

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP

Children's Sabbath • Holy Communion • June 5, 2016



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me. Don't keep them away. The kingdom of heaven belongs to people like them."  
— Matthew 19:14

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## WE GATHER

WELCOME

Ethan Crawford

PRELUDE El Flautista Alegre - *The Happy Flutist* (Ramón Noble)

Ty Woodward, Organist

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #558 United Methodist Hymnal — We Are the Church

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Kate Beckerman

Jesus said, Let the little children come to me.

**We come, each of us a child of God.**

Jesus said, Do not stop them.

**We come to remove obstacles before children.**

Jesus said, It is to children that the reign of God belongs.

**We come to recognize that each child is already part of God's realm.**

Jesus said, Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the reign of God as a little child will never enter it.

**We come to worship with the trust and vulnerability and dependence of a child.**

**Come, let us worship God.**

\* CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

#141 UMH — Children of the Heavenly Father (verse 1)

\* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Simon Chen

*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.

## OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Josephine Beckerman

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 GOSPEL Matthew 19:13-15 (CEB)

Lindsay Chen

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God!**

5TH GRADE REFLECTIONS "Blessed to Be a Blessing"

2 Samuel 7:29

Genesis 12:2

Lincoln Hughes

Mikey Strauss

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## WE RESPOND

SUNDAY SCHOOL CREED

Preschool and Younger Elementary Sunday School Class

**We believe in God:**

**Who is Creator of us and the world,**

**Who is everywhere,**

**Who is the Father, Son, and Spirit,**

**Who wants us to be better people.**

**We believe in Jesus:**

**Who is God's son,**

**Who is invisible and lives in our hearts,**

**Who protects us,**

**Who died and came back to life for us,**

**Who is busy in Heaven and wants us to do his work on earth.**

**We believe we are blessed:**

**To have God by our side,**

**To have family, friends, food and shelter,**

**To be loved by so many people,**

**To be loved by God.**

**We believe we are called to bless others:**

**By being nice,**

**By sharing, caring, and forgiving,**

**By praying and helping,**

**By treating others the way we want to be treated,**

**By having hope and being joyful.**

**This is what we believe.**

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Megan Crawford

*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

Saints Bound for Heaven (setting by Howard Helvey)

From Egypt's yoke set free; Hail the glorious jubilee. And to Canaan we'll return, by and by. Our bondage it shall end, by and by. From Egypt's yoke set free; Hail the glorious jubilee. And to Canaan we'll return, by and by. Our Deliverer will come, by and by. And our sorrows have an end, With our threescore years and ten, And his glory crown the day, by and by. Though our enemies are strong, we'll go on. Though our hearts dissolve with fear, Lo! Sinai's God is near, While the fiery pillar moves, we'll go on. And when to Jordan's flood, we are come. Jehovah rules the tide, And the waters He'll divide, And the ransom'd host shall shout, "We are come." By and by, We'll go on!

\* RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

\* UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Megan Crawford

**Loving God, we are thankful for all the ways you bless us. Use our gifts so that they bless people in need. Help us to always remember that you love us and want us to love and help others. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

#206 UMH – I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

#620 UMH – One Bread, One Body

#451 UMH – Be Thou My Vision

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## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Dara l'Anson

**Loving God, we thank you for bread and juice to help us remember. We thank you for our church family that helps us to learn about God. We thank you for sending Jesus to show us how to love others and how to be a blessing so that we can help those in need. Amen.**

\* HYMN #445 UMH – Happy the Home When God Is There

\* BENEDICTION

Lincoln Hughes, Dara l'Anson, Mikey Strauss

As you leave this Holy Place, may the love of God go with you. May you continue to be blessed and seek to be a blessing to those you meet. May you strive to "be like Jesus" in all you do, all you say, and all you think. **Amen.**

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Psalm 19 (Benedetto Marcello)

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.

—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.

—On this Children's Sabbath, we thank Sunday School teachers: Dot Plukas, Jamie Jones, Owen Ing, Sandra Jones, Sue Heffner, Carrie Eldridge, Janet Bogle, Virginia Pelton and David Boone, Sunday School Superintendent.

—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 all of the graduates - Congratulations! From Glenda Martinez.

—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, on display through June 12.

