

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP

Mother's Day • Children's Church • May 14, 2017



Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.
— Psalm 31:16

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Rev. Keri Olsen

PRELUDE El Flautista Alegre - *The Happy Flutist* (Ramón Noble)

Ty Woodward, Organist

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #102 United Methodist Hymnal — Now Thank We All Our God

*CALL TO WORSHIP

David Penson, Lay Lector

In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name.

Illumine our homes with the light of your love.

We thank you for gifts of love we have received,

**From our mothers, and those who have served as mothers in many ways, nourishing us
and guiding us as we grow to be who we are.**

As we have been loved by them, so we are loved by you, O God.

Be present in us on this day of celebration as we rejoice in your love for us all.

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"Your love, O God, has called us here, for all love finds its source in you, bless those who in your presence wait and every day their love renew."

*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

#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 Children's Church in the Chapel.

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

David Penson

Moments for Mission - Appalachia Service Project

Dan Stirling

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 31:1-5, 15-16 (Pew Bible pages 505-506, O.T.)

David Penson

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

THE GOSPEL John 14:1-14 (Pew Bible pages 108-109, N.T.)

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

SERMON "God's Steadfast Love"

Rev. Patricia Farris

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #164 UMH – Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Rev. Olsen

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

Thee Will I Love (Craig Courtney)

Thee will I love, my strength, my tow'r; thee will I love, my joy, my crown! Thee will I love with all my pow'r, in all my works, and thee alone; thee will I love, till thy pure fire fills all my soul with chaste desire. I thank thee, uncreated Sun, that thy bright beams on me have shined; I thank thee, who hast overthrown my foes and healed my wounded mind; I thank thee, whose enliv'ning voice bids my freed heart in thee rejoice. Thee will I love, my joy, my crown. Thee will I love, my joy, my crown, thee will I love, my Lord, my God! Thee will I love, beneath thy frown or smile, thy scepter or thy rod. What though my flesh and heart decay? Thee shall I love in endless day! Thee will I love, my Lord, my God!

*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Farris

God of love, as we give our gifts to you, help us to see the faces of those who will look to us for a touch of compassion and love: our words of kindness, our arms of comfort, and our generous gifts. Open our hearts and minds this day to embrace your great family of love in Christ Jesus. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN #374 UMH – Standing on the Promises

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune in D (David N. Johnson)

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.

—In honor of Mother’s Day, we offer carnations as a gift to all mothers, red for those who are present and white in memory of loved ones gone on before us. The ushers will hand them out after worship.

—Flowers: In celebration of the 95th Birthday of George Dallas, with love Laurie and Leslie.

—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.

—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.

—Visit Simkins Hall during Coffee Fellowship to view a video about our church’s history of service with the Appalachia Service Project.

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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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CHOIR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Don't miss First UMC's annual Choir Recognition Sunday, when The Chancel Choir, The Children's Church Choir, and The Amadeus Handbell Choir will be recognized and featured during the service. Come and show your appreciation for the gorgeous music these groups present during worship services throughout the year.

Next Sunday May 21, during 10 a.m. Worship

FIRST UMC SPRING CONCERT

First UMC and Dr. James E. Smith, conductor, are pleased to present the premiere performance of *Requiem of Remembrance*, composed by First UMC Choir member Michael McClish. The concert will feature soloists, chorus, orchestra, harp, organ, and percussion and will also include excerpts from *The Gift of Life*, by John Rutter.

Michael McClish shares the story behind how he came to write this piece: "I've sung with the First UMC choir for many years, primarily as a guest singer for special performances, and then weekly for the last two years. I've always liked to write music, starting with rock bands in high school, and then in 2009 I started writing choral and classical music.

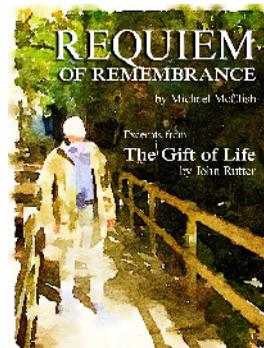
"Around 2013, I began studying the Requiem format. The structure of a Requiem is based on the 15 settings of the traditional Roman Catholic mass, using the original Latin text. Many composers have composed Requiems—Mozart, Verdi, Faure, Durufle—over 2,000 Requiems have been composed. I thought I would try my hand at it.

"As I was in the middle of working on the piece, Jim Smith knew that I was in the writing process, and asked to hear what I had so far, so I sent him a CD. Jim said he was interested in it, and asked if the First UMC choir could produce the performance for the Spring Concert the following year! Of course I said yes, and then worked on finishing the remainder of the composition. Jim helped me with the scoring of the piece, and notating the various instrumental parts.

"I want to express what a rare opportunity this is, to be able to have a composition see production. I am very honored and excited (and a little scared) for the performance!"

Don't miss this world premiere event!

Spring Concert: Next Sunday May 21, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary / Reception to follow in Simkins Hall.
Suggested donation at the door: \$10 adults/\$5 seniors and children under 12.



WORSHIP & PRAYER

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

MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today - *Mother's Day • Children's Church • Deadline for Methodist Foundation Scholarships*

Friday, May 19

6 p.m. C.A.S.T. presents *Aristocats Kids*, SH

Saturday, May 20

9:30 a.m. Prayer Quilt Workparty, Room 300

3 p.m. C.A.S.T. presents *Aristocats Kids*, SH

Sunday, May 21 - 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

Methodist Foundation Scholarships

Applications for the annual Methodist Foundation Scholarships are **due today**. See the Hospitality Table if you need assistance.

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 14: Children's Church in the Chapel. Parents please pickup in Room 300.

United Methodist Youth Fellowship:

No UMYF today - Happy Mother's Day!

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 *Disney's Aristocats Kids*

Children's After School Theater (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 millionaire 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. Friday May 19, 6 p.m., Saturday May 20, 3 p.m. Simkins Hall in The Shelby Center. Tickets: \$10/adult, \$5/seniors, \$5/child, at the door or online: santamonicaumc.org/cast.

Walk the First UMC Labyrinth

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. Sunday May 21, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. 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

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.