

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP

7th Sunday of Easter • Mother's Day • May 8, 2016



"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also  
on behalf of those who will believe in me  
through their word..."

— John 17:20

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## WE GATHER

WELCOME

Tricia Lindley

PRELUDE Sketch in D-flat (Robert Schumann)

Ty Woodward, Organist

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #102 United Methodist Hymnal — Now Thank We All Our God

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sydney Adamson, Lay Lector

The Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

**You are from everlasting to everlasting.**

Your testimonies are sure and holiness befits your house.

**The Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength.**

\*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"For the Lord is good, His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endureth to all generations. Amen!"

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*Please greet those worshipping near you.*

## 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 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!**

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## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### ANTHEM

The Chancel Choir/Dr. James Smith, Music Director

Donde Hay (Paul F. Page)

Donde hay fé, hay amor; donde hay amor, hay paz; donde hay paz, está Diós y donde está Diós no falta nada.

Where there is faith there is love; where there is love there is peace; where there is peace there is God; and where there is God, where God is, then nothing is lacking.

**THE LESSON** Revelation 22:16-17, 20-21 (Pew Bible page 261, N.T.)

Sydney Adamson

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

**THE GOSPEL** John 17:20-26 (Pew Bible pages 111-112, N.T.)

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

**SERMON** "Christian Basics: Therefore, Go"

Rev. Patricia Farris

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## WE RESPOND

**INVITATION TO PRAYER** #2224 TFWS – Make Us One

**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

Beautiful Savior (F. Melius Christiansen)

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in flowers of blooming spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine.

\* RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

\* UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. English

**Gracious and giving God, guide us to use all that we now gather for the well-being of your people in every place, for those in need of shelter and food, for all who suffer for want of your Word, and for nurturing faith in your people. In the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.**

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## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\* HYMN #569 UMH – We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune in D (David N. Johnson)

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 Vern Busse. See an usher if you need assistance.

—In honor of Mother's Day, we offer carnations as a gift to all mothers, red for those who are present and white in memory of loved ones gone on before us. The ushers will hand them out after worship.

—Rev. Patricia Farris is a delegate to the 2016 General Conference. She leaves tomorrow for Portland and returns on May 21.

—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 celebration of Sarah's first Mother's Day, with love from Dominic (& Dane) Rold.

—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.; Choir Recognition Sunday, Rev. Robert English 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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Excerpts from [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org)

When the top legislative body of The United Methodist Church gathers May 10-20 in Portland, Oregon, for General Conference 2016, it will vote on issues facing the denomination. The conference can revise church law, as well as adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy and economic issues.

The United Methodist Church is a connectional church. This means that we are not only part of our local congregation, but also part of a global community of people of faith. When we gather for General Conference we celebrate this global connection.

While we all cannot be in Portland, Oregon for the conference, all of us can participate in the work of our church:

**Praying** for delegates, bishops, speakers, and all those who lead and attend the General Conference sessions is a powerful way to participate. Pray for God to guide the General Conference's decisions, for Christ to lead us into the future, and for the Holy Spirit to empower us to go on toward perfection in our love of God and one another.

The Upper Room has created *60 Days of Prayer for General Conference 2016*, a guide to lead us in prayer for the days leading up to General Conference, the days of General Conference, and the days that follow. You can sign up to receive the daily meditations and prayer prompts by email at: [60daysofprayer.org](http://60daysofprayer.org).

**Bookmark the website.** [GC2016.UMC.org](http://GC2016.UMC.org) is the source for everything about General Conference. News, blogs, resources, videos and photos about everything happening are available in this central location. United Methodist Communications will update this page throughout the General Conference with the latest news and daily summaries that share the highlights of each day.

**Watch the live stream.** Whenever the conference is in session, [GC2016.UMC.org](http://GC2016.UMC.org) will feature live streaming video where you will be able to watch the voting, worship, speeches, and celebrations happening on the floor of General Conference. The feed will be available in English, French, and American Sign Language. The schedule is available online, all times listed are Pacific Time Zone.

