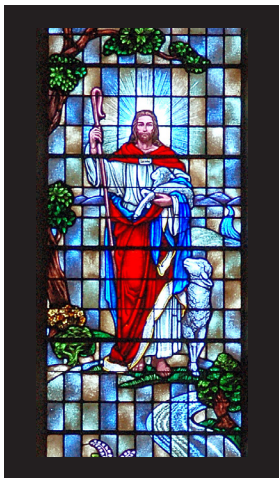


FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WORSHIP

4th Sunday of Easter • Baptism • April 17, 2016



“The Lord is my shepherd...”

— Psalm 23:1a

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Tricia Lindley

PRELUDE Prelude in G (Felix Mendelssohn)

Ty Woodward, Organist

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #88 United Methodist Hymnal — Maker, in Whom We Live

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Jamie Jones, Lay Lector

Heavenly Shepherd, your goodness and mercy pursue us all our days.

We are grateful that you gather us in your fold.

Hear our prayers and praise this day,

And may we dwell in your house our whole life long.

* CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

“And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

* 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.

BAPTISM Dominic Edward Rold (*see insert*)

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 Children's Church in the Chapel.

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Rev. Robert English

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

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Amadeus Handbell Choir/Mary Crawford, Director

Lord of the Dance (arr. by Vicki Smith)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE PSALM Psalm 23 with sung response 2 (UMH p. 754)

Jamie Jones

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

THE GOSPEL John 10:25-30 (Pew Bible page 104, N.T.)

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

SERMON "Christian Basics: Learning to Trust"

Rev. Patricia Farris

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #2058 TFWS – Shepherd Me, O God

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Rev. English

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Sunday, April 17, 2016

Parents respond in **bold italics**. Congregation responds with words printed in **bold type**.

INTRODUCTION

Rev. Robert English

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, from the beginnings of Christianity, Baptism has been seen as our entrance into the family of faith. We believe that Baptism is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace. It is through this grace that we enter into a special relationship with Christ and are inheritors of the promise of eternal life. Those who receive this sacrament are marked as disciples of Jesus and are part of the fellowship of the universal Christian church. We believe that Jesus has expressly given a place for children to be counted among God's people; it is a privilege which should not be denied them. We remember the words of Jesus when he said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."

PRESENTATION

Michael Lamb, Lay Leader

I am pleased to present to you **DOMINIC EDWARD ROLD** for Baptism.

THOSE TO BE BAPTIZED *(Questions to the Parents & Godparents)*

Rev. Patricia Farris

Do you believe in God the source, the fountain of life; and in Christ, the offspring of God, embodied in Jesus of Nazareth and in the church; and in the liberating Spirit of God, the wellspring of new life?

We do.

Tricia Lindley

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you: Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you of new life in Christ, resisting evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

We do.

Rev. Farris

Will you nurture Dominic in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself, to profess his faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

We will.

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(To the Congregation)

Michael Lamb

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this child now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this child with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his trust of God, and be found faithful in his service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

BAPTISM

Rev. English

DOMINIC EDWARD

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

HYMN #611 United Methodist Hymnal – Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (verses 1 & 2)

INTRODUCTION

Michael Lamb

Members of the household of faith, I commend this child to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant to participate faithfully in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

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

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

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name (Tom Fettke) - based on Psalm 8

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers; the moon and stars suspended in space. Oh, what is man, that you are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor, and have made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation: the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly, and so would we. Alleluia, Alleluia! The majesty and glory of Your name. Alleluia!

* RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

* UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. English

You fill our cups to overflowing and empower us for good deeds. Be pleased, O God, to use these tokens of our love for the sake of your whole flock. May our gifts serve to bring others into your fold and equip us all to live full as your own. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* HYMN #593 UMH – Here I Am, Lord

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Prelude in Classic Style (Gordon Young)

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.

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

—If you would like to learn more about baptism or inquire about baptism for your children, please see one of our pastors.

—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: Happy Birthday to our daughter Jill Dodd, and our grandson Christian Dodd...our April blessings! From Mom and Dad, aka Amma and Gheega.

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

—Preparing an estate is good Christian stewardship—saying thanks to God, expressing your love and concern for family, and showing charity toward others. Join the First UMC Legacy Circle: info@santamonicaumc.org.

—Visit the Fireside Room after worship today to view First UMC member Janet Rawuka's watercolor paintings, on display through April.

—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 April bring canned pork and beans.

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Every person matters. You matter.

Together we can change the world.

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Honk! Jr.

