

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# WORSHIP

5th Sunday of Easter • April 24, 2016



"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

— John 13:34

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## WE GATHER

WELCOME

Tricia Lindley

PRELUDE Lied (Song), op. 31, no. 17 (Louis Vierne)

Dr. James Vail, Guest Organist

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN All Are Welcome (*see insert*)

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Ron Theile, Lay Lector

Surprising God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ you make all things new.

**You call us to a love beyond all borders and boundaries.**

Give us the spirit of openness to discern new directions in our day

**Open us to new horizons and new life in Christ.**

\* CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise. Amen!"

\* 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!**

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## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE LESSON Revelation 21:1-6 (Pew Bible page 259, N.T.)

Ron Theile

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

THE GOSPEL John 13:31-35 (Pew Bible page 108, N.T.)

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

SERMON "Christian Basics: A New People Known By Love"

Rev. Patricia Farris

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## WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #408 United Methodist Hymnal – The Gift of Love

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Rev. English

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

*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) 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

For the Beauty of the Earth (John Rutter)

*(To honor The Festival of God's Creation/Earth Sunday)*

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love, which from our birth over and around us lies. *Refrain: Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.* For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light: *Refrain.* For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain.* For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n: *Refrain.*

\*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Tricia Lindley

**Loving God, accept these gifts for your mission to heal all creation. May they be a testament to your love for us as we share them in love for you; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

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## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN #2223 TFWS – They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Thou Art the Rock - no. 10, *Byzantine Sketches* (Henri Mulet)

Dr. Vail

*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. Farris leaves this afternoon for a meeting of the Episcopal-UMC Dialogue in North Carolina.

—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: In memory of Florence Workman on her birthday (38 years older than Disneyland). With love from Caprice and Louana.

—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](mailto: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 May bring canned stews and other meats.

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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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FOCUS ON

# HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

April 24, 2016



Habitat for Humanity is an affordable homeownership program that serves families and individuals earning 30-80% of the median family income. Cost burden and overcrowding are the most serious problems experienced by very low-income area Southern California residents. Working with volunteers, families and individuals, corporations, congregations and donors, Habitat is dedicated to making homeownership possible for low-income, hardworking families and individuals.

First UMC is excited to join in a coalition of Methodist Westside churches, to fund and build a home in Culver City for a family in need. The coalition's fundraising goal is \$150,000 for all churches combined, with \$57,000 already raised. Once the money has been raised, building will begin and will be staffed by volunteers from the coalition churches.

While we build and repair homes nationally and internationally through our Haiti and Youth Service Project efforts, Habitat for Humanity gives us a chance to do something in our own backyard. Habitat is also an opportunity to share the good news with a friend who may feel uncomfortable coming to a traditional church event or worship gathering. Also, Habitat homes are well constructed and give us a tangible way to be of service.

Ways to donate to the First UMC Habitat for Humanity effort are through our website:

[www.santamonicaumc.org](http://www.santamonicaumc.org), click the Donate Now button, then select Habitat for Humanity from the dropdown menu, or by check with Habitat for Humanity written in the memo line.

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Save the date for an upcoming Habitat fundraising event in collaboration with Veggie Grill on **Monday May 23, 5-10 p.m.**  
**33% of all food & drink sales will go directly towards the Coalition's fundraising goal!**

Flyers available now at the Hospitality Table.

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\**Westside Food Bank collection for May: Canned stews and other meats.*

\* **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**

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

**Tuesday, April 26**

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, FR
- 7 p.m. Investment Committee Meeting, CR-A

**Wednesday, April 27**

- 9 a.m. UMW Workparty & Lunch, WR
- 5:30 p.m. *Balance to Wellness* Preschool Workshop, SH

**Thursday, April 28**

- 5 p.m. Community Meal with Family Place, OS
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, CR

**Saturday, April 30**

- 9 a.m. West District Conference, OS

**Sunday, May 1**

- 11 a.m. Preschool Spring Fair, CY
- 11:30 a.m. UMYF Lunch Meeting, YL/Rm 300
- 5 p.m. simple church, SH

**Call for donations: Youth Service Project Auction**

The YSP team is gearing up for their annual Silent Auction to benefit their upcoming trip to Smith River, CA. Donations for the silent auction are now being accepted, contact Tricia Lindley: [t.lindley@santamonicaumc.org](mailto:t.lindley@santamonicaumc.org). Tickets for the event will be on sale May 1, 8 & 15 during Coffee Fellowship.



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

**Highlights**

**Balance to Wellness Preschool Workshop**

First UMC Preschool invites all to a free parent educational event focused on creating and maintaining wellness in young children. 5 guest specialists will speak on topics including the importance of physical activity, alternative healing, mental health, and more. Childcare available. RSVP Dane at [d.roid@santamonicaumc.org](mailto:d.roid@santamonicaumc.org). Wednesday April 27, 5:30 p.m. in Simkins Hall.

**West District Conference**

The West District contains 93 churches from the former Los Angeles, Long Beach and Santa Ana Districts. 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.

**New Artwork in the Fireside Room - Coming in May**

First UMC is excited to present the artwork of James He in the Fireside Room through the month of May. James is currently the artist-in-residence at Claremont Graduate School, and has exhibited world-wide. Save the date to attend an artist meet-and-greet with James on Sunday May 22, 11 a.m. after worship in the Fireside Room.

**C.A.S.T. presents *Bugsy Malone Jr.***

Children's After School Theater presents the 6th -12th graders in *Bugsy Malone Jr.* Two gangs in a fictitious city populated only by children are in a rivalry of Capone-ian standards. Showtimes in Simkins Hall: Friday May 6, 7 p.m., Saturday May 7, 1 p.m., Sunday May 8, 1 p.m. Tickets \$5/10 children/adults.

**Methodist Foundation Scholarships**

Applications for the annual Methodist Foundation Scholarships are available in the church office, at the Sunday Hospitality Table and online: [www.santamonicaumc.org/methodistfoundation](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/methodistfoundation). Scholarship Sunday is June 12. **Deadline to apply: Sunday, May 15.**