

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WORSHIP

8th Sunday in Kingdomtide • July 15, 2018



...this is the pledge of our inheritance
toward redemption as God's own
people, to the praise of his glory.
- Ephesians 1:14

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Matt Crawford, Lay Lector

PRELUDE El Flautisa Alegre *The Happy Flutist* (Ramón Noble)

Ty Woodward, Organ

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN All Are Welcome (*see insert*)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Matt Crawford

Steadfast God, preserve us in your love,

that we might speak your praise and bless you forever.

You who provide every good thing, uphold your people.

Open your hands wide and satisfy the needs of every living thing.

God of hope, we trust in your righteousness and depend on your love.

Fulfill our longings for wholeness, healing, and new life.

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness, and come before Him with a song!"

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Nathan Oney

Please greet those worshipping near you.

ALL ARE WELCOME



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and
 3. Let us build a house where love is found in
 4. Let us build a house where hands - will reach be -
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, their



all can safe - ly live. A place where saints and
 words are strong and true. Where all God's chil - dren
 wa - ter, wine and wheat; A ban - quet hall on
 yond the wood and stone, To heal and strength - en,
 songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured.



chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for -
 dare to seek to dream God's reign a -
 ho - ly ground, where peace and jus - tice
 serve and teach, and live the Word they've
 taught and claimed as words with - in the



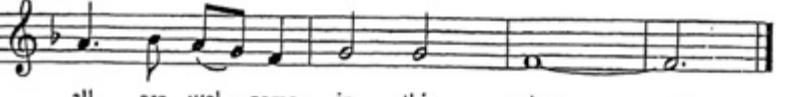
give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness and as
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, is re -
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger bears, the
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of



faith and vault of grace, Here the love of Christ shall
 sym - bol of God's grace; Here as one we claim the
 vealed in time and space, As we share in Christ the
 im - age of God's face, Let us bring an end to
 faith and songs of grace. Let this house pro - claim from



end di - vi - sions:
 faith of Je - sus;
 feast that frees us;
 fear and dan - ger;
 floor to raft - er: } All are wel - come, all are wel - come,



all are wel - come in this place.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Ann Wilson

#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

Matt Crawford

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

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

The Chancel Choir/Dr. James Smith, Music Director

Not One Sparrow Is Forgotten (William Hawley)

Not one sparrow is forgotten, even the raven God will feed; and the lily of the valley from His bounty hath its need. Then shall I not trust Thee, Father, in Thy mercy have a share? And through faith and prayer, my Mother, merit Thy protecting care? (*Luke 12:6*)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE LESSON Ephesians 1:3-14 (Pew Bible page 192, N.T.)

Matt Crawford

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

SERMON "All Things Gathered Up in Christ"

Rev. Patricia Farris

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #2155 TFWS – Blest Are They

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Nathan Oney

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

Rev. Farris

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

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.

*RESPONSE #94 United Methodist Hymnal – The Doxology

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Farris

Renew us by your love, O God, that we might embrace with thanksgiving and singleness of heart all your good gifts of love. May our lips declare and our lives display genuine gratitude and unwavering confidence that your love for us will never fail; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN #2212 TFWS – My Life Flows On

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Thou Art the Rock (Henry Mulet)

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 safety of the children and youth very seriously. We follow Safe Sanctuaries® practices, which is our commitment to the physical safety and spiritual growth of all of our children, youth, and adults.

WORSHIP INFO

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

—Tricia Guerrero is away today with the Youth Service Project team in Slidell, LA.

—Flowers: In memory of our father Henry Fonda, from Carl & Carol Greenwood.

—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 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.

—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. Larry Young will preach.

MISSIONS

—We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. In July, please bring pasta. You may leave items in the bin located outside the Sanctuary.

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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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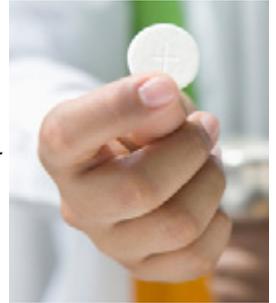
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Communion Servers

Each month when communion is offered in church, members of the Communion Server Ministry take communion out to those who cannot be present during the service. The elements that have been consecrated in the service are offered, and an abridged service, prepared by Rev. Farris, is conducted. By including others, we expand the Table of the Lord to include those who cannot be present in body.

