

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP

World Communion Sunday • October 1, 2017



Going Deeper • Faith for Such a Time as This

Let each of you look not to your own
interests, but to the interests of others.
— Philippians 2:4

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Rev. Robert English

PRELUDE Prelude on *Brother James Air* (Searle Wright)

Ty Woodward, Organ

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #2221 The Faith We Sing — In Unity We Lift Our Song

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Owen Ing, Lay Lector

Almighty God, from the ends of the earth you have gathered us around Christ's holy table.

We come to feast together.

We praise you, O God, you whom the heavens cannot contain.

We give you thanks for the gifts of those who built this house of prayer to your glory.

We praise you for the fellowship of those who by their use have made it holy.

We pray that all who seek you here may find you and be filled with your joy and peace.

*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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Tricia Lindley

#2233 TFWS – 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

Rev. English

We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship, for worship, and for service.

Thanks be to God!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE LESSON Philippians 2:1-13 (Pew Bible page 197, N.T.)

Owen Ing

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

HOMILY "Going Deeper—The Interests of Others"

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

O Jesus, I Have Promised (Gilbert Martin)

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; remain forever near me, my master and my friend. I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side, nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide. Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near. I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear. My foes are ever near me, around me and within; but, Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin. Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still above the storms of passion, the murmurs of selfwill. Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul. O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you that where you are in glory your servant shall be too. And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend. Amen.

*RESPONSE #94 United Methodist Hymnal – The Doxology

* UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Tricia Lindley

God of grace, Spirit of truth, we join with all the church everywhere in the world in giving thanks for all the gifts you entrust to our care. Through our giving, we present ourselves to be useful to one another and to you, ready to “be the hope” for the transformation of the world, through 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.

#618 UMH – Let Us Break Bread Together

#620 UMH – One Bread, One Body

#120 UMH – Your Love, O God

#431 UMH – Let There Be Peace on Earth

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. English

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son. Look with compassion on the whole human family; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through us to accomplish your purposes on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN #670 UMH – Go Forth for God

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Trumpet Voluntary in E-flat (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.

—Flowers: “In loving memory of Louise Hammond,” from Neil and family.

—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: Come to Blessing of the Animals Saturday October 7, 9:30 a.m., then after the service stop by the Fireside Room for the opening of *Big & Small*, animal artwork by 22 First UMC congregants and friends.

—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.

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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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YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT REPORT BACK

October 1, 2017



ASP
Appalachia
SERVICE PROJECT®

Each year, First UMC sends a Youth Service Project team for one week to travel and engage in service and mission with struggling communities around the United States. This year, First UMC sent a team of youth and adults, led by Children and Youth Ministry director Tricia Lindley, to work with the Appalachia Service Project.

ASP's mission is to be a "Christian ministry, open to all people, that inspires hope and service through volunteer home repair in Central Appalachia. Our vision is to see substandard housing eradicated and everyone who comes into contact with our ministry transformed."

The YSP team is grateful for your prayers and support through their time of preparation and then during their trip. The team invites everyone to join them in Simkins Hall after worship today for lunch and their report-back, a time for them to share their stories and experiences and the work they accomplished this summer.

YSP Report Back: 11 a.m. today after worship in Simkins Hall

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WORSHIP & PRAYER

Sunday 10 a.m. **Sanctuary Worship**
 Sunday 5 p.m. **simple church**
*Tonight's theme: on kenosis and working out
 salvation with trembling*

MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today - *World Communion Sunday*
 11 a.m. Youth Service Project Report-Back, SH
 11 a.m. Growing a Faith That Matters, Rm 203
Wednesday, October 4
 9 a.m. UMW Workparty/Lunch, WR
Friday, October 6
 7 p.m. Shareringer Monthly Dinner, Fireside Room
Saturday, October 7
 9:30 a.m. Blessing of the Animals, Courtyard
 10:30 a.m. Big and Small Art Exhibit Opens, FR
 1 p.m. Santa Monica Conservancy Tour, S
Sunday, October 8
 11 a.m. Growing a Faith That Matters, Rm 203

**Upward Bound House's
 25th Anniversary Fundraiser**

Over the past 25 years, UBH has helped over 1,200 families and 2,200 children find their own homes. All are welcome to celebrate the impactful mission of UBH. Several First UMC members serve as UBH Board of Directors, including: Rev. Patricia Farris, Kim Defenderfer, Glenda Martinez, and Cindy McQuade. \$75/guest, appetizers and cocktails. Register now at: www.homeharvestevent.com. Thursday, October 19, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Santa Monica Bay Women's Club (1210 Fourth St. SM)

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Children: Sunday School this Week
 October Theme: From Shepherd to King
United Methodist Youth Fellowship:
 Youth Choir 6-6:30 p.m. / UMYF care packages for last year's high school seniors

FELLOWSHIP /COMMUNITY

Growing a Faith That Matters - Starts Today

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. Classes meet today, October 8 & 15, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in Room 203.

Blessing of the Animals - Saturday

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. Photos of your pets, and even stuffed animal loveys are also welcome. *Volunteers still needed!* Contact Karen Hopkins (karsails10@gmail.com) Saturday, October 7, 9:30 a.m. in the Courtyard.

Big & Small Art Exhibit - Opening Saturday

Stop by the Fireside Room after the Blessing of the Animals worship to view animal art from 22 First UMC congregants and friends!

Santa Monica Conservancy Tour- Sacred Places

First UMC joins fifteen historic places of worship throughout Santa Monica featured at the annual architectural tour. *Sacred Places* will explore the architectural beauty, history and culture of churches, chapels and a synagogue. To see the list of tour sites and to purchase tickets, go to: www.smconservancy.org. Saturday, October 7, 1-5 p.m. Sanctuary.

UMW Holiday Bazaar: October 27 & 29

United Methodist Women are gearing up for their annual Holiday Bazaar, which benefits mission projects and is UMW's principal fundraiser. The bazaar is a festive way to jump-start your holiday shopping! Sign up to donate a casserole today at the Hospitality Table. Bazaar: Friday, October 27, 5-8 p.m. in the Fireside Room, and Sunday, October 29, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. in the UMW Workroom.

UMCOR - Recent Disaster Relief

To help provide immediate relief to the victims of recent hurricanes, First UMC is collecting kit materials/donations for the UMCOR Hygiene Kit. See Hospitality Table for more info, or go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/umcor.

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.