

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# WORSHIP

Presentation of 4th Grade Bibles • Fall Kick-Off • September 24, 2017



Going Deeper • Faith for Such a Time as This

“Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”  
— Matthew 20:15-16

## WE GATHER

WELCOME

Tricia Lindley

PRELUDE Be Thou My Vision (arr. Gordon Young)

Ty Woodward, Organ

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #88 United Methodist Hymnal – Maker, in Whom We Live

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lindsay Chen, Lay Lector

*(From Psalm 105)*

Give thanks to God, call upon God’s name

**Share the work of God in our world.**

Sing to God, let your heart ring out with songs of joy

**For we are God’s beloved children, we are cherished, known and profoundly loved.**

God will never forget or abandon us,

**Our hope is always in the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

\*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

“Hope in the Lord, O my soul, for I will praise Him who is the health of my countenance, and my gracious Lord and God.”

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Simon Chen, Lay Lector

*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 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.*

## PRESENTATION OF 4TH GRADE BIBLES *(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

Linda Diane Anderson

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

### ANTHEM

The Chancel Choir/Dr. James Smith, Music Director

In Heavenly Love Abiding (Lloyd Larson)

In heav'nly love abiding, no change my heart shall fear; and safe is such confiding, for nothing changes here. The storm may roar around me, my heart may low be laid; but God is round about me, and can I be dismayed? Wherever He may guide me no want shall turn me back; my Shepherd is beside me, and nothing can I lack. For His wisdom is forever, His sight is never dim; His will forms each endeavor, and I will walk with Him. All the way my Savior leads me; what have I to ask beside? Can I doubt His tender mercy, who through life has been my guide? Heav'nly peace divinest comfort, here by faith in Him to dwell, for I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well. Green pastures are before me, which yet I have not seen; bright skies will soon be o'er me, where the dark clouds have been; my life I cannot measure, the path of life is free; my savior has my treasure, and He will walk with me.

### THE GOSPEL Matthew 20:1-16 (Pew Bible pages 21-22, N.T.)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON "Why God's economy is so different (and better) than ours"

Rev. Robert English

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## WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #2214 TFWS – Lead Me, Guide Me

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Tricia Lindley

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Mary McDonald)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, Praise to the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is Thy health and salvation! Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things, Praise Him who wondrously reigneth, Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! All ye who hear, Now, to His temple draw near; Praise Him in glad adoration. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, If with His love He befriend thee. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Let the Amen sound from His people again! Praise to the Lord, O let all things, all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath come with praises before Him! We adore Him!

\*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. English

**O God, we thank you for these gifts. Multiply them, and enable the work of love and the righteousness of your kingdom in the world. We thank and praise you. Amen.**

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN #2238 TFWS – In the Midst of New Dimensions

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Hornpipe from Water Music Suite (G.F. Handel)

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 Dane & Sarah Rold’s 4th Anniversary, and in celebration of David & Jen Penson’s 2nd Anniversary.” With love, Dane and Sarah.

—To request prayers, fill in a Let’s Connect/Let Us Pray card and place 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.

—In the Fireside Room: view the photographs of First UMC member Emily Payne.

—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 from the sermon series *Going Deeper: Faith for Such a Time as This*.

MISSIONS

—We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. In October, please bring instant soups.

—Habitat for Humanity: We are still accepting volunteers for the build days of Patience House. Stop by the Hospitality Table for more information.

—To help provide immediate relief to the victims of recent hurricanes, First UMC is collecting kit materials/donations for the UMCOR Hygiene Kit. Stop by the Hospitality Table for info, or go to: [www.santamonicaumc.org/umcor](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/umcor).

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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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## PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO 4TH GRADERS

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Sunday, September 24, 2017

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

### BIBLE RECIPIENTS

**ETHAN MATTHEW CRAWFORD**

**BRYCE WILLIAM EDDY**

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**OLIVIA KIMJU OHR**

**JULIA RENEE STRAUSS**

### TO OUR 4TH GRADERS

Rev. Robert English

Will you receive this Bible with your hands, your heart, and your mind?

***I will.***

### LET US PRAY TOGETHER

**We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your Sunday School classes, and in worship. We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word. Amen.**

September 24, 2017



## UMCOR/First UMC: Collecting Hygiene Kits

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is working in coordination with annual conferences, ERTs, disaster response coordinators, and volunteers to provide support and relief to those impacted by recent hurricanes.

