

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP

13th Sunday in Kingdomtide • August 14, 2016



"And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?"  
When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.  
- Luke 13:16-17

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## WE GATHER

WELCOME

Tricia Lindley

PRELUDE

Dr. James Vail, Guest Organist

Prelude and Fugue in G Minor – Part 1 (Dietrich Buxtehude)

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #662 United Methodist Hymnal – Stand Up and Bless the Lord

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Jocelyn Hicks-Garner, Lay Lector

God is our rock and our fortress,

**Our refuge and strength.**

God is our hope and our trust.

**Praise the Lord!**

\* CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!"

\* 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

### ANTHEM

The Chancel Choir/Dr. James Smith, Music Director  
Kevan Torfeh, cello

We Are Glad (Craig Courtney)

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy; Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." We are glad, for the Lord has done great things. Those who sow in tears shall reap with songs of joy; They that go forth weeping, bearing seed shall come home with shouts of joy bringing their sheaves with them.

THE GOSPEL Luke 13:10-17 (Pew Bible page 76, N.T.)

Jocelyn Hicks-Garner

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

SERMON "Stand Tall!"

Rev. Patricia Farris

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## WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #218 UMH – It Came upon the Midnight Clear (*verses 1-3*)

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. 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

Kevan Torfeh, cello

Sicilienne (Maria Theresia von Paradis)

\*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of wholeness and unity, you know us better than we know ourselves. By your Word, give us wisdom. By your Spirit, grant us healing, and set us free to serve you with love. By your power, bring newness of life. Amen.**

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## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN #444 UMH – O Young and Fearless Prophet

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

## POSTLUDE

Dr. Vail

Prelude and Fugue in G Minor – Part 2 (Dietrich Buxtehude)

*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.
- We welcome guest musicians Dr. James Vail and Kevan Torfeh.
- 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: In celebration of our wedding anniversary, and all other August anniversaries, with love, Don and Bobbe Mulder.
- 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 the photographs by Haylie Wollitz, taken on a recent trip to Nepal.
- 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](mailto:info@santamonicaumc.org).
- 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 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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*Bugsy Malone Jr.*



*Fiddler on the Roof, Jr.*



*Dane Rold and C.A.S.T. actors*

Children's After School Theater (C.A.S.T.), is a community program of First UMC for children in 1st through 12th grade. It fosters positive, imagination-inspired actions while building self-esteem through the arts. It explores writing, developing and producing plays and builds trust and teamwork.

C.A.S.T is holding auditions for their Fall productions for 1st-5th graders, and 5th-12th graders. Everyone who auditions will participate. Rehearsals are held on Mondays, 4-6 p.m. for 1st-5th graders, and 5:30-7:30 p.m. for 5th-12th graders. (5th graders may audition for either group.) First UMC member Dane Rold, who has directed C.A.S.T. for over 5 years, says, "It's a pleasure to watch the kids learn and grow during production, and to see how proud they are to be onstage performing for their friends and family. Some kids have come back for several productions, while others are new to the stage. The kids build a strong community, learning commitment, trust and how to depend on one another. I'm excited to begin our fall productions!"

Audition materials will be provided day of audition. Show titles are to be announced. Contact: [cast@santamonicaumc.org](mailto:cast@santamonicaumc.org) for more info, or go to [www.santamonicaumc.org/cast](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/cast).

**C.A.S.T. Auditions: Monday August 22, 4 p.m. (1st-5th graders) / 5:30 p.m. (5th-12th graders) in Simkins Hall.**

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\* **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**

1 p.m. A.C.T. presents *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, SH (Final Show)

**Tuesday, August 16**

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, FR

**Wednesday, August 17**

9 a.m. UMW Workparty/Lunch, WR

**Saturday, August 20**

9:30 a.m. Prayer Quilt Workparty, Room 300

10 a.m. Sacred Yoga, FR

**Sunday, August 21 - Children's Church**

11 a.m. New Comer Mingle, FR

11 a.m. Free Blood Pressure Screenings, SH

11 a.m. Safe Sanctuary Training for Sunday School

Teachers & Youth Counselors, Room 206

11:15 a.m. Messy Church Leadership Committee

Meeting, Room 203

**New Comer Mingle**

If you have questions about the life of First UMC, come to the New Comer Mingle. Next Sunday after worship get a cup of coffee, mingle with the pastors, other newcomers and a few leaders of the congregation.

**Sunday August 21, 11 a.m. in the Fireside Room**



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

**Highlights**

**2016 Church Directory - It's HERE!**

It's been almost a year of taking portraits, compiling & updating addresses, phone numbers and email addresses, and now the directories are finally here! Thank you everyone for your patience and enthusiasm. Today after worship, stop by the Hospitality Table, or visit the church office Tuesday - Friday, to sign for and pick up your copy of the directory (one copy per household, please.) Donations (\$10 suggested) will be accepted to offset the production costs.

**All Community Theater - Last Show Today**

Today is the final performance of 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. Today, 1 p.m. in Simkins Hall.

**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. Bring a mat. Donations accepted. Saturday August 20, 10 a.m., Fireside Room

**Habitat for Humanity - Opportunities for Involvement**

On Saturday September 24, Westwood UMC will host the "Build A Home Carnival & Silent Auction" event to continue raising funds for our coalition "Patience House" build. There are several ways to become involved: reach out to local businesses and individuals to solicit donations of gift certificates, theater tickets, sports event tickets, or vacation opportunities such as a cabin or beach house. We also need volunteers to set up and staff games during the event. And, of course, invite your friends to attend and support this local mission project. For more information contact Jill Obery Dodd or Linda Avdul. Jill: 425indigo@gmail.com, Linda: lindavdul@hotmail.com.