

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

W O R S H I P

Holy Communion • February 3, 2019



And now faith, hope, and love abide, these
three; and the greatest of these is love.
- 1 Corinthians 13:13

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Nathan Oney

PRELUDE *Air from Violin Concerto in A minor* (Carl Goldmark)

Anna Kostyuchek, Violin

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #2236 *The Faith We Sing – Gather Us In*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Matt Crawford, Lay Lector

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God.

Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

If we love one another, God lives in us and God's love is perfected in us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

* CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

“‘Tis Love! ‘Tis Love! Thou diedst for me! I hear Thy whisper in my heart; the morning breaks, the shadows flee, pure, universal love Thou art: to me, to all, Thy mercies move; Thy nature and Thy Name is Love.”

* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Tricia Guerrero

Please greet those worshipping near you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Tricia Guerrero

#2233 TFWS – 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

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

Thanks be to God!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE EPISTLE I Corinthians 13:1-13 (Pew Bible page 175, N.T.)

Matt Crawford

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

THE GOSPEL Luke 4:21-30 (Pew Bible pages 61-62, N.T.)

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HOMILY "Love"

Rev. Patricia Farris

WE RESPOND

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. 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

Make Me an Instrument (Craig Courtney)

O Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that we might not seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying we are born to eternal life. Amen.

(Words of St. Francis of Assisi)

*RESPONSE #94 United Methodist Hymnal – The Doxology

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Nathan Oney

Eternal God, make us ready to tell and show others your love, even if we are rejected. Let your great love fill our lives, so that we give ourselves and our possessions in service to you and other people. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

We will use the Musical Setting beginning on page 2257 in The Faith We Sing 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.

#2254 TFWS – In Remembrance of Me

#2260 TFWS – Let Us Be Bread

#2261 TFWS – Life-giving Bread

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Farris

God of steadfast love, call us into living fully into your commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves. Call us into living fully into your way of life by seeking out in care and compassion those who are hurting, those who are struggling, and those who are suffering. Call us into living fully into your way of faith by shedding our own cares for earthly success and taking on the concerns of the world: to care for the poor and downtrodden, to be good stewards of the earth and all creation, and to be peacemakers. Call us into your steadfast love. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

*HYMN #578 UMH – God of Love and God of Power

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Minuet *from* Suite Gothique (Léon Boëllmann)

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.

—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.

—Flowers: “Given to the glory of God, from donations to the First UMC Flower Fund. Please consider a gift to the Flower Fund, which will be used for Sundays such as today when flowers have not been ordered.”

—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 February, please bring canned tuna. You may leave items in the bin located outside the Sanctuary.

—Starting next Sunday: Pennies for Haiti: Bring spare change (or cash!) to the Pennies for Haiti fundraiser to help support the First UMC Haiti Mission Team. February 10, 17 & 24, 11 a.m. after worship in Simkins Hall.

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Home Run for Kids - find the white First UMC tent!



Next Sunday is 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 course, and a stroller & pet friendly Kiddie K— expects to draw over 1,200 participants with all proceeds benefiting Upward Bound House.

UBH is dedicated to eliminating homelessness for women, children & families in Los Angeles. They have increased their footprint and impact in solving family homelessness by increasing their capacity. At any given time, UBH is now serving 190 families throughout all its programs. The holiday season was delightful for their families, with over 120 families “adopted” by generous donors, and they also had great parties hosted by various groups as well as toy drives.

Let's show our support together as a First UMC & Preschool community - it's not too late to join the team! To register, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/home-run-for-kids. (Team name: First UMC Santa Monica.)

**You may also make a donation and not participate in the race.*

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!

Next Sunday, February 10, 9 a.m., Darlington Ave. & 11645 San Vicente Boulevard, Brentwood

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WORSHIP & PRAYER

Sunday 10 a.m. **Sanctuary Worship**
 Sunday 5 p.m. **simple church**
no simple church tonight - Super Bowl Sunday

MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today - Holy Communion

No simple church tonight

Tuesday, February 5

7 p.m. Open Space Gathering, Off-site

Friday, February 8

7 p.m. Shareringers Monthly Dinner, FR

Saturday, February 9

10 a.m. DanceFit!, Room 300

4:30 p.m. Messy Church, Chapel/SH

Sunday, February 10 - Home Run for Kids

11 a.m. Pennies for Haiti, SH

6 p.m. simple supper, FR

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Children's Ministry

February Theme: Family Wisdom

Sunday School today: *Families Remember God*

Our curriculum, *Deep Blue Adventures*, goes with the Deep Blue Bibles so that our children enter into a journey that combines exciting stories, arts and crafts, and interactive games into a living-faith experience that will help them discover what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ today.

United Methodist Youth Fellowship

3:30 - 8 p.m. UMYF Super Bowl Potluck Party, Youth Lounge

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 February 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 February Gathering will center around food and conversation with the topic: *Strengthening the Common*. Contact Nathan Oney:

n.oney@santamonicaumc.org, for more information.

