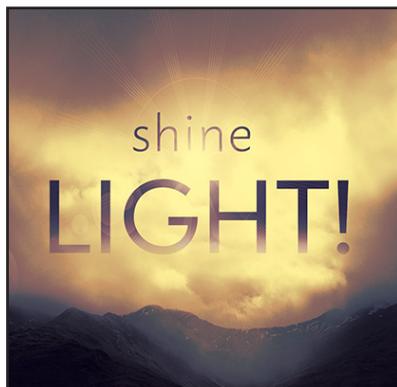


FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WORSHIP

Epiphany Sunday • Holy Communion • January 6, 2019



And having been warned in a dream
not to return to Herod, they left for
their own country by another road.
– Matthew 2:12

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Nathan Oney

PRELUDE *Allegro from Concerto in A Minor* (J. S. Bach/Antonio Vivaldi) Ty Woodward, Organ

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #173 United Methodist Hymnal – Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Patty Hedges, Lay Lector

We gather in the name of Jesus Christ, who is the light of the world and our light.

The God revealed in Jesus Christ is our host. We are guests of the One who feeds and heals us.

We have come to worship the God who gives us life and light, that the light of Christ might shine through us.

To You, O God, be the praise and glory!

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

“Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel! Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!”

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Please greet those worshipping near you.

Nathan Oney

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

Rev. Larry Young

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

Thanks be to God!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE GOSPEL Matthew 2:1-12 (Pew Bible page 2, N.T.)

Patty Hedges

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

HOMILY "Shine Light! Making This Year Different"

Rev. Young

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

Those Who Wait on the Lord (Craig Courtney)

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord, the everlasting God, creator of the ends of the earth tires not nor grows faint. He gives pow'r and strength to the weak. And His understanding is unsearchable. Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. They will mount up with wings as eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not faint, those who wait on the Lord. Though the young shall grow weary and tired, though the youth may stumble and fall, you will mount up with wings as eagles; you will run and not grow weary; you will walk and not faint when you wait on the Lord. Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength.

*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Nathan Oney

All we have is from you, O God. All that we enjoy is the rich bounty of your love poured out on us. In Christ we have witnessed your care; in Christ we have learned to share. In gratitude we worship you with our gifts and present ourselves in your service. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

We will use the Musical Setting B on page 18 in The United Methodist 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.

#192 UMH – There's a Spirit in the Air

#247 UMH – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

#630 UMH – Become to Us the Living Bread

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Young

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN #2172 TFWS – We Are Called

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Young

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Tuba Tune (C. S. Lang)

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

—After today's service, members of the Communion Server Ministry will be taking the communion elements to those who were unable to worship with us.

—Rev. Patricia Farris is on vacation today, and Tricia Guerrero is with the Youth on their retreat.

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

—Flowers at the Reredos: "In loving memory of my wife Jennie Weese." From Thomas Weese.

—Flowers in the Narthex: "In loving memory of Dennis Marquand." From his 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.

—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: Baptismal Renewal & Installation of Lay Leaders; Rev. Patricia Farris will preach.

MISSIONS

—We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. In January, please bring granola and other nutritional bars. You may leave items in the bin located outside the Sanctuary.

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January 6, 2019



Annual FREE Concert Series

Wednesdays

12:10 - 12:40 p.m.

followed by a reception
with the artists



JANUARY 9

Mark Robson *piano*

Mark enjoys a multi-faceted career as a soloist, chamber musician, and teacher.



FEBRUARY 13

Lukas Hasler *organ*

Lukas has performed many organ recitals in Austria, as well as internationally in Germany, France, Israel, the United Kingdom and the United States.



MARCH 13

AlmaNova Duo *flute and guitar*

Flutist Jessica Pierce and guitarist Almer Imamovic make up AlmaNova Duo, an innovative duo presenting an eclectic program of chamber music.



APRIL 10

The Wilder Trio *clarinet, bassoon and piano*

The Wilder Trio was formed in 2008 by three seasoned freelance musicians who have worked as colleagues in a variety of music ensembles for the past 20 years.



MAY 8

David York *organ*

David is organist at Temple Israel in Long Beach and a Lecturer in Music on the faculty of the Bob Cole School of Music, California State University Long Beach.

