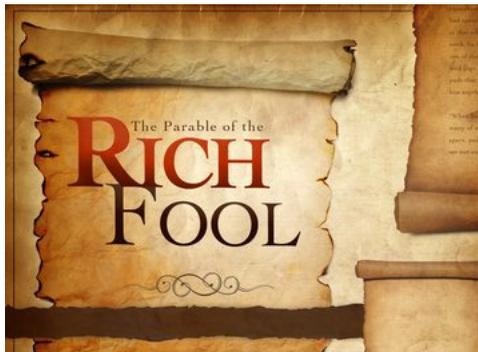


FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WORSHIP

Faith in Action Sunday • July 31, 2016



"So it is with those who store up
treasures for themselves but are not
rich toward God."
— Luke 12:21

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Tricia Lindley

PRELUDE Meditation *from* Thais (Jules Massenet)

Anna Kostyuchek, Violin

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #577 United Methodist Hymnal — God of Grace and God of Glory

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Bumiller, Lay Lector

Sisters and brothers, we have been raised with Christ to new life.

We are freed from every fear and granted every grace,

With songs of praise and joyful hearts —

Let us worship God.

* CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore. 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 their Faith in Action class as they prepare backpacks for Upward Bound House.

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Rev. Patricia Farris

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

Thanks be to God!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

The Chancel Choir/Dr. James Smith, Music Director

It Is Well with My Soul (Craig Courtney)

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul. My sin, O the joy of this glorious thought, my sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more: praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll: the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend, "even so," it is well with my soul!

THE GOSPEL Luke 12:13-21 (Pew Bible page 74, N.T.)

Bill Bumiller

The Gospel of Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "You Are What You Love"

Rev. Farris

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #2133 TFWS – Give Me a Clean Heart

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Rev. Keri Olsen

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 or by using the QR code in the insert. Credit cards are now accepted at the Sunday Hospitality Table during Coffee Fellowship. Thank you. May God grow in us generous and joyful hearts.

THE OFFERTORY

The Chancel Choir

Not One Sparrow Is Forgotten (William Hawley)

Not one sparrow is forgotten, even the raven God will feed; and the lily of the valley from His bounty hath its need. Then shall I not trust Thee, Father, in Thy mercy have a share? And through faith and prayer, my Mother, merit Thy protecting care? (Luke 12:6)

* RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

* UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Farris

Generous God, we thank you for your bountiful gifts to us. We now pledge to mirror and reflect the glory of your self-giving love, to continue in the pattern of generosity we see perfectly revealed in Christ, through whom we pray. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* HYMN #2162 TFWS – Grace Alone

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Tuba Tune (C.S. Lang)

Ty Woodward, Organ

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. Robert English is on vacation today.

—During the summer months the Chancel Choir is singing some of their favorite anthems from the prior year. We hope they are your favorites also.

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

—Visit the Fireside Room after worship to view photographs by Haylie Wollitz, taken on a recent trip to Nepal. A boutique sale with items made by and benefiting the Unatti handicraft women in Nepal will be held today only after worship.

—Giving to the church through your will or trust is the most common way to continue your support beyond your lifetime. When your estate plan is prepared, consider a gift. Join the First UMC Legacy Circle: info@santamonicaumc.org.

—Next Sunday: Worship at 10 a.m.; Rev. Dorothy Bimber Worley will preach.

—Each time we worship, we collect food for the Westside Food Bank. In August bring pinto and other beans.

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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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Communion Servers

Each month when communion is offered in church, members of the Communion Server Ministry take communion out to those who cannot be present during the service. The elements that have been consecrated in the service are offered, and an abridged service, prepared by Rev. Farris, is conducted. By including others, we expand the Table of the Lord to include those who cannot be present in body.

This service is available to anyone in the congregation, not just those who are homebound or in a care facility long-term; anyone who is laid up and unable to come for any reason is welcome to join us this way. Please call the office as far in advance as you can to arrange this. Also, if you know someone in the congregation who might want communion, please contact one of the clergy or the office.

