

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# W O R S H I P

Baptism of the Lord • Renewal of Baptismal Vows  
Installation of 2019 Leadership • January 13, 2019



Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

— Luke 3:21-22

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## WE GATHER

### WELCOME

Nathan Oney

PRELUDE *Adagio from Symphony No. 5* (Charles Marie Widor)

Ty Woodward, Organ

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #529 United Methodist Hymnal — How Firm a Foundation

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Todd Erlandson, Lay Lecter

There are different ways of serving, but the same God is served.

**There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to each of us for our particular service.**

The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.

**Christ is like a single body which has many parts.**

It is still one body, even though it is made up of different parts.

**All of us are Christ's body, and each one is part of it.**

### \*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died, one voice, one song, we lift in praise to him who was and is and shall be evermore. One faith, one hope, one Lord, one God."

### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Tricia Guerrero

*Please greet those worshipping near you.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Tricia Guerrero

#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

Nathan Oney

Moments for Mission - Haiti Work Team

Todd Erlandson

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

THE LESSON Isaiah 43:1-7 (Pew Bible page 672, O.T.)

Sherry Erlandson

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

THE GOSPEL Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (Pew Bible page 60 N.T.)

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

HOMILY "The Light That Is You"

Rev. Patricia Farris

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## WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #2218 TFWS – You Are Mine

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Tricia Guerrero

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

Nathan Oney

*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/Dr. James Smith, Music Director  
Barbara Smith & Ryan Brown, soloists

Greater Love Hath No Man (John Ireland)

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater Love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are wash'd, ye are sanctified, ye are justified, in the name of the Lord, Jesus, ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

\*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Nathan Oney

**We give you thanks, O God. May our offering honor you. May our lives reflect your mercy. May our hands bestow on others the blessings we have received. Amen.**

\*BAPTISMAL RENEWAL

#593 UMH – Here I Am, Lord

#605 UMH – Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

#206 UMH – I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

INTRODUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF 2019 FIRST UMC LEADERS (*see insert*)

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## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

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\*HYMN #2238 TFWS – In the Midst of New Dimensions

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Hornpipe *from* Water Music Suite (G. F. Handel)

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.

—This morning we will observe our annual service of Baptismal Renewal. If you have not been baptized and would like to explore its meaning for your life, please talk with one of our pastors.

—Flowers: "Love to Carl in honor of our anniversary." From Carol Greenwood.

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

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# RECOGNITION & INSTALLATION OF OUR CHURCH LEADERS

Sunday, January 13, 2019

*Church leaders respond in bold italics. Congregation responds in bold type.*

## INTRODUCTION

Rev. Patricia Farris

Dear friends, you have been called by God and chosen by the people of God for leadership in the church. This ministry is a blessing and a serious responsibility. It recognizes your special gifts and calls you to work among us and for us. In love we thank you for accepting your obligation and challenge you to offer your best to the Lord, to this people, and to our ministry in the world. Live a life in Christ and make him known in your witness and your work.

## INTRODUCTION OF LEADERS

Rev. Farris

## TO OUR LEADERS

Do you this day acknowledge yourself a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ?

***I do.***

Will you devote yourself to the service of God in the world?

***I will.***

Will you so live that you enable this church to be a people of love and peace?

***I will.***

Will you do all in your power to be responsible to the task for which you have been chosen?

***I will.***

## PRAYER

Almighty God, pour out your blessings upon these your servants who have been given particular ministries in your church. Grant them grace to give themselves wholeheartedly in your service. Keep before them the example of our Lord, who did not think first of himself, but gave himself for us all. Let them share his ministry and consecration, that they may enter into his joy. Guide them in their work. Reward their faithfulness with the knowledge that through them your purposes are accomplished; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## TO THE CONGREGATION

Sherry Erlandson

Dear friends, rejoice that these persons have accepted the gift and responsibility of leadership in our congregation. Will you do all you can to assist and encourage them in the responsibilities to which they have been called, giving them your cooperation, your counsel, and your prayers?

**We will.**

## Church Leadership

**Lay Leader Team:** Todd Erlandson, Sherry Erlandson, Shannon Sturges, Michael Olsson, Jocelyn Hicks-Garner

**Fellowship & Events:** Sandra Jones

**Finance Committee:** Kim Defenderfer

**Health Ministry:** Debi Jenkinson Wong

**Historical Records:** Leslie Nordby

**Nominations & Leadership Development:** Cindy McQuade

**Lay Member to Annual Conference:** Bee Campbell

**Loans & Scholarships:** Mira Pak

**Missions:** Jocelyn Hicks-Garner

**Parking:** Chuck Kearsley

**Planned Giving:** Russ Whittenburg

**Prayer Quilt Ministry:** Maile Marquand, Sue Payne

**Seasonal Displays:** Mike Eskridge

**Spiritual Formation:** Mary Crawford

**Staff-Parish Relations:** Dick Crawford

**Trustees:** Vern Busse

**United Methodist Women:** Betty Storm

**Youth Ministry:** Adam Guerrero

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**Methodist Foundation of Santa Monica:** John Youngman