2019 Mid-Week Recital Season

The first of the 2019 Mid-Week Recitals begins in January with **Mark Robson, piano**. Mark Robson has been hailed by the Los Angeles Times as a pianist with “one of the great techniques,” “an inquiring mind” and a performer capable of evoking an “exquisite engulfing pastel haze,” and he continues to impress with his multi-faceted career as a soloist, chamber musician, and teacher. As a collaborative artist with singers and instrumentalists, he commands the respect of his peers in both the recital and chamber settings.

Wednesday, January 9, 12:10 p.m.
in the Sanctuary.

Reception to follow in the Fireside Room.
Free admission.

For more information about the 2019 Recitals, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/mid-week-recital-series

WORSHIP & PRAYER

Sunday 10 a.m. **Sanctuary Worship**
 Sunday 5 p.m. **simple church**
simple church: reflections by Michael Olsson

MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today - Epiphany Sunday • Holy Communion
Tuesday, January 8
 6:30 p.m. Open Space Gathering, Off-site
Wednesday, January 9
 12:10 p.m. Mid-Week Recital/Reception, S/FR
 4 p.m. Trustees Meeting, CR-A
Friday, January 11
 7 p.m. Shareringers Monthly Dinner, FR
Saturday, January 12
 10 a.m. DanceFit! Room 300
 10 a.m. Messy Church Meet-Up, Off-site
Sunday, January 13 - Baptismal Renewal •
Installation of 2019 Lay Leadership
 11:15 a.m. Confirmation Class,
 Room 300
 6 p.m. simple supper, FR



CHILDREN & YOUTH

Children's Ministry

January Theme: Healing Families

United Methodist Youth Fellowship

The Youth are on their retreat, no UMYF tonight

The youth ministry at First UMC is a safe, Christ centered environment where youth explore and grow in their faith. Activities are designed to nurture relationships and build a strong, loving community.

This is a place of acceptance, outreach and spirituality.

FELLOWSHIP /COMMUNITY

Open Space January Gathering

Open Space is a new ministry for young adults – an intentional, inclusive, open-minded group that invites all to spark deep conversation and find spiritual meaning in a safe and diverse environment. Our January Gathering will center around food and conversation with the topic: *Let your 'Yes' be 'Yes' and your 'No' be 'No,' Intention and Commitment in the New Year.*

Tuesday, January 8, 6:30 p.m. at Santa Monica Brew Works. (FB & IG: @openspacesantamonica)

January Messy Church Meet-Up

Instead of our traditional Messy Church in the Chapel and Simkins Hall, we will have an off-site, casual meet-up at Virginia Park.

Saturday, January 12, between 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

DanceFit

Dance your way to fitness with First UMC member Whitney Hagan, licensed Zumba instructor. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes, and bring a towel. Sponsored by the Health Ministry Council, the class is a great way to start your weekend. No charge.

Saturdays, January 12 & 26, 10 - 11 a.m. Room 300

Baptismal Renewal & Installation of Lay Leaders

Baptismal Renewal is a special time of reflection on baptism and on our own baptismal experience. During this worship we will also recognize and install the new Church Leadership for 2019.

Sunday, January 13, Sanctuary Worship 10 a.m.

simple supper

simple supper is a simple church monthly potluck. Sharing a meal has always been a holy act of hospitality and of fellowship, and there is no reason to make it complicated; bring a dish to share, eat, and enjoy. There is no need to RSVP, all are welcome, and we will celebrate with those who are present.

Sunday, January 13, 6 p.m. in the Fireside Room

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)

Walk the Labyrinth

The Labyrinth is open from 3 - 5 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month, with the last walk at 4:30 p.m. Enjoy the meditative Labyrinth, then stay for the contemplative simple church service in the Chapel at 5 p.m. Walking the Labyrinth is an ancient spiritual practice, a way to quiet our minds and open our spirits to the presence of the Holy. If you've never been before, there are printed instructions to help with your walking meditation. Take an hour for yourself in this "device-free" zone. Every step a prayer.

Sunday, January 20, 3 - 5 p.m. in Simkins Hall

Family Place Community Meal

Going on its third year, simple church hosts the 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. For more information, contact the Community Meal Volunteers by emailing: meal@santamonicaumc.org or call the church office (310) 393-8258.