Tuesday, February 5, 7 p.m. at Santa Monica Brew Works (FB & IG:@openspacesantamonica)

DanceFit!

First UMC member Whitney Hagan leads DanceFit:

“DanceFit is inspired by Zumba, a high-energy interval workout set to upbeat music, featuring choreographed dance tailored for fitness. You don’t need to be a great dancer to feel welcome in DanceFit! The class is designed for multiple levels, including beginners.” Wear comfortable clothes and shoes, and bring a towel. Water will be available. No charge but donations appreciated. Kids are welcome. Tell your friends!

Saturday, February 9, 10 - 11 a.m. in Room 300

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.

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

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)

Pennies for Haiti

The 2019 Haiti Work Team is preparing for their mission trip in March. Each team member covers their own travel expenses; therefore, 100% of all donations raised will make a direct impact on Haiti, such as purchasing site building materials, employing Haitian laborers, and more. Bring spare change (or cash) to the *Pennies for Haiti* fundraiser held for three Sundays this month, and place them in the Pennies for Haiti buckets in church or during Coffee Hour in the hall. You may also give online: www.santamonicaumc.org/haiti, or send checks by mail to First UMC Santa Monica, 1008 11 St. Santa Monica, CA 90403.

Memo: Haiti Work Team.

Sundays, February 10, 17 & 24, 11 a.m. after worship in Simkins Hall.

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, February 10, 6 p.m. in the Fireside Room

Mid-Week Recital for February

Take a break from your day and spend your lunch hour listening to beautiful music! The February recital features Lukas Hasler, *organ*. Lukas is gaining recognition for his colorful and passionate musicality and has performed many organ recitals in Austria, as well as internationally in Germany, France, Israel, the United Kingdom and the United States. For more information about the series go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/mid-week-recital-series.

FREE Concert Wednesday, February 13, 12:10 - 12:40 p.m., in the Sanctuary. Reception follows for the artist in the Fireside Room.

Lenten Devotional - Writers Wanted

Mary Crawford and the Spiritual Formation Committee are looking for writers for the upcoming Lenten Devotional. Contact Mary Crawford: froggiemary@yahoo.com, to receive your assigned Bible verse. Devotional writings are due February 8.

Loving God with Our Minds Book Study/Potluck

February's book is: *Together at the Table: Diversity Without Division in The United Methodist Church* by Karen P. Oliveto. Karen Oliveto was elected bishop of The UMC by the Western Jurisdiction in 2016. She is the first openly LGBTQ bishop in The UMC. This book tells her story and shares her theology of church, family, and community. Bishop Oliveto dedicates this book to her mom—“for always making sure there was room for one more at the table.” This grounds her understanding and experience of Holy Communion and points the way to a church that can embrace diversity without division. Bring your questions, your concerns, your hopes for the church. Our Book Studies are a safe place to explore, discuss, and ponder, around the table of God's love. Books are available for sale in the church office and at the Sunday Hospitality Table.

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

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. Take an hour for yourself in this “device-free” zone. Every step a prayer.

Sunday, February 17, 3 - 5 p.m. in Simkins Hall

Family Place Community Meal

Community Meal is a committed partnership between First UMC and Upward Bound House's Family Place—our local transitional housing program for families with young children. The simple church community has worked diligently over the last few years to foster relationships with the staff and residents and to provide a monthly night of fun and food. First UMC volunteers engage in activities that create lasting impact and joy. If you would like to be a part of this meaningful mission, please contact the church office (310) 393-8258, or email meal@santamonicaumc.org. You can help by cooking or donating a meal, side, salad, or dessert or by volunteering to lead a craft or other fun activity for the kids.

Thursday, February 28, 5:30 p.m. Family Place (1020 12th St. SM)

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 February we are collecting canned tuna.

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

OPEN INVITATIONS

Prayer Quilt Ministry

The Prayer Quilt Ministry is an outreach ministry that combines the gift of prayer with the gift of a hand-tied quilt. There are a number of ways to be involved: When a prayer quilt is hanging in the Sanctuary come tie a knot and say a prayer. Remember the recipients in your prayers in the following days. And join the ministry for work and fellowship on the third Saturday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to noon. You don't have to know how to sew to help.

Next meeting: Saturday, February 16, 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., Room 300

Lectionary Scripture Discussion

A lectionary is a collection of readings or selections from the Scriptures, arranged and intended for proclamation during the worship of the people of God. The lectionary provides a guide to those who wish to read, study, and pray the Bible in tune with the church's prayer and preaching. Center your mind by joining the conversation! The coffee is hot and the discussion is engaging. Come and go as you need – and prepare for worship with deeper insight and understanding.

Sundays: 9 – 9:45 a.m., in the Fireside Room

LOOKING FORWARD

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