This service is available to anyone in the congregation unable to come for any reason, not just those who are homebound or in a long-term care facility. Please call the church office as far in advance as you can to arrange this service.

The volunteers who are involved in this ministry feel blessed in being able to serve in this way. In the breaking of bread and the partaking of the wine we are united in the body of Christ and truly experience His presence. If you know someone in the congregation who might want communion, or, if you are interested in becoming a communion server, please contact one of the clergy or the church office.



Altar Guild

What, you may ask, is an Altar Guild? The focal area for worship in front of you is called the chancel area. It includes the pulpit on your left, the lectern on your right, the Table or Altar in the center. Behind the choir is the area known as the reredos on which the large candlesticks, flowers and cross are placed. Seasonal paraments made of beautiful cloth are placed on the Table, pulpit and lectern. The candlesticks, collection plates, and special items for communion, baptisms and holy days, such as Advent and All Saints must be prepared and placed appropriately.



The Altar Guild is a group of volunteers who prepare God's house for worship in this way each week. If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry (you can volunteer for one Sunday a month), please call the church office. (310.393.8258)

For more information about these and other Spiritual Formation groups, visit: santamonicaumc.org/spiritual-growth.

WORSHIP & PRAYER

Sunday 10 a.m.

Sanctuary Worship

Sunday 5 p.m.

simple church*simple church special speaker: Sherry Erlandson***MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK****Today**

11 a.m. Free Blood Pressure Screenings, SH

Wednesday, July 18

9 a.m. UMW Workparty/Lunch, WR

Saturday, July 21

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

Sunday, July 22 - Youth Service Project team*returns***Monday, July 23** - Deadline to order UMC Dodger*Night Tickets online***CHILDREN & YOUTH****Children's Ministry**

July Sunday School

Theme: Stories Jesus Told

Anchor Point: We can learn from the stories

Jesus told.

This Sunday: The Mustard Seed and the Yeast

July Youth Ministry

Youth Choir, Youth Connect and UMYF are on their summer break.

The Youth Service Team are on their trip to Slidell, Louisiana.

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FELLOWSHIP /COMMUNITY**Vacation Bible School**

There's still time to sign up for Vacation Bible School! First UMC invites children of all ages to experience the ride of a lifetime with God at *Rolling River Rampage Vacation Bible School!* VBS is a one week long, half-day summer program full of fun, music, scripture and stories, science projects, prayer and missions. It is available to all kids in the community ages 5 to 11 years old (or starting Kindergarten in fall – 5th grade). There is a small fee per child/family. *New: Extended Child Care until 4 p.m. is now available.*

Sign up: www.santamonicaumc.org/vbs.**Monday, July 30 – Friday, August 3: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Meets in Simkins Hall.****Relay for Life - Sign up Now**

One in three people in the U.S. will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. When you join a Relay For Life event, you're helping the American Cancer Society fund groundbreaking research, crucial patient care programs, and education and prevention information. The First UMC Health Ministry Council is sponsoring church member Chris Reagh's continued efforts to support this worthy cause. To register or to donate, visit: www.relayforlife.org, search for team captain Chris Reagh/Team Wesley Walkers, to find First UMC's page. You may also sign up today at the Relay for Life table during Coffee Fellowship. (*You may walk for any length of time during the event.*)

Relay for Life: Saturday, July 28, begins at 11 a.m., Santa Monica College (1900 Pico Blvd.)**After worship, all are invited to stay for Coffee Fellowship in Simkins Hall.****If you are a new visitor today, feel free to ask any questions you may have at the Hospitality Table in the Simkins Hall Alcove.**

FELLOWSHIP /COMMUNITY (CONTINUED)

Family Place Community Meal

simple church resumes hosting a monthly potluck Community Meal with Family Place. A program of Upward Bound House, Family Place provides transitional housing and intensive wrap-around case management for families with minor children in crisis. The Community Meal potluck is an opportunity to help feed about 30-40 adults & children, served buffet style. Attending the potluck not only provides a delicious meal for the families and allows the parents an evening free from cooking dinner but is a way for all who attend to be 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. For more information, contact the Community Meal Volunteers by emailing: meal@santamonicaumc.org, or call the church office (310) 393-8258.

