

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
WORSHIP

6th Sunday of Easter • Holy Communion • May 1, 2016



"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

— John 14:27

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WE GATHER

WELCOME

Tricia Lindley

PRELUDE

Ty Woodward, Organist

*Andante religioso from Sonata No. 4 in B-flat (Felix Mendelssohn)*

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #549 United Methodist Hymnal — Where Charity and Love Prevail

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Martha Ross, Lay Lector

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God.

**Let all the peoples praise you.**

\* CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"Let the people sing praise unto the Lord. Alleluia. Let all the people sing praise to the Lord, now worship the Lord, give thanks and sing. Praise the Lord!"

\* 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 PSALM Psalm 67 with sung response (UMH page 791)

Martha Ross

THE GOSPEL John 14:23-29 (Pew Bible page 109, N.T.)

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

HOMILY "Christian Basics: Finding Peace at the Center of Our Lives"

Rev. Patricia Farris

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## 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](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  
Solo Trio: Barbara Smith, William Grundler and Michael McClish

The Heavens Are Telling *from* The Creation (Franz Josef Haydn)

The heavens are telling the glory of God, the wonder of his work displays the firmament. Today that is coming speaks it the day, the night that is gone to following night. In all the lands resounds the word, never unperceived, ever understood. The heavens are telling the glory of God, the wonder of his work displays the firmament.

\*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Keri Olsen

**Giving God, you bless us from generation to generation with the new life of Easter faith. All that we have and all that we are come from you. We gladly share this offering that others, too, may be blessed, for the sake of our Risen Lord. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*We will use the Musical Setting beginning on page 2257 in The Faith We Sing hymnal. Gluten-free 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.*

#2128 TFWS – Come and Find the Quiet Center

#2156 TFWS – Give Peace

#2218 TFWS – You Are Mine

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## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Tricia Lindley

**Blessed and strengthened by Your presence with us in this holy meal, may we live in love, abide in peace, and serve You all our days. Amen.**

\*HYMN #670 UMH – Go Forth for God

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Ty Woodward

Allegro con brio *from* Sonata No. 4 in B-flat (Felix Mendelssohn)

*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.

—After today's service, members of our Communion Server Ministry will be taking the communion elements to those who were unable to worship with us.

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

—To order flowers at the Reredos or Narthex: Honor the memory of a loved one, or celebrate a birthday, anniversary or other event with flowers and a dedication in the Sunday order of worship. Cost is \$80 for two arrangements, and you are welcome to take the flowers after worship. Orders may be taken at the Hospitality Table after worship, or, online orders may be placed here: [www.santamonicaumc.org/flower-fund](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/flower-fund).

—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 the artwork of James He Qi, displayed through the month of May.

—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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*Dandy Dan's Gang: played by Grace, Ruby, Sarah, and Fiona (Dandy Dan)*

Children's After School Theater presents the 6th - 12th graders in *Bugsy Malone*

*Jr.* Two gangs in a 1920s fictitious city populated only by children are in a rivalry of Capone-ian standards. Dandy Dan's gang has gotten the upper hand since acquiring the "splurge" gun (a weapon that shoots whip cream). Bugsy Malone, a one-time boxer, is thrust into the limelight when he becomes the last chance Fat Sam's gang has of surviving.

"C.A.S.T. is a fun place for me and my friends to have fun and explore the world of acting. This season I was able to have a solo in the show and I am excited to perform the finished product in front of my friends and family." – Jamie Jones (Fizzie)

"This is my first play, and it has been really fun. All of the directors have been so nice and supportive. I am really excited for our performances." – Trace Fehr (Shake Down Louis)

"I am really excited for everyone to see this play because everyone worked so hard on it and it is going to be amazing. I have really enjoyed playing a girl again finally. And preparing for this show has been a blast, especially with all the great music and all the jokes. Everyone should see it so all of our hard work can pay off." – Elsa Taylor (Blousey Brown)

"I'm really excited to see how it all comes together!" – Owen Ing (Bugsy Malone)

***Bugsy Malone Jr.* Showtimes in Simkins Hall:**

**Friday May 6, 7 p.m.**

**Saturday May 7, 12 p.m.**

**Sunday May 8, 1 p.m. Tickets \$5/10 children/adults. Tickets available at the door.**

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

**Tuesday, May 3**

- 6 p.m. Habitat for Humanity Committee Meeting, FR

**Wednesday, May 4**

- 9 a.m. UMW Workparty & Lunch, WR
- 6 p.m. Staff-Parish Relations Committee Meeting, CR-A

**Thursday, May 5**

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

**Friday, May 6**

- 7 p.m. C.A.S.T. presents *Bugsy Malone, Jr.*, SH
- 7 p.m. Shareringer Monthly Dinner, OS

**Saturday, May 7**

- 12 p.m. C.A.S.T. presents *Bugsy Malone, Jr.*, SH

**Sunday, May 8 - Mother's Day • Children's Church**

- 1 p.m. C.A.S.T. presents *Bugsy Malone, Jr.*, SH

**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.**



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

**Highlights**

**Preschool Spring Fair - Today**

Fun for the entire family: includes moon bounces, arts & crafts, pony rides, petting zoo, taco truck and more! Today after worship in the Courtyard.

**simple church - Today**

Why simple church? Because a calm, centered, compassionate life is possible. Topic: *on peace that surpasses our understanding*. simple church: today 5 p.m., in Simkins Hall.

**May Mid-Week Recital**

The final Mid-Week recital of the season features Thomas Joyce. Currently the organist at Trinity Episcopal Church in Santa Barbara, Joyce has served a number of churches throughout the United States as an organist and choirmaster. Wednesday May 11, 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Reception to follow for the artist in the Fireside Room.

**Choir Recognition Sunday**

First UMC's annual Choir Recognition Sunday recognizes and features The Chancel Choir, The Children's Church Choir/Ensemble, and The Amadeus Handbell Choir during the service. Come and show your appreciation for the gorgeous music these groups present during worship services throughout the year. This year, the Chancel Choir will present selections from *The Gift Of Life*, a new choral work by John Rutter, for Choir and Orchestra, conducted by James Smith. Sunday May 15, during worship.

**New Artwork in the Fireside Room**

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

**Vacation Bible School**

Before you know it, summer break and VBS will be here! Contact Tricia Lindley at: [t.lindley@santamonicaumc.org](mailto:t.lindley@santamonicaumc.org) to sign up. Adult volunteers also needed. VBS: August 1 - 5, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Kids ages 5-11.