

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WORSHIP

Holy Communion • August 7, 2016



"Be dressed for service
and have your lamps lit."
— Luke 12:35

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Tricia Lindley

PRELUDE Jerusalem, My Happy Home (arr. Dale Wood)

Ty Woodward, Organist

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #89 United Methodist Hymnal — Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Todd Erlandson, Lay Lector

(Psalm 50)

The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth!

Our God comes and does not keep silence, before Him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around Him.

He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that He may judge His people: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!...Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me; to those who go the right way I will show the salvation of God."

Let us worship our Mighty God in thankfulness and joy!

*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

Please greet those worshipping near you.

As a courtesy to others, please silence all cell phones/sound-making devices. *Asterisks indicate standing if you are able.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Tricia Lindley

#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. Robert English

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

Thanks be to God!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

HYMN #2177 TFWS – Wounded World that Cries for Healing

THE GOSPEL Luke 12:32-40 (Pew Bible page 75, N.T.)

Todd Erlandson

The Gospel of Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

HOMILY "It's Never Too Late!"

Rev. Dorothy Bimber Worley

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 or by using the QR code in the insert. Thank you. May God grow in us generous and joyful hearts.

THE OFFERTORY

The Chancel Choir/Dr. James Smith, Music Director

And All the Earth Shall Own Him Lord (arr. Fred Bock)

A tribute to the 2016 Summer Olympics

And did those feet in ancient time walk upon Israel's mountains green? And did the Christ of heaven come down? Was God in flesh both heard and seen? And did He die to prove His love? And did He rise more pow'ful still? And was His rule on earth started there upon Golgotha's tragic hill? Bring me my bow of burning gold! Bring me my arrows of desire! Bring me my spear! O clouds unfold! Bring me my Chariot of Fire! I will not cease to spread His light: my faith a shield, His Word my sword; 'til Christ, my God, is crowned as King, and all the earth shall own Him Lord.

*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. English

God of Many Blessings, as You have blessed us in so many ways, we offer ourselves to You. Take our gifts, take our service, and take our lives. Help us to put You on the top of our priority lists this day and always. Help us to put You first place in our hearts, so that our most precious treasure will be found in dwelling more completely in You and Your purposes. This we pray in Jesus' name, 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.

#593 UMH – Here I Am, Lord

#432 UMH – Jesu, Jesu

#393 UMH – Spirit of the Living God

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Tricia Lindley

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 - to be the Light of Jesus to a wounded and hurting world. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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

(plus verse 6): As we face our new beginnings, let us treasure old and new. As we move forever forward, seeking LOVE in all we do.

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Worley

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Praise to the Lord (arr. Paul Manz)

Ty Woodward, Organ

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.

—The Head Usher today is Al Mead. See an usher if you need assistance.

—Rev. Patricia Farris is on vacation today.

—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.

—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.

—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.

—First UMC takes the care and safety of children seriously. We are a Safe Sanctuary congregation.

—A changing table is provided in the restroom located in the hallway west of the Fireside Room. Please see an usher for directions.

—Flowers at the Reredos: With best wishes to the cast and crew of The 25th Annual Putnum County Spelling Bee, from Leslie and Anson Nordby.

—To request prayers, you may fill in a Let's Connect/Let Us Pray card found in the pews, and drop 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 today to ask about membership.

—Visit the Fireside Room after worship to view the photographs by Haylie Wollitz, taken on a recent trip to Nepal.

—Giving to the church through your will or trust is the most common way to continue your support beyond your lifetime. When your estate plan is prepared, consider a gift. Join the First UMC Legacy Circle: info@santamonicaumc.org.

—Next Sunday: Worship at 10 a.m.; Rev. Patricia Farris will preach.

—Each time we worship, we collect food for the Westside Food Bank. In August bring pinto and other beans.

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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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**Westside Food Bank collection for August: Pinto and other beans*

* **Summer Sundays at First UMC**

- 9 a.m. Lectionary Scripture Discussion, FR
- 9 a.m. Partnership with God, Rm 101
- 9 a.m. Nursery Care, 204
- 9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Warmup, CHR
- 10 a.m. Worship Service, S
- 10:10 a.m. Sunday School, Education Bldg.
- 11 a.m. Fellowship, Courtyard

Today - Holy Communion

10 a.m. Worship, S

Tuesday, August 9

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, FR

Wednesday, August 10

9 a.m. UMW Workparty/Lunch, WR

Friday, August 12

7 p.m. A.C.T. presents *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, SH

Saturday, August 13

7 p.m. A.C.T. presents *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, SH

Sunday, August 7

1 p.m. A.C.T. presents *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, SH

Need a Ride to Church?

