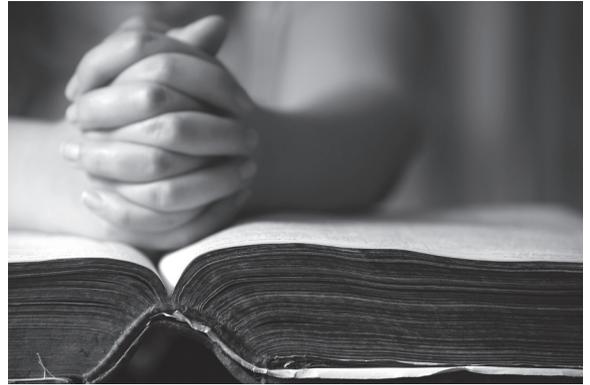
Javier Espinosa

God is real. God is love. ■ Every person matters. You matter. ■ Together we can change the world.

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You may send a prayer request to the church at any time. Prayers are given to the First UMC Prayer Chain—a network of persons who pray in response to prayer requests. Members of the Prayer Chain treat all requests as confidential. Please include your name and contact info so that we may follow up with you. Send your request by any of these methods:

Write Your Request: Prayer Request Cards are available in the pew racks in the Sanctuary. Drop the card in the offering plate during worship, or you may write your request on the cards at the Prayer Station in the Sanctuary Narthex, and drop it in the box before or after worship on Sunday morning.

Online: visit our website to fill in a Prayer Request for times you are not in church: www.santamonicaumc.org/prayer-requests.

Email: prayers@santamonicaumc.org.

Confidential Request: You may make a confidential request to one of our pastors: 310-393-8258 ext. 106.

Request a Prayer Quilt: Prayer quilts are for anyone of any age who is in special need of prayer, primarily due to serious illness, injury, sorrow, or challenging life circumstances. Request a quilt by contacting Maile Marquand, 310-313-0177, maile@rugbooks.com, or Sue Payne, 310-452-1214, sue.f.payne@gmail.com.

WORSHIP & PRAYER

Sunday 10 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
 Sunday 5 p.m. simple church
simple church: special speaker - Mira Pak

MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today - Choir Recognition Sunday
 11 a.m. Free Blood Pressure Screenings, SH
 2:30 p.m. Walk the Labyrinth, SH
 7:30 p.m. Spring Concert/Reception, S/SH
Wednesday, May 24
 7 p.m. First UMC Preschool presents *Balance to Wellness* Parent Education Event, SH
Thursday, May 25
 5 p.m. Family Place Community Meal, OS
 6 p.m. Loans & Scholarships Committee Meeting, CR-A
Saturday, May 27
 10 a.m. Sacred Yoga, FR
Sunday, May 28
 11:30 a.m. UMW Luncheon for Graduates, FR

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 21: Peter and Cornelius.
United Methodist Youth Fellowship:
 UMYF at Mikey Strauss' house. See Tricia for details.

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

Walk the First UMC Labyrinth - Today
 The Labyrinth laid in the Simkins Hall floor of First UMC is a replica of the Chartres Labyrinth laid in the French cathedral around 1220 CE. Walking the Labyrinth is an ancient spiritual practice, a way to quiet our minds and open our spirits to the presence of the Holy. Every step a prayer. Today, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. in Simkins Hall.
First UMC Spring Concert - Tonight
 First UMC and Dr. James E. Smith, conductor, present the world premiere of *Requiem of Remembrance* by Michael McClish, and excerpts from *The Gift of Life* by John Rutter. Featuring soloists, chorus, orchestra, harp, organ, and percussion. Suggested donation at the door: \$10 Adults, \$5 seniors & children under 12. Childcare available. Tonight, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary. Reception to follow in Simkins Hall.

Balance to Wellness for Young Children
 This free parent workshop is presented by First UMC Preschool. Come and learn various ways to help create and maintain wellness for your child. Led by a panel of healing practitioners specializing in young children. Bring your pressing questions for a great learning experience. Chair massage, refreshments, giveaways and a fun learning time! Open and free to the community so invite your friends, grandparents and caregivers. Wednesday May 24, 7 p.m. in Simkins Hall.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Family Place Community Meal
 Family Place provides transitional housing and intensive wrap-around case management for families with minor children in crisis. The Community Meal potluck is an opportunity to help feed about 30-40 adults & children, served buffet style. Attending the potluck provides a delicious meal for the families, and is away for all who attend to be a part of a warm and accepting community. Invite your friends and join the potluck for an evening of conversation, crafts/games with the kids, and a shared meal. Email: meal@santamonicaumc.org to participate. Thursday, May 25, 5-7 p.m. Family Place (1011 11th St., Santa Monica)

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.