**Thursday, January 24, 5:30 p.m. Family Place
(1020 12th St. Santa Monica)**

Youth/Scout Sunday

Come enjoy the annual Youth/Scout Sunday service. The youth of First UMC have the opportunity to lead the Sunday service, from reading scripture to preaching the sermons they have written. This day also celebrates the Scouting Ministries (Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts) and their long-standing traditions of service to the community while transforming the lives of the youths.

**Sunday, January 27, Sanctuary Worship 10 a.m.
Pancake Breakfast 7 a.m. - 1 p.m., Simkins Hall**

Loving God with Our Minds Book Study/Potluck

Come one, come all to our January Book Study on January 27 after worship in the Fireside Room.

Our January and February books have been chosen to help prepare us for the Special Session of the General Conference of the UMC to take place in St. Louis in February. As a global church, we are wrestling with questions of how to remain united for mission and ministry given different perspectives on human sexuality. Our January book is *Embracing the Wideness: The Shared Convictions of The United Methodist Church*. The author, Bishop Ken Carter, is currently President of the UM Council of Bishops and one of the three convenors of the Commission on the Way Forward which has presented legislation to the General Conference.

Come for what promises to be a lively discussion! Carter's book is an accessible introduction to the theology and polity of the UMC. Books are available for sale in the church office and at the Sunday Hospitality Table.

Sunday, January 27, 11:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room

West District Training Conference

Hosted at Holman United Methodist Church in Los Angeles, California, the West District Training Conference is for both current and emerging leaders within local UMC churches. This day of practical ministry training includes a time of praise and worship as well as numerous workshops led by leaders throughout the West District and California-Pacific Conference. Come expecting to meet new friends and connect with people across our district! (Childcare is available only for those who pre-register online.) Online registration: www.westdistricttraining.com. (\$15 per person before January 15, \$25 after.)

Saturday, February 2, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Holman United Methodist Church, (3320 West Adams Blvd., LA)

Please wear your name tag to worship every Sunday. If you would like a name tag, or are missing yours, please email info@santamonicaumc.org to receive a new one.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

UMCOR Wildfire Response

UMCOR is actively engaged in California in response to previous wildfires and we anticipate supporting both conferences as they identify and respond to the needs of the populations affected by the current wildfires. UMCOR stands ready to support the response of the conferences with relief kits, Early Response Teams, and funding. For more info, go to:

<https://www.umcor.org/umcor/resources/news-stories/2018/august/umcor-responds-to-current-disasters-around-the-world>

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 January we are collecting granola and other nutritional bars.

OPEN INVITATIONS

Haiti 2019

Every year since the devastating 7.0 earthquake in 2010 near Port-au-Prince, a team of First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica adult members are sent to live and serve in the country of Haiti. In collaboration with our Haitian Methodist partners, our efforts thus far have made tangible progress in rebuilding churches, schools and homes. In March 2019, First UMC will send a team. For more information, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/haiti.

Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study is a weekly meeting where men of all ages and generations gather to ground themselves in the Holy Scripture. As men try to navigate the stresses and complexities of this modern world and daily life, Men's Breakfast is a place for community, prayer and fellowship through the sharing of God's Holy word. Come by as your schedule permits.

Returns Tuesday, January 8: 7 a.m., Fireside Room

For more information on these events, or to learn about our ministries and missions, go to www.santamonicaumc.org.

LOOKING FORWARD



2019 Home Run for Kids

Registration is now open for the 7th Annual Home Run for Kids Walk/Run in the Brentwood community of West Los Angeles. This year's event—including a 5k/10k chip-timed course, and a stroller & pet friendly Kiddie K— expects to draw over 1,200 participants with all proceeds benefiting Upward Bound House. This is a great opportunity for kids and parents alike to work together to solve family homelessness, a growing crisis across Los Angeles.

Join the First UMC Team! Register on the website under “First United Methodist Church.” Before the race, First UMC will hold a brief on-site worship service complete with Communion at 8 a.m. Look for the white First UMC tent. Find out what it means to pray on your feet! Register: www.HomeRunForKids.com

**Sunday, February 10, 9 a.m. Darlington Ave.,
11645 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA**