Did you know that the City of Santa Monica offers a Dial-a-Ride service for those 60 years (+), or 18 (+) with special needs? The service provides curb to curb transportation to any location within the Santa Monica Area. Each trip costs 50 cents. To become a member you must complete an application and submit with a copy of your valid California ID and/or a current utility bill (gas/electricity). Applications are available at the Hospitality Table and in the church office.



Scan this QR code with your smart phone to go directly to First UMC's online giving page.

Highlights

2016 Church Directory It's coming! No, Really.

It's been almost a year of taking portraits and compiling and updating addresses, phone numbers and email addresses but the directories are coming so get your Christmas card lists in order! Thank you everyone for your patience and enthusiasm.

And thank you to those who had their photos taken by Lifetouch. Starting **Sunday August 14**, make sure to stop by the Sunday Hospitality Table, or visit the church office Tuesday - Friday, to sign for and pick up your reserved copy of the directory. If you did not have your portrait taken, don't worry! You can still pick up a directory while supplies last (one copy per household, please.) Donations will be accepted to offset the production costs.

Sacred Yoga

Santa Monica yoga instructor Temitope leads Sacred Yoga, a monthly spiritual yoga class open to all. Whether you are new to yoga and meditation or practice regularly, this class is the perfect way to find stillness in your mind and body as well as center and strengthen your spirit. Bring a mat. Donations accepted. Saturday August 20, 10 a.m., Fireside Room

C.A.S.T. Auditions

Children's After School Theater is calling all kids! C.A.S.T is holding auditions for their Fall productions for 1st-5th graders, and 5th-12th graders. Audition materials will be provided there. Show titles are to be announced. Monday August 22, 4 p.m. (1st-5th graders) 5:30 p.m. (5th - 12th graders) Simkins Hall.

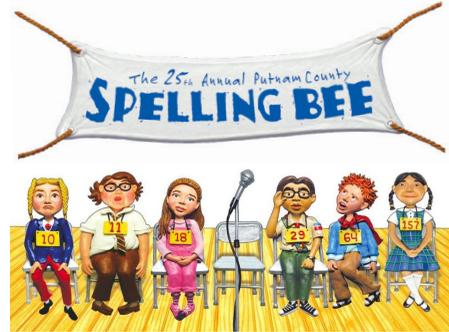
Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser - Goal Matched!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Habitat Humanity Fundraiser! We have exceeded our goal of \$8,000 to match the gifts from the Erma Darling and the Hewitt and Hood Mission Funds. We are still accepting donations: www.santamonicaumc.cloverdonations.com.

August 7, 2016

Don't miss A.C.T.'s production of *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, a hilarious musical about six quirky kids competing in the Bee run by three equally quirky grown-ups.

The production features talented professionals, returning C.A.S.T. alumni, and FUMC members Kendra Gorlitsky, Kaitlyn Plukas, Molly Smith, Dane Rold, David Penson, and Joanne Bailey as well as a few lucky audience volunteers.



"I'm so excited to get to be in a show on stage again - I've been working back stage since I graduated 4 years ago. I'm also excited to be the costume designer for the show, which is a great hands-on application of my education and is the field that I'd like to work in." – Molly Smith, *Leaf Coneybear and Costume Designer, C.A.S.T. alumni of 5 years.*

"I love getting back to doing something creative with my church community as part of the adult cast under the direction of Dorothy Nicols. I've also really enjoyed working with my C.A.S.T. director, Dane Rold, who plays my character's Dad." – Kaitlyn Plukas, *Logainne "Schwarzzy" Schwartz and Grubenierre, C.A.S.T. alumni of 7 years.*

"It has been a great experience to be involved in a stage production here at FUMC. It also has been wonderful to perform with such a diverse and talented cast." – David Penson, *Carl Grubenierre, First UMC member and office staff.*

"This is a MUST SEE musical. Hysterical, heartwarming and uplifting, with an absolutely OUTSTANDING cast and crew, some of whom flew in from as far away as London, Germany, and Wichita Kansas just to do this show. You are going to be blown away by the quality of the music, the fully professional voices, the harmonies, the acting and of course the spelling!"
Dorothy Nichols, *Co-director and Choreographer.*

Tickets (\$10 each): www.santamonicaumc.org/act, and at the Sunday Hospitality Table. Show appropriate for middle school kids and up.



Performance Dates in Simkins Hall:

Friday August 12, 7 p.m., Saturday August 13, 7 p.m., Sunday August 14, 1 p.m.

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