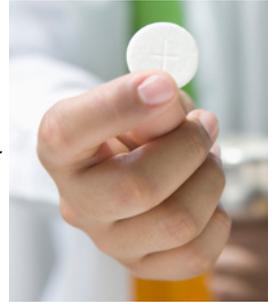
Those volunteers who are involved in this ministry feel blessed in being able to serve in this way. In the breaking of bread and the partaking of the wine we are united in the body of Christ and truly experience his presence. If you are interested in becoming a communion server, please contact one of the clergy or the church office.

Altar Guild

What, you may ask, is an Altar Guild? The focal area for worship in front of you is called the chancel area. It includes the pulpit on your left, the lectern on your right, the Table or Altar in the center. Behind the choir is the area known as the reredos on which the large candlesticks, flowers and cross are placed. Seasonal paraments made of beautiful cloth are placed on the Table, pulpit and lectern. The candlesticks, collection plates, and special items for communion, baptisms and holy days, such as Advent and All Saints must be prepared and placed appropriately.

The Altar Guild is a group of volunteers who prepare God's house for worship in this way each week. If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry (you can volunteer for one Sunday a month), please call the church office.

For more information about these and other Spiritual Formation groups, visit: www.santamonicaumc.org/spiritual-growth.



**Westside Food Bank collection for August: Pinto and other beans*

* **Summer 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

Today - Faith in Action Sunday

11 a.m. Vacation Bible School Training, Room 300

11 a.m. Haylie Wollitz/Unatti Goods Sale, FR

Monday, August 1 - Vacation Bible School begins

Wednesday, August 3

9 a.m. UMW Workparty/Lunch, WR

Friday, August 5 - Vacation Bible School ends

7:10 p.m. UM Dodger Night, OS

Sunday, August 7

10 a.m. Worship, S

**2016 Church Directory
It's coming! No, Really.**

It's been almost a year of taking portraits and compiling and updating addresses, phone numbers and email addresses but the directories are coming so get your Christmas card lists in order! Thank you everyone for your patience and enthusiasm.

And thank you to those who had their photos taken by Lifetouch! Starting **Sunday August 14**, make sure to stop by the Sunday Hospitality Table, or visit the church office Tuesday - Friday, to sign for and pick up your reserved copy of the directory. If you did not have your portrait taken, don't worry! You can still pick up a directory while supplies last (one copy per household, please.) Donations will be accepted to offset the production costs.



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

Highlights

Faith in Action: Backpacks for Upward Bound House

Today is a Faith in Action day! Our Sunday School children will have the opportunity to live out the fruits of the Spirit through preparing backpacks and back-to-school supplies for our neighbors at Upward Bound House.

Art in the Fireside Room

First UMC youth member Haylie Wollitz will display her recent photographs from Nepal for the third year in a row, beginning today after worship. A boutique sale with items made by and benefiting the Unatti handicraft women in Nepal will also be held for today only.

Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser - Goal Matched!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Habitat Humanity Fundraiser! We have exceeded our goal of \$8,000 to match the gifts from the Erma Darling and the Hewitt and Hood Mission Funds. We are still accepting donations: www.santamonicaumc.cloverdonations.com.

All Community Theater presents...

Save the date for A.C.T.'s production of *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, a hilarious musical about six quirky kids competing in the Bee (performed by college-age young adults including C.A.S.T. alums,) run by three equally quirky grown-ups. Appropriate for middle school kids and up. Performance Dates: Friday August 12, 7 p.m., Saturday August 13, 7 p.m., Sunday August 14, 1 p.m. Simkins Hall. Tickets (\$10 each): www.santamonicaumc.org/act, or at the Sunday Hospitality Table.

C.A.S.T. Auditions

Children's After School Theater is calling all kids! C.A.S.T is holding auditions for their Fall productions for 1st-5th graders, and 5th-12th graders. Audition materials will be provided there. Show titles are to be announced. Monday August 22, 4 p.m. (1st-5th graders) 5:30 p.m. (5th - 12th graders) Simkins Hall.