

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
WORSHIP

Baptism • Third Sunday after Pentecost • June 25, 2017



In the beginning, God created the  
heavens and the earth...  
— Genesis 1:1

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WE GATHER

WELCOME

Rev. Robert English

PRELUDE God, That Madest Earth and Heaven (arr. Dale Wood)

Ty Woodward, Organist

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #152 United Methodist Hymnal — I Sing the Almighty Power of God

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Todd Erlandson, Lay Lector

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator—  
the love at our beginning and without end,  
in our midst and with us.

**God is with us. Here we find new life.**

\* CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

“Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation. Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both  
soul and body bear your part: to God all praise and glory!”

\* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*Please greet those worshipping near you.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. English

#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.*

**BAPTISM** Mia Lane Eskridge *(see insert)*

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. English

Moments for Mission – Habitat for Humanity

Joyce Landsverk

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 LESSON** Genesis 1:1-2:4a

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

**SERMON** "In the Beginning, God"

Rev. Patricia Farris

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## WE RESPOND

**INVITATION TO PRAYER** #2120 TFWS – Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

**LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD**

Rev. English

**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.**

# SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Sunday, June 25, 2017

Parents respond in **bold italics**. Congregation responds with words printed in **bold type**.

## INTRODUCTION

Rev. Patricia Farris

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, from the beginnings of Christianity, baptism has been our entrance into the family of faith. We believe baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of Christ at work in our lives. Through this grace, we enter into a special relationship with Christ and are inheritors of the promise of eternal life. Those who receive this sacrament are marked as disciples of Jesus and are part of the fellowship of the universal Christian church. We believe that Jesus has expressly given a place for children to be counted among God's people; it is a privilege which should not be denied them. We remember the words of Jesus when he said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."

## PRESENTATION

Michael Lamb, Lay Leader

I am pleased to present to you **MIA LANE ESKRIDGE** for Baptism.

## THOSE TO BE BAPTIZED *(Questions to the Parents and Godparents)*

Rev. Farris

Do you believe in God the source, the fountain of life; and in Christ, the offspring of God, embodied in Jesus of Nazareth and in the church; and in the liberating Spirit of God, the wellspring of new life?

**We do.**

Rev. Robert English

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you: Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you of new life in Christ, resisting evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

**We do.**

Rev. Farris

Will you nurture Mia in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

**We will.**

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(To the Congregation)

Michael Lamb

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Mia in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this child with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her trust of God, and be found faithful in her service to others. We will pray for her, that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

BAPTISM

Rev. Farris

**MIA LANE**

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

HYMN #611 United Methodist Hymnal – Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (verses 1 & 2)

INTRODUCTION

Michael Lamb

Members of the household of faith, I commend Mia to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant to participate faithfully in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

## 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

Recollection of Joy (Donna J. Butler)

I thank my God when I remember you, for He has blessed my life with yours. With ev'ry prayer of mine for you, I'm filled with joy; for I hold you in my heart. And I pray that your love may abound yet more in knowledge and in all judgment: that you may approve excellent things; that you may be sincere being filled with the fruits of righteousness unto the glory and praise of God. Grace to you and peace to you, from God our Father, Christ our Lord. Oh, I thank my God when I remember you.

\*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. English

**Blessed are you, God of growth and discovery. Yours is the inspiration that has altered and changed our lives; yours is the power that has brought us to new dangers and opportunities. Set us, your new creation, to walk through this new world, watching and learning, loving and trusting, serving and giving, in Christ's name. Amen.**

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## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN #688 UMH – God, That Madest Earth and Heaven

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Psalm 19 (Benedetto Marcello)

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.*

—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.

—Please see an usher if you need information or assistance.

—If you would like to learn more about baptism or inquire about baptism for your children, please see one of our pastors.

—Tricia Lindley is on vacation this morning.

—Flowers: Given in joyous celebration of the baptism of Mia Lane Eskridge, the 4th generation of the Morrison/Eskridge family to be baptized here at First UMC Santa Monica, with love from her family.

—During the summer months the Chancel Choir is singing some of their favorite anthems from the prior year. We hope they are your favorites also.

—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. Larry Young will preach.

—We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. In June bring canned soup.

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

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of SANTA MONICA**

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Vacation Bible School, also known simply as VBS, is a one week long, half-day summer program available to kids ages 5 to 11 years old (starting Kindergarten in fall – finishing 5th grade). The theme this year is “Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God!”