**For more information go to [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org), search General Conference.**

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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 - Mother's Day • Children's Church**

1 p.m. C.A.S.T. presents *Bugsy Malone, Jr.*, SH (*last show*)

**Tuesday, May 10**

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, FR

**Wednesday, May 11**

9 a.m. UMW Workparty & Lunch, WR

12:10 p.m. Mid-Week Recital/Reception, S/SH

**Thursday, May 12**

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, CR

**Saturday, May 14**

12 p.m. Relay for Life begins, OS

4 p.m. Messy Church, Chapel/SH

**Sunday, May 15 - Choir Recognition Sunday**

• *Pentecost • Deadline to apply for Methodist Foundation Scholarship*

8 a.m. Relay for Life ends, OS

11 a.m. Free Blood Pressure Screenings, SH

4 p.m. simple church, Chapel

5:30 p.m. YSP Fundraiser Dinner, SH

**Youth Service Project - Silent Auction Fundraiser & Dinner**

This year's Youth Service Project team will repair homes for people in need in Smith River, CA. Next Sunday the team will hold their Silent Auction and Fundraiser. View and bid on Silent Auction items after worship that day, and then later that evening as you enjoy the dinner and show.

Sunday May 15, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Simkins Hall



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

**Highlights**

**May Mid-Week Recital - Wednesday**

The final Mid-Week recital of the season features Thomas Joyce. Joyce is currently the organist at Trinity Episcopal Church in Santa Barbara. Wednesday May 11, 12:10 - 12:40 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Reception to follow for the artist in the Fireside Room.

**Choir Recognition Sunday - Next 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. 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 Dr. James Smith. Sunday May 15, during worship.

**Relay for Life**

This year's American Cancer Society's *Relay for Life* at Santa Monica College will have a "campout" theme with a Planetarium show in the evening courtesy of the SMC Astronomy Dept. For more info, come to the Relay for Life Table at Coffee Fellowship today, or visit: [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org), search for team captain Chris Reagh/ Team Wesley Walkers to find First UMC's page. Saturday May 14, 12 noon through Sunday May 15, 8 a.m. (1900 Pico Blvd.)

**Messy Church**

Messy Church is an intergenerational worship experience where we learn about God's love through crafts, activities, story and a shared meal. This informal, messy gathering is a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to a new spiritual community. Saturday May 14, 4 - 6 p.m. Chapel and Simkins Hall.

**Methodist Foundation Scholarships**

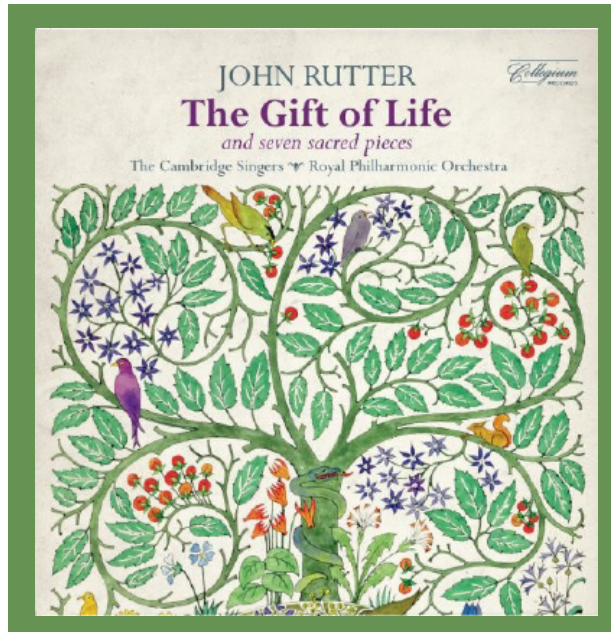
Next Sunday is the deadline to apply for the Methodist Foundation Scholarships. Stop by the Hospitality Table for application. Scholarship Sunday is June 12.

**Save the Date: Tricia Lindley's Commencement at Claremont School of Theology**

Join us at CST on Tuesday May 24 to celebrate with Tricia Lindley on her graduation. Call the church office if you are interested in carpooling.

# CHOIR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

May 15, 10 a.m. Worship



The Chancel Choir will present selections from  
*The Gift of Life*, a new choral work by John Rutter,  
for Choir and Orchestra, conducted by Dr. James Smith

*presentations also by*

The Children's Church Choir/Ensemble  
Janet Searfoss, director

The Amadeus Handbell Choir  
Mary Crawford, director