Children's After School Theater is back! Under director Dane Rold, the 1-5th graders present *Honk! Jr.*, a musical adaptation of the story *The Ugly Duckling*. The musical features Ugly – a cygnet who is mistaken as an ugly duckling upon falling into his mother's nest, and is rejected by everyone but Ida (his mother) and a sly tomcat who only befriends him out of hunger.

Here are some comments from the kids as they look forward to their performances:

Sienna Bevan says, "I'm excited to sing all the songs and perform for my friends and family!"

Phoebe Benun says, "I'm most excited about being in a performance with my friends."

Lukie Molacek: "I'm looking forward the most to being up on the stage and seeing all my friends in the audience...and I'm also terrified of it!"

Olivia Mitcheltree says, "I love the costumes and acting in front of an audience...and I love the music!"

Gabrielle Cohen, music director, says "I am looking forward to seeing all of the hard work come together. I love seeing the kids' faces when their song finally clicks and they know they have it."

Showtimes: **Friday April 22, 5 p.m.**
 Saturday April 23, 1 p.m.
 Sunday April 24, 1 p.m.

All performances in Simkins Hall in The Shelby Center. Tickets: \$10 adults/\$5 children & seniors.

Purchase tickets online: www.santamonicaumc.org/cast, or at the door.

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**Westside Food Bank collection for April: Canned pork and beans.*

* **Sundays at First UMC**

- 9 a.m. Lectionary Scripture Discussion, Room 101
- 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
- 3 p.m. Amadeus Handbell Choir Rehearsal, CHR
- 6:15 p.m. UMYF, Youth Lounge

Today - Baptism • Children's Church

- 11 a.m. Free Blood Pressure Screenings, SH
- 11:15 a.m. Rev. Farris Report-Back/Book Study, FR
- 2:30 p.m. Walk the Labyrinth, SH
- 5 p.m. simple church, SH

Tuesday, April 19

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, FR

Wednesday, April 20

- 9 a.m. UMW Workparty & Lunch, WR
- 4 p.m. Trustees Meeting, CR-A

Thursday, April 21

- 7 p.m. Cross(+)Brew, OS
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, CR

Friday, April 22

- 5 p.m. C.A.S.T. presents *Honk! Jr.*, SH

Saturday, April 23

- 10 a.m. Sacred Yoga, Fireside Room
- 1 p.m. C.A.S.T. presents *Honk! Jr.*, SH

Sunday, April 24

- 11 a.m. 20s/30s Young Adult Check-in, Chapel
- 1 p.m. C.A.S.T. presents *Honk! Jr.*, SH

Methodist Foundation Scholarships

Applications for the annual Methodist Foundation Scholarships are available in the church office, and at the Sunday Hospitality Table and online: www.santamonicaumc.org/methodistfoundation.

Scholarship Sunday is June 12.

Deadline to apply: Sunday, May 15.



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

Highlights

Rev. Farris Report Back/Book Study - Today

Rev. Patricia Farris will report back on her recent trip to Côte d'Ivoire and a look ahead to the UMC General Conference in Portland in May with a brief discussion on the General Conference document "Wonder, Love, and Praise." Enjoy a piece of baptism cake (for Dominic Rold) in Coffee Hour and come to the Fireside Room for a light lunch and discussion. Today, 11:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

Sacred Yoga - New Day and Time

Sacred Yoga gatherings are open to people of all levels and will introduce or reinforce the underlying spiritual principles of the physical practice of yoga. Santa Monica yoga instructor Temitope will lead us through some basic poses and postures which will flow into a time of stillness and end with a talk about the spiritual principle of the practice. Saturday April 23, 10 a.m., Fireside Room.

West District Conference

The West District was created at the 2012 Annual Conference and contains 93 churches from the former Los Angeles, Long Beach and Santa Ana Districts. This is the last year the Rev. Dr. Kathey Michelle Wilborn will be District Superintendent. Conference will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude with a Farewell Luncheon for Pastor Kathey. Please RSVP your attendance to the First UMC church office. Saturday April 30, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. La Tijera UMC, 7400 Osage Ave.

Preschool Spring Fair

Fun for the entire family: includes moon bounces, arts & crafts, pony rides, petting zoo, taco truck and more! Participate in the pie contest! Bring your favorite pie (along with a pie spatula) on the day of the event. First prize will be awarded to the best pie! Sunday May 1, 11 a.m. in the Courtyard.

Coming Soon! The First UMC Church Directory

The long-awaited church directory is under production and will be coming soon! Last chance to contact the church office to be listed before the final print. Look for it by end of May, in time for the All-Church Summerfest!