—Next Sunday: Worship at 10 a.m.; Rev. Robert English will preach.

—Each time we worship, we collect food for the Westside Food Bank. In June bring canned soups.

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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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by Tricia Lindley, Director of Children and Youth Ministry

The children and youth at First United Methodist Church are an important part of the life of our church community. Our children and youth help us to know a part of God that we can't know without their presence and insight. Through their joy, their silliness, their vulnerability, their struggles and their questions, they inspire us all in their faith and discipleship of Jesus Christ. Today you will be led in worship by our children with a **Children's Sabbath**. They have studied, prayed together and worked hard to prepare for this service. They are excited to share the good news of God's love for all of God's children through the theme:

*Blessed to Be a Blessing.*



It's not too late to register for **Vacation Bible School!**

The theme this year is "*Surf Shack: Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love!*" Every day will have a new Wave Word to learn about God's amazing love: God Creates, God Helps, God Loves, God Calms, God Sends. With each word there will be a bible story and daily verse, science experiment, crafts, music, and more! Put VBS on

your calendar. It will be the highlight of your child's summer!

**Monday, August 1 – Friday, August 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Ages 5 years old to 5th grade; adults and youth (6th grade and up) may sign up to volunteer!

Contact Tricia Lindley: [t.lindley@santamonicaumc.org](mailto:t.lindley@santamonicaumc.org) to sign up, or online: [www.santamonicaumc.org/vacation-bible-school](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/vacation-bible-school).

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\*Westside Food Bank collection for June: **Canned soups.**

\* **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
- 6:15 p.m. UMYF, Youth Lounge

**Today - Children's Sabbath • Holy Communion**

- 11:15 a.m. All-Church Summerfest, CY
- 5 p.m. simple church, Chapel

**Tuesday, June 7**

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

**Wednesday, June 8**

- 4 p.m. Trustees Meeting, CR-A

**Thursday, June 9**

- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, CHR

**Saturday, June 11**

- 10 a.m. Sacred Yoga, FR
- 4 p.m. Messy Church, Chapel/SH

**Sunday, June 12 - Scholarship Sunday**

- 11 a.m. UMW Scholarship Brunch, SH
- 5 p.m. UMYF End-of-Year Banquet, SH

**Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser Continues**

We are excited to announce that we have received two generous gifts toward the Habitat for Humanity Build given with the hope that our congregation can match these donations. The gifts are from Erma Darling and the Hewitt and Hood Mission Funds held by The Methodist Foundation totaling \$8,000. We encourage all who feel moved to give toward this worthy project as we work with the Westside Church Coalition to fund and build "Patience House," a permanent home for a family in need. Go to: [santamonicaumc.org/habitat](http://santamonicaumc.org/habitat) to donate.



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

**Highlights**

**All-Church Summerfest - Today**

Stay after worship today to welcome in the season with First UMC's annual Summerfest celebration. Fun for the whole family, and includes food, a cake walk, bounce house, games and more! In the Courtyard.

**simple church - Today**

Today's simple church topic: *On boundary-breaking compassionate action.* 5 p.m. in the Chapel. (Last simple church before the summer break.) Childcare in Room 204 starting 4:40 p.m.

**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. Saturday June 11, 10 a.m., Fireside Room.

**Messy Church**

Come for a new intergenerational worship experience where we learn about God's love through crafts, activities, story and a shared meal. Children, families, and adults of all ages are welcome to this worship experience as we explore a monthly theme together as one church family. Saturday June 11, 4 p.m. Simkins Hall & Chapel.

**Scholarship Sunday - Next Sunday**

As the school year draws to a close, the young scholars of First UMC are excited about their next educational step. Come to next Sunday's 10 a.m. Sanctuary worship service to honor and recognize those being awarded with Methodist Foundation Scholarships.

**Cal-Pac Annual Conference**

First UMC will send 7 lay representatives and 4 clergy members to the California-Pacific Annual Conference this year. Our clergy members are Rev. Patricia Farris, Rev. Robert English, Rev. Keri Olsen, and Rev. Larry Young. Our lay representatives are Bee Campbell, Dick Crawford, Mary Crawford, Jack Fry, Adam Guerrero, Tricia Lindley and Jen Jacques. June 16 through June 18, University of Redlands.