

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# WORSHIP

18th Sunday after Pentecost • October 8, 2017



Going Deeper • Faith for Such a Time as This

Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

— Philippians 3:13-14

## WE GATHER

WELCOME

Rev. Patricia Farris

PRELUDE The Peace May Be Exchanged *from* Rubrics (Dan Locklair)

Ty Woodward, Organ

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #546 United Methodist Hymnal — The Church's One Foundation

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Andrew Goebel, Lay Lector

Gracious God, you form us into communities of prayer and service.

**Strengthen your church and grant us courage.**

Give us the mind of Christ

**And fill us with compassion and love.**

Guide our feet,

**That we may walk in the Way that leads to life.**

\*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

“Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone; chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the church in one; one in might, and one in glory, while unending ages run.”

\*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

Whitney Hagan

#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

Shannon Sturges

Moments for Mission - Upward Bound House

Cindy McQuade

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

Down to the River to Pray (arr. Philip Lawson)

*Refrain: As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good old way and who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way. Oh, sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. Oh, sisters, let's go down, down to the river to pray. Refrain. Oh, brothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. Come on brothers, let's go down, down to the river to pray. Refrain. Oh, fathers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. Oh, fathers, let's go down, down to the river to pray. Refrain. Oh mothers, let's go down, come on down, don't you wanna go down? Come on, mothers, let's go down, down to the river to pray. Refrain. Oh, sinners, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. Oh, sinners, let's go down, down to the river to pray. Refrain.*

THE LESSON Philippians 3:13-14 (Pew Bible page 198, N.T.)

Andrew Goebel

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

SERMON "Going Deeper—Eyes on the Prize"

Rev. Farris

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## WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #2162 TFWS — Grace Alone

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Rev. Larry Young

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

We Believe (Dan Forrest)

We believe in God Supreme, ever present, never seen; God most high, who reigns above; Father nigh, whose name is Love. We whose prayers to God ascend praise creation's source and end. We rejoice in Jesus Christ God's own Son, our sacrifice; very God, yet virgin born; sinless, yet for sinners torn. We whom Jesus died to win know He lives to come again. We adore the spirit free author of our unity. Giver of the sacred word, wellspring of the second birth. We whom He indwells and fills yield our hearts and minds and wills. We, the Church, affirm our faith in the Triune God of grace; kingdoms fall and ages change; faithful, changeless God remains! One in Christ, we lift one voice! We believe, and we rejoice!

\*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Young

**Almighty God, we give you thanks and praise for your love shown to us in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Accept the offering of our lives in union with Christ's offering for us. Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ, for yours alone is the power and the glory. Amen.**

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## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN #396 UMH – O Jesus, I Have Promised

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

God Be in My Head (Susan Siphron)

God be in my head, and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes, and in my looking. God be in my mouth, and in my speaking. God be in my heart, and in my thinking. God be at mine end, and at my departing. Amen.

POSTLUDE Rigadon from Idoménee (André Campra)

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.

—Rev. Robert English is away today attending the marriage of Tricia Lindley and Adam Guerrero.

—Flowers in the Reredos: “In memory of Lois Moore.” From the Robert A. Moore family.

—Flowers in the Narthex: “In honor of the choir and Jim Smith, for all of the hard work they put into our services every Sunday.” From Susan Siphron.

—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 *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. Robert English 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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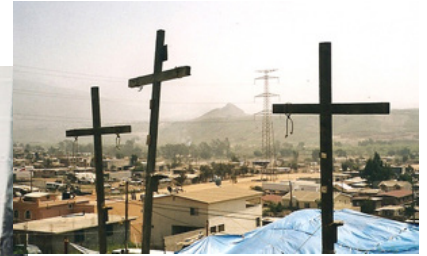
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**Javier Espinosa**

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

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The Missions Council and First UMC are pleased to welcome back Third World Handarts, a non-profit organization that was founded in Anaheim in 1975 to serve the economic needs of the destitute people in the United States, and in developing nations worldwide.

Third World Handarts' primary focus has been to serve as a source of help for artisans and food producers, along with their families, in developing nations and low-income areas of the U.S. Since 2004 they have operated a year-round collection of clothing, food, blankets, hygiene products, school supplies and other necessities that they bestow to missions. These gifts are then distributed to low-income Native Americans in Arizona and destitute families in Mexico. Their volunteers deliver them at their expense independent of the organization, and some are given to veterans at the VA in Long Beach on Christmas and Easter.

Before and after worship next Sunday, all are welcome to come and shop these wonderful artisan crafts in Simkins Hall. All proceeds benefit the work of this cause.

**Next Sunday October 15, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Simkins Hall in The Shelby Center**

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**WORSHIP & PRAYER**

Sunday 10 a.m. **Sanctuary Worship**  
 Sunday 5 p.m. **simple church**  
*Tonight's theme: on making progress in the right direction*

**MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK**

**Today**  
 11 a.m. Growing a Faith That Matters, Rm 203  
**Wednesday, October 11**  
 9 a.m. UMW Workparty/Lunch, WR  
**Saturday, October 14**  
 4:30 p.m. Messy Church, Chapel/SH  
**Sunday, October 15**  
 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Third World Handarts Fair, SH  
 11 a.m. Free Blood Pressure Screenings, SH  
 11 a.m. Growing a Faith That Matters, Rm 203  
 12 p.m. Westside Food Bank Hunger Walk, OS  
 2:30 p.m. Walk the Labyrinth, SH

**United Methodist Committee On Relief**

To help provide relief to the victims of recent hurricanes, First UMC is collecting kit materials/donations for the UMCOR Hygiene Kit. \$12 covers the cost of one complete kit. Donations towards the kit: make your check out to First UMC, memo line *UMCOR Hygiene Kit*. **Update: Puerto Rico Response:** The Methodist Church of Puerto Rico (MCPR) is working with UMCOR. To give towards this effort: [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org). Disaster Response #901670.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH**

**Children: Sunday School this Week**  
 October Theme: From Shepherd to King. We can love and serve God.  
 Sunday School: David and Goliath

**United Methodist Youth Fellowship:**  
 No Youth Choir or UMYF tonight.

**FELLOWSHIP /COMMUNITY**

**Messy Church**

Messy Church is an intergenerational worship experience where we learn about God's love through crafts, activities, story and a shared meal. *October Theme: The story of Joseph.* Also we will work on organizing the Hygiene Kits for UMCOR. Saturday, October 14, 4:30 - 6 p.m. Simkins Hall/Chapel.

**Health Ministry Council's Flu Clinic**

First UMC is hosting one of the first flu vaccination clinics this season to be provided by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. No appointments necessary. No charge. Wednesday, October 18, 9 - 11:30 a.m. Simkins Hall.

**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. \$75/guest, appetizers and cocktails. Register now at: [www.homeharvestevent.com](http://www.homeharvestevent.com). Thursday, October 19, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Santa Monica Bay Women's Club (1210 Fourth St. SM)

**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. 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. UMW Workroom.

**MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

**Westside Food Bank's 27th Annual 5k Hunger Walk**

Join the Westside Food Bank as they celebrate their 27th year of walking for a hunger-free community. No registration fee, and anyone can walk as an individual or gather as a group to create a team. The program starts at noon with music and dance performances, a family fun zone, and more. The 5k begins at 2 p.m. Every dollar raised provides 4 nutritious meals for families in need! Sunday, October 15, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Santa Monica Ocean View Park (2701 Barnard Way, SM 90405)

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).