

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# W O R S H I P

14th Sunday in Kingdomtide • Children's Church • August 21, 2016



Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

– Hebrews 12:1-2

## WE GATHER

WELCOME

Tricia Lindley

PRELUDE Sarabande (Seth Bingham)

Ty Woodward, Organist

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #139 United Methodist Hymnal – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Owen Ing, Lay Lector

*(Based on Psalm 71)*

Deliver us by your righteousness, Holy One, bend your ear toward us and grant us salvation.

**God is our rock, our refuge, our saving grace.**

Even when everything around us is crumbling and collapsing, perfect love casts out our fear.

**God is our eternal hope and undying love.**

My praise is always about you.

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\* CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"All ye who hear: now to His temple draw near; join me in glad adoration."

\* 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 Children's Church in the Chapel.*

## OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Rev. Patricia Farris

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 LESSON Hebrews 11:29-12:2 (Pew Bible page 226, N.T.)

Owen Ing

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "seeing beyond winning and losing"

Rev. Robert English

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## WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #399 UMH – Take My Life, and Let It Be

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Rev. Farris

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

The Chancel Choir/Dr. James Smith, Music Director

#### Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Mary McDonald)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, Praise to the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is Thy health and salvation! Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things, Praise Him who wondrously reigneth, Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! All ye who hear, Now, to His temple draw near; Praise Him in glad adoration. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, If with His love He befriend thee. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Let the Amen sound from His people again! Praise to the Lord, O let all things, all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath come with praises before Him! We adore Him!

\* RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

\* UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Farris

**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 #378 UMH – Amazing Grace

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Prelude and Fugue in F (J. S. Bach)

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.
- 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 by Larry and Jean Young in celebration of their 40th Wedding Anniversary.
- 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.; Reflections from our Pastoral Leadership Team: Rev. Patricia Farris, Rev. Robert English, Tricia Lindley and Rev. Keri Olsen.
- 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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August 21, 2016

Here at First UMC we are grateful that folks have found their home in this church and make their way here week after week, year after year. We are also very grateful and excited for those who are newer to our church, seeking to learn more about God and more about us. We know that the body of Christ is wide, diverse and vast and thank God it is that way! We hope that if you are newer, or brand new, that you find your home here.



*Membership* is a celebration of the fact that someone belongs to our faith community-connection and commitment. Our belonging promotes service to and with each other, values mutual care, and develops meaningful and supportive relationships. Becoming a member of First UMC is an act of publicly entering into a relationship with our faith community. The church offers thanks and welcome in the spirit of belonging to one another. At First UMC, we belong to God and to one another.

If you have questions on becoming a member of First UMC, please contact one of our Pastors, or come to the Newcomer Mingle today after worship in the Fireside Room. Get a cup of coffee, mingle with the pastors, other newcomers and a few leaders of the congregation.

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**Newcomer Mingle today after worship in the Fireside Room.**

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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 - 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

**Monday, August 22**

- 4 p.m. C.A.S.T. Auditions (1st-5th graders), SH
- 5:30 p.m. C.A.S.T. Auditions (5th-12th graders) SH

**Tuesday, August 23**

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

**Wednesday, August 24**

- 9 a.m. UMW Workparty/Lunch, WR

**Thursday, August 25**

- 5 p.m. Family Place Community Meal, OS

**Sunday, August 28 - Reflections from our Pastoral Leadership Team**

- 11 a.m. Acolyte & Crucifer Training, S/FR

**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! 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.



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

**Highlights**

**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.

**Family Place Community Meal**

simple church hosts a monthly potluck for Family Place, a program of Upward Bound House, providing transitional housing for families with minor children, in crisis. Invite your friends to this wonderful community gathering. To participate, contact Rev. Robert English: r.english@santamonicaumc.org. Thursday August 25, 5-7 p.m., Family Place (1020 12th St., SM)

**Save the Date: Fall Kick-off**

Invite your friends, neighbors and co-workers to church with you to the Fall Kick-Off on Sunday September 11 as we celebrate a new year at First UMC!

**simple church Begins Weekly Worship**

Starting on Sunday September 11, simple church will begin a weekly Sunday worship at 5 p.m. in the Chapel. For those unable to make 10 a.m. Sanctuary worship, simple church is another way to attend worship and hear the Sunday Scriptures. simple church: Because a calm, centered, compassionate life is possible.

**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, etc. (Pick up donation forms at the Hospitality Table.) 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.