

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WORSHIP

10th Sunday in Kingdomtide • July 29, 2018



I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
- Ephesians 3:18-19

WE GATHER

WELCOME

David Wilson, Lay Lector

PRELUDE

Ty Woodward, Organ

The Peace May Be Exchanged *from* Rubrics (Dan Lochlair)

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #139 United Methodist Hymnal — Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

* CALL TO WORSHIP

David Wilson

God has accomplished all things through Christ,

So that we might live as God's own children.

Let us give thanks to God

And live for the praise of God's glory.

* CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him for he is thy health, and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration, in glad adoration!"

* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Tricia Guerrero

Please greet those worshipping near you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sue Pascoe

#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

Tricia Guerrero

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

Thanks be to God!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE LESSON Ephesians 3:14-21 (Pew Bible page 193, N.T.)

David Wilson

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

SERMON

Rev. Patricia Farris

“Bind Our Hearts in Love: Rooted and Grounded in Love”

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #347 UMH – Spirit Song

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

Tricia Guerrero

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

Good News Celebration! (Dale Wood)

Share the Good News Celebration! Sing His praises joyfully. Share with ev'ry tribe and nation, Christ has come and sets us free. Sing and praise Him! Sing and praise Him! Worthy of our praise is He. Alleluia, alleluia! Sing and praise Him joyfully! Witness now with expectation, share the gospel far and near; tell of Christ and His salvation, spread the news that all may hear. Share the Good News Celebration! Share the news of God's design; let us sing with jubilation. We are branches, He's the vine. Alleluia, O sing and praise Him! Sing and praise Him joyfully!

* RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

* UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Tricia Guerrero

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 #557 UMH – Blest Be the Tie That Binds

* BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Praise to the Lord (arr. Paul Manz)

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.

—Sermons through July and August will be based in the Letter to the Ephesians. This "Bind Our Hearts in Love" series will explore this Scripture's many teachings for the church about how to be a community worthy of the gospel, lessons essential both to the church and to our larger community.

—Flowers: "In remembrance of my dear husband Wendall Furnas' birthday." From Karen Furnas.

—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: Holy Communion; Rev. Patricia Farris will preach.

MISSIONS

—We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. In August, please bring canned beans. 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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The Prayer Quilt Ministry, hard at work during one of their monthly Saturday morning work parties, in Room 300

The First UMC Prayer Quilt Ministry is part of Prayers & Squares, an interfaith outreach ministry that combines the gift of prayer with the gift of a hand-tied quilt. Volunteers may work from home and then meet monthly in Room 300 to work on the quilts together. First UMC members Maile Marquand and Sue Payne head the Ministry. About the quilts:

- The quilt is not just a gift of a quilt; it is a gift of love and prayer. It is an affirmation of our faith in God and our belief in God's power to comfort, strengthen, and heal.
- A heavy thread is used to take stitches through the quilt layers with the ends left free to be tied. Members of the congregation say a prayer for the recipient as they tie these knots at Sunday Sanctuary worship service.
- Prayer quilts are for anyone of any age who is in special need of prayer, primarily due to serious illness, injury, sorrow, or challenging life circumstances.
- Anyone in the congregation or associated with First UMC can request or sponsor a prayer quilt.

How to sponsor a quilt:

1. Get permission & prayer: Confirm that the person would like to receive the quilt and prayers. Then, consider the prayer with them. This will be shared with the congregation.
2. Contact the ministry: Maile Marquand or Sue Payne (see below) to go over details.
3. Come to church: Be present at the service when the quilt will be hung and available for the congregation to pray over. After, a member of the Prayer Quilt Ministry will take down the quilt to give to you or the recipient (if they are able to attend).

Contact Maile Marquand (maile@rugbooks.com), or Sue Payne (sue.f.payne@gmail.com), to sponsor a quilt. For more information, visit: santamonicaumc.org/prayerquiltministry.

WORSHIP & PRAYER

Sunday 10 a.m.

Sanctuary Worship

Sunday 5 p.m.

simple church*simple church special speaker: Nathan Oney***MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK****Today** - UBH School Supplies collection begins

11:15 a.m. VBS Volunteer Training, Room 303

Monday, July 30 - Vacation Bible School begins**Wednesday, August 1**

9 a.m. UMW Workparty/Lunch, Workroom

Thursday, August 2

5:30 p.m. Family Place Community Meal, OS

Friday, August 3 - Vacation Bible School ends

at 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 4

6:15 p.m. UMC Dodgers Night, OS

Sunday, August 5 - Holy Communion11:30 a.m. Brain Health Seminar: *Memory and Aging: What You Need to Know*, FR**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 Ten Talents

July Youth Ministry

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

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FELLOWSHIP /COMMUNITY**Family Place Community Meal**

simple church resumes hosting a monthly potluck Community Meal with Family Place. 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.

To contribute to the potluck fill out the online form: www.santamonicaumc.org/community-meal.