To help provide immediate relief to the victims, First UMC is collecting kit materials/donations for a non-perishable Hygiene Kit. \$12 covers the cost of one complete kit. Kits will be assembled by volunteer groups - the Youth Group will assemble tonight, and Messy Church in the near future. List of kit contents includes:

- 1 Hand towel (15 x25 inches to 17 x 27 inches / Kitchen, cleaning, and microfiber towels not acceptable)
- 1 Washcloth
- 1 Toothbrush (Adult size only / Do not remove from original packaging)
- 6 Adhesive bandages (¾ inch to 1 inch-size / Common household Band-Aids)
- 1 Bath-size soap (3 oz. and larger sizes only / No Ivory or Jergens soap due to moisture content)
- 1 Comb (Comb needs to be sturdy and longer than 6 inches long / No pocket combs or picks)
- 1 Metal nail file or nail clippers (No emery boards, please)
- 1 plastic bag (One-gallon size sealable bag only)
- \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste

Drop off supplies in the box located in the Narthex, or bring to the church office.

Donations towards the kit may be made to First UMC, memo line *UMCOR Hygiene Kit*.

To donate online: [www.santamonicaumc.org/umcor](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/umcor).

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**WORSHIP & PRAYER**

Sunday 10 a.m. **Sanctuary Worship**  
 Sunday 5 p.m. **simple church**  
*Tonight's theme: why God's economy is so different (and better) than ours*

**MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK**

**Today** - Presentation of 4th Grade Bibles  
 11 a.m. First UMC Church and Preschool Fall Kick-Off, Simkins Hall/Courtyard  
**Wednesday, September 27**  
 9 a.m. UMW Workparty/Lunch, Workroom  
**Thursday, September 28**  
 5:30 p.m. Family Place Community Meal, Off-site  
**Sunday, October 1** - World Communion Sunday  
 11 a.m. Youth Service Project Report-Back, SH  
 11 a.m. Growing a Faith That Matters, Rm 203

**Blessing of the Animals**

All pets large and small are welcome to the Annual Blessing of the Animals. Come at 9:30 a.m. for refreshments and children's activities. Blessings begin at 10 a.m. Bring photos of your pets, and ever stuffed animal loveys are welcome. *Volunteers needed! Contact Karen Hopkins (karsails10@gmail.com.)*  
**Saturday October 7: 9:30 a.m. Courtyard Big & Small Art Exhibit - Opening!** Stop by the Fireside Room after the Blessing of the Animals worship to view animal art from over 15 First UMC congregants and friends!

**Save the Date: UMW Holiday Bazaar!**  
 October 27, 28, 29

United Methodist Women are gearing up for their annual Holiday Bazaar, which benefits mission projects and is UMW's principal fundraiser. The ladies are busy with candy-making, crafting, and pricing their wares. The boutique is a festive way to jump-start your holiday shopping! **Sign up for the Casserole Corner next Sunday at the Hospitality Table.**

**FELLOWSHIP /COMMUNITY**

**Fall Kick-Off: Today!**

Stay after church today for the First UMC Fall Kick-Off as both the church and preschool celebrate a new year together. There will be delicious food (fried chicken and fixins), bounce house & slide, photo booth, games and a Chili Cook-Off, so don't miss the fun! Suggested donation for food and activities \$10 per person or \$25 per family.

**First UMC Library Book Drive - From Annika Dodd**

"Hi Church friends, it's Annika Dodd and I'm currently working on my Girl Scout Silver project. It is a literary project for the First UMC Preschoolers and Church to have a better functioning library. So far I have organized all of the books that are currently in the library. But we need your help to get these children a better library. By going to this link you can give a gift of a new book. Thank you so much for your help!" - Annika (Go to: [santamonicaumc.org/library/](http://santamonicaumc.org/library/))

**Family Place Community Meal**

Going on its second year, simple church hosts the monthly potluck Community Meal with Family Place. Last year, First UMC fed over 150 families a delicious meal, and all who attended were a part of a warm and accepting community. Invite your friends and join the next potluck for an evening of conversation, crafts/games with the kids, and a shared meal. Thursday, September 28, 5:30 p.m. Family Place (1011 11th St. Santa Monica)

**Youth Service Project Report Back - Next Sunday**

Eleven youth and six adults traveled to Bland County, VA this summer to repair homes of those in need. First UMC will host a YSP Report Back after worship next Sunday to hear their stories. October 1, 11 a.m. Simkins Hall. A light lunch will be served.

**Growing a Faith That Matters - Starting Next Sunday**

Rev. Larry Young leads a new adult class addressing the issue of personal faith, and how a faith that matters requires continual growth on our part. There is no text for the class, and no fee. Part of the learning will come from discussion of what approaches have been helpful for class members. Sign up today at the Hospitality Table or call the church office 310-393-8258. Classes meet October 1, 8, 15, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in Room 203.

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).