## United Methodist Women

**President:** Betty Storm

**Recording Secretary:** Joy Williams

**Corresponding Secretary:** Christine Stumpf

**Treasurer:** Mary Clark

**Publicity:** Cindy McQuade, David Mayhan

**Program Resources:** Carol Reich

**Boutique:** Betty Storm

**Historian:** Marilyn Hedges

**Scholarships:** Rebecca Pearson

**Sunshine Committee:** Cindy McQuade, Bernice de Leon, Berneice Southcott & Kathy Naylor

**Membership:** Joyce Landsverk

**Women of Action:** Linda Diane Anderson

**Quilters Liaison:** Caprice Walker

**Abigail Circle:** Christine Stumpf

**Mothers Fellowship:** Ella Mae Holmes

**Nominating Committee:** Helen Hewitt, Bernice de Leon

January 13, 2019

excerpts from UMC.org:

“By Water and the Spirit: A United Methodist Understanding of Baptism”

Within the Methodist tradition, baptism has long been a subject of much concern, even controversy. John Wesley retained the sacramental theology which he received from his Anglican heritage. He taught that in baptism a child was cleansed of the guilt of original sin, initiated into the covenant with God, admitted into the church, made an heir of the divine kingdom, and spiritually born anew. He said that while baptism was neither essential to nor sufficient for salvation, it was the “ordinary means” that God designated for applying the benefits of the work of Christ in human lives.

Baptism is at the heart of the gospel of grace and at the core of the church’s mission. When we baptize we say what we understand as Christians about ourselves and our community: that we are loved into being by God, lost because of sin, but redeemed and saved in Jesus Christ to live new lives in anticipation of his coming again in glory. Baptism is an expression of God’s love for the world, and the effects of baptism also express God’s grace. As baptized people of God, we therefore respond with praise and thanksgiving, praying that God’s will be done in our own lives:

We your people stand before you,  
Water-washed and Spirit-born.  
By your grace, our lives we offer.  
Re-create us; God, transform!

—Ruth Duck, “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters” (#605 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*)



Today at First UMC we celebrate Baptismal Renewal, a special time of reflection on baptism and on our own baptismal experience. You will find a 3 x 5” index card in your Order of Worship in which you may write your first and middle name, to be brought up with you during the Baptismal Renewal. You will receive a small shell as a remembrance of your baptism.

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**WORSHIP & PRAYER**

Sunday 10 a.m. **Sanctuary Worship**  
 Sunday 5 p.m. **simple church**  
*simple church: reflections by Nathan Oney*

**MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK**

**Today** - *Baptismal Renewal • Installation of 2019 Lay Leadership*

11 a.m. Free Blood Pressure Screenings, SH  
 6 p.m. simple supper, FR

**Tuesday, January 15**

7 p.m. Methodist Foundation Meeting, CR-A

**Saturday, January 19**

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

**Sunday, January 20** - *Children's Church*

3 p.m. Walk the Labyrinth, SH

**CHILDREN & YOUTH****Children's Ministry**

January Theme: Healing Families

**United Methodist Youth Fellowship**

UMYF Ice Skating tonight

**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 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Simkins Hall**  
 (\*free of charge)

**FELLOWSHIP /COMMUNITY****simple supper - Tonight**

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.

**Tonight, 6 p.m. in the Fireside Room**

**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](mailto: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)**

**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)

### 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.

**Saturday, January 26, 10 - 11 a.m. Room 300**

### 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**

### Save the Date: February Book Study/Potluck

February's book: *Together at the Table: Diversity Without Division in the United Methodist Church*, by Bishop Karen Oliveto.

**Sunday, February 17, 11:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room**



### Habitat for Humanity Build Day

The Habitat for Humanity *Patience House* build continues to move forward. You can still sign up for the upcoming February build day and other build days to come. (*The Westside Coalition allocates a certain number of volunteer builders we can bring to the site.*) To sign up contact Joyce Landsverk: [jlandsve@verizon.net](mailto:jlandsve@verizon.net).

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

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

**Saturday, February 2, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**  
**(4000 block of Globe Avenue in Culver City)**

### 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. (Childcare is available only for those who pre-register online.) Online registration: [www.westdistricttraining.com](http://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)**

### Messy Church

Messy Church is back on campus for February with the theme: *Love Rules*. Messy Church is a great opportunity for families to be together in worship without the worry of being too silly or "messy" because, let's face it, life can be messy! At Messy Church, we grow in our relationship with God and with one another through crafts, activities, music, and stories of God's love. Then, together we enjoy a shared meal. Be ready to get messy! Sign up to receive monthly Messy Church reminder emails and news: [www.santamonicaumc.org/messychurch](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/messychurch).

**Saturday, February 9, 4:30 - 6 p.m. in the Chapel/ Simkins Hall**

## 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](http://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.

**Tuesdays, 7 a.m., in the Fireside Room**

*For more information on these events, or to learn about our ministries and missions, go to [www.santamonicaumc.org](http://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!

To register, go to: [www.santamonicaumc.org/home-run-for-kids](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/home-run-for-kids) (Team name: *First UMC Santa Monica*) Before the race, First UMC will hold a brief on-site worship service complete with Communion at 8 a.m. Look for the First UMC tent. Find out what it means to pray on your feet!

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