For questions, contact the meal volunteers Dan Stirling and Anna Rogers: meal@santamonicaumc.org.

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

Brain Health Seminar: Memory and Aging - What You Need to Know

Monica Moore, MSG, from the Mary S. Easton Center for Alzheimer's Disease Research at UCLA returns to present *Memory and Aging: What You Need to Know*. Learn about the way the brain changes with age, what is normal, what is not, and what you can do about it. The latest research surrounding brain health will be discussed as well as practical tips to stay focused and mentally sharp. Questions? Contact Anne Premer at 310-393-8258 ext 103, or email a.premer@santamonicaumc.org. *Light refreshments served. No charge.*

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

Hosting the Berkeley United Methodist Church

First UMC is hosting Berkeley UMC for a day as they are traveling en route to their Youth Service Project in the Sierras with 9 youth and 4 adult leaders.

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)

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 Simkins Hall

School Supplies Needed for Upward Bound House

Starting today, First UMC is taking donations of backpacks and school supplies for Family Place at Upward Bound House. This year, we are also accepting money donations towards the purchase of supplies in bulk. You may drop a check in the collection basket made out to First UMC, in the memo line "School Supplies." Or to donate online, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/give. Click on the Donate Now, and select School Supplies Fund in the *Select An Account* dropdown menu.

Goal: 50 Supplied Backpacks!

Items you may bring include: Backpacks • Glue sticks • Scissors • Ballpoint pens • No. 2 pencils • Colored pencils • Pencil sharpener • Large pink eraser • Water-based markers • Four-ounce bottle of white glue • Highlighters • Three-ring binder • Loose-leaf notebook paper • Pocket folders (two pockets) • Rulers • Crayons • Index Cards • 2 oz. Antibacterial Hand Soap

Deadline to bring items: Sunday, August 12

You may drop off supplies in the box in the narthex, at the Hospitality Table, or in the church office. Sunday School's Faith in Action will assemble the backpacks at **Blessing of the Backpacks, Sunday, August 19** and will give to UBH the following week. Let's give the kids of Upward Bound House supplies for their first day of school!

Blessing of the Backpacks

Back to school is around the corner, and First UMC has you covered. All ages are welcome to bring backpacks, handbags, computer carriers, wallets, etc., to the annual Blessing of the Backpacks. Get your commemorative tag during service.

Sunday, August 19, during 10 a.m. Worship

Messy Church Meetup

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!

Saturday, August 18: 8:30 – 11 a.m. Ocean Park Beach, Santa Monica (Between Lifeguard Stations 26 and 27)

Habitat for Humanity Upcoming Build Days

First UMC volunteers had a great build day at the Patience House Culver City location, minus the record heat, on Saturday, July 7. You can still sign up for the September build day - there are a few volunteer slots available, and more volunteer slots open on November 3. (Limited signups for builders - the Westside Coalition allocates a certain number of people that we can bring to each build.)

To sign up for either month, contact Martha Ross: mpr01@verizon.net.

To know: Wear sturdy close-toed shoes (mandatory)

• You may want to bring your own water to stay hydrated • Lunch and beverages will be provided. We are unable to customize lunches. If you have any food issues, we are asking that you bring your own lunch • Parking is at a premium at the site, so if you can, please car pool.

Build dates: Saturdays, September 8 & November 3: 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Location: 4000 block of Globe Ave., Culver City



First UMC member and Habitat Coordinator Martha Ross (left), at the July Patience House build day, with Carmen Herrera and Karen Hopkins (below).



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 August we are collecting canned beans.

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.

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.

Ty Woodward Concert - Today

First UMC organist Ty Woodward will perform in the final of the Summer Organ Concerts series held at Westwood UMC. Don't miss his 60-minute concert, performed on the Shaffer Memorial Organ. Free admission and parking.

www.summerorganconcerts.com.

Today, 3 p.m., Westwood UMC (10497 Wilshire Blvd. LA, 90024)

LOCAL NEWS: SMITH & CO. ALUMNI FUND

Santa Monica College Foundation Honors Dr. James Smith

Santa Monica College Foundation is honoring Dr. James Smith with a new fund: The Smith & Co. Alumni Fund. Established in 1972 by Dr. Smith, Smith & Company consisted of young energetic students who provided a musical experience for countless audiences throughout the Los Angeles area. An early press release described the group as “entertaining service clubs and other organizations, they were active public relation agents for Santa Monica College.”



The bonds in the group have lasted over 40 years, growing stronger as members met for reunions. Original members appreciated their time in the group so much that they wanted to honor Jim and his legacy with this fund. Donations will be used to benefit the vocal music program at Santa Monica College and its students. Gifts will ensure that they remember those who have died, and acknowledge the work and dedication of founder Dr. James Smith.

To donate and for more info: <https://santamoniacollegefoundation.org/smithandco.php>