Thursday, August 2, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Family Place

36th Annual UMC Dodgers Night

The United Methodist Night at Dodger Stadium is back! This year, it's the Dodgers vs. the Houston Astros. Seats are located in the Coca-Cola "all you can eat" Pavilion. The evening is sponsored by the West District and its *Living into the Future* Foundation. All tickets are sent via email (\$55 each.) Online and check payment information is located on the church website: www.santamonicaumc.org/umc-dodger-night. *Deadline to order is July 23.

**Game Day: Saturday, August 4, 6:10 p.m.
Dodger Stadium**

Save the Date: Wesley Foundation Serving UCLA 90th Anniversary Celebration

All are welcome to celebrate the WFSUCLA's 90 years of developing, educating and supporting students at UCLA. Music, memories and refreshments will be shared in community. \$25 suggested donation payable at the door. RSVP: wfsulca@gmail.com, or call 310.909.4471.

Sunday, August 12, 1 - 3:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary and Simkins Hall

Brain Health Seminars

Be sure to mark your calendars for two informative seminars on Brain Health this August. Monica Moore, MSG, from the Mary S. Easton Center for Alzheimer's Disease Research at UCLA (part of the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA) will be presenting:

• *Memory and Aging: What You Need to Know*

Sunday, August 5, 11:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room

• *Living a Brain Healthy Lifestyle*

Sunday, August 26, 11:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room

Monica Moore, MSG, has worked in the field of aging and Alzheimer's disease for more than 15 years focusing on community education, outreach, and caregiver support. She has worked for the Alzheimer's Association - California Southland Chapter, WISE & Healthy Living, and is now proud to be at the Easton Center. If you have any questions about the seminars, please contact Anne Premer at 310-393-8258 ext 103, or email a.premere@santamonicaumc.org. *Light refreshments served. No charge.*

Meet Our New Pastoral Associate

We welcome our new Pastoral Associate, **Nathan Oney**. A recent graduate of the Claremont School of Theology, Nathan is a native of Oklahoma. His undergraduate degree in Business Economics with a Minor in Math is from Oklahoma City University (a United Methodist college). Nathan is a candidate for ordained ministry in The United Methodist Church. He and Kristia (pronounced "Krista") have been married five years. They are both excited about becoming part of our First UMC family and have already secured an apartment in the area. Kristia will be taking classes at West LA College to fill in some requirements before applying to a master's program in Psychology. Nathan's special interests are in teaching, new forms of church with young adults, worship, and pastoral care.

*Share some of you favorite Santa Monica local spots with the Oneys. Go to:
www.santamonicaumc.org/nathan-oney

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Westside Food Bank

Food is collected every Sunday to benefit the Westside Food Bank. Food bins can be found outside the Sanctuary and in the Preschool. For the month of July we are collecting pasta.

UMCOR

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church (UMC), a non-profit 501(c)3 organization operated under the auspices of the General Board of Global Ministries. When UMCOR donors designate their contribution for a particular program or disaster response, UMCOR uses 100 percent of it on that program—none of it gets funneled back into fundraising or operating costs. To learn more, go to: www.umcor.org.

For more information on our ministries and missions, go to www.santamonicaumc.org/ministries.

OPEN INVITATIONS

Attention Animal Lovers!

Love animals? Love art? Then consider joining the new Animal Art Committee. You will work with Shalimar Carducci on the upcoming Animal Art Exhibit that opens on Saturday, October 6, right after the *Blessing of the Animals* service. To sign up or for more info, contact her at s.carducci@santamonicaumc.org, or call the church office.

Ways to Serve the First UMC Community

Almost everything the church is able to do with and for the community is a direct result of the time and generous hearts of volunteers. Visit our website to view a few opportunities of service within First UMC. Go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/volunteer.

LOOKING FORWARD: BREAKFAST AT THE BEACH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

8:30 - 11 AM

MESSY CHURCH BEACH MEET-UP

**OCEAN PARK BEACH, SANTA MONICA
(BETWEEN LIFEGUARD STATIONS 26
AND 27)**

**Messy Church joins Family Connection for
Breakfast at the Beach!**

**Relax on the beach, build a sandcastle, or
swim out to the dolphins! Enjoy some
fruit, bagels, coffee, and juice. All are
welcome so invite your friends and family!**