Over the course of our VBS week, we will go on awesome adventures alongside some of our favorite Bible heroes, and discover the qualities that make us truly heroic in God. We will use music, science, fun crafts, heroic recreation, thematic snacks and fantastic Bible stories to help kids discover their strength in God. Every day will have a new “Hero Code” to learn how to be God’s Heroes: God’s Heroes Have Heart, God’s Heroes Have Courage, God’s Heroes Have Wisdom, God’s Heroes Have Hope, God’s Heroes Have Power.

The program is open to all community and neighborhood kids: we aim to seed new friendships and strengthen old ones. VBS helps build strong relationships which are the foundation for real learning, whether it’s about ourselves, our world, or about God. There is a small fee per child/family, with scholarships available. Youth who are finishing 6th through 12th grade are welcome to volunteer while earning your Community Service Credit!

Adult volunteers are needed to lead and support in various roles. Volunteers are needed for Music, Games, Storytelling, Snack prep and much more. Contact Tricia Lindley: [t.lindley@santamonicaumc.org](mailto:t.lindley@santamonicaumc.org), or Sarah Rold: [s.rolld@santamonicaumc.org](mailto:s.rolld@santamonicaumc.org) to sign up or to volunteer. To register for VBS, pick up a form at the Hospitality Table, or go online: [www.santamonicaumc.org/vbs](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/vbs).

**Vacation Bible School: Monday, July 31 – Friday, August 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

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**WORSHIP & PRAYER**

Sunday 10 a.m. **Sanctuary Worship**  
 Sunday 5 p.m. **simple church**  
*Tonight's theme: on why sometimes Jesus makes us feel really uncomfortable*

**MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK**

**Today - Baptism**  
 6:30 p.m. YSP Fundraiser Dinner, SH  
**Sunday, July 2 - Holy Communion**  
**Monday, July 3 & Tuesday July 4 - Church campus closed for Independence Day**

**Prayer Squares for the YSP Team**

The YSP team departs for Bland County, VA, Saturday July 15. Prayer squares that will go with every member of the team can be found on the north wall of the sanctuary today. Please tie a knot and say a prayer for each of these youth and adults.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH**

**Children: Sunday School this Week**  
 June Theme: Courageous Bible People  
 Bible Verse: Psalm 27:14 "Hope in the Lord! Be strong and let your heart take courage. Hope in the Lord!"  
 Anchor Point: God gives me courage.  
 June 25: Courageous Friends - Daniel 6:1-28

**United Methodist Youth Fellowship:**  
 YSP Fundraiser tonight! Tickets (\$15 adult/ \$7 kids 10 and under/ \$40 per family) are available after worship today during Coffee Fellowship. 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in Simkins Hall.

*The youth ministry at First UMC is a safe, Christ centered environment where youth explore and grow in their faith. Activities are designed to nurture relationships and build a strong, loving community. This is a place of acceptance, outreach and spirituality.*

**FELLOWSHIP /COMMUNITY**

**Youth Service Project Fundraiser - Tonight!**

This year's Youth Service Project team will repair homes for people in need in the Appalachia Mountains. Support the group and come to their Silent Auction Fundraiser to view and bid on Silent Auction items after worship today, and then later tonight as you enjoy the dinner and show. Tickets (\$15 adult/ \$7 kids 10 and under/ \$40 per family) are available after worship today during Coffee Fellowship. YSP Fundraiser tonight, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in Simkins Hall.

**Save the Date: Smarter Than a Scammer Seminar**

8 out 10 people will be targeted by scammers. Come learn how you can avoid being one of them. Sarah Barnard from WISE and Healthy Aging will talk about common scams: romance scams, lottery scam, IRS impersonators, charity scams and more. For more info, contact Anne Premer at (310)393-8258 x103 or a.premere@santamonicaumc.org. Light refreshments served. Bring a friend. No charge. Sunday July 16, 11:15 - 12:15 p.m. Fireside Room.

**MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

**Habitat for Humanity: Build Signup Today!**

Sign ups are starting today to participate in the Habitat for Humanity *Patience House* build. Stop by the Habitat table during Coffee Fellowship to learn more.

**Relay for Life: New Date Scheduled**

Sign up now for the American Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life. The First UMC Health Ministry Council is sponsoring Chris Reagh's continued efforts to support this worthy cause. Come join community supporters at any time and for any amount of time at the event. For more information visit: [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org), search for team captain Chris Reagh/ Team Wesley Walkers to find First UMC's page. Saturday August 5 - Sunday August 6. Begins Saturday noon thru 8 a.m. Sunday, Santa Monica College (1900 Pico Blvd.)

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).