

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WORSHIP

Holy Communion • September 4, 2016



Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them...
"Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."
- Luke 14:25, 27

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Tricia Lindley

PRELUDE Rhosymedre (R. Vaughan Williams)

Ty Woodward, Organist

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #708 United Methodist Hymnal — Rejoice in God's Saints

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Linda Diane Anderson, Lay Lector

Sing aloud to God our strength!

Shout for joy to the Lord of life!

Blessed be the one, holy, living God.

Glory to God forever.

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King! Alleluia, 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 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!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE GOSPEL Luke 14:25-33 (Pew Bible page 78, N.T.)

Linda Diane Anderson

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

HOMILY "DISCIPLE: Take Faith Seriously"

Rev. Patricia Farris

WE RESPOND

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/Dr. James Smith, Music Director
William Grundler, soloist

Sanctus *from* St. Cecilia Mass (Charles Gounod)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

* UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Tricia Lindley

Generous God, you bless us in Jesus. And so we praise you and ask your blessing upon us and on these gifts, that, in all things, we might faithful disciples be. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

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

#396 UMH – O Jesus, I Have Promised

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Keri Olsen

Faithful God, in Jesus you show us the way of humility, generosity, and hospitality, with power to transform the world. Give us the grace to love those things that please you and the courage to live them to your glory. Amen.

* HYMN #593 UMH – Here I Am, Lord

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Fugue in G - *The Jig* (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 Sam Johnson. See an usher if you need assistance.

—After today's service, members of the Communion Server Ministry will be taking the communion elements to those who were unable to worship with us.

—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.

—Today is the last chance to view the photographs in the Fireside Room by Haylie Wollitz, taken on a recent trip to Nepal.

—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.

—Next Sunday: Worship at 10 a.m.; Rev. Patricia Farris will preach the second of the Fall 2016 Sermon Series: DISCIPLE: Pass It On.

—Each time we worship, we collect food for the Westside Food Bank. In September bring macaroni & cheese, and packaged dinners.

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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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BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Back to school already!?! Yes, indeed! And First UMC has you covered. Next Sunday, bring your backpacks, handbags, computer carriers, and wallets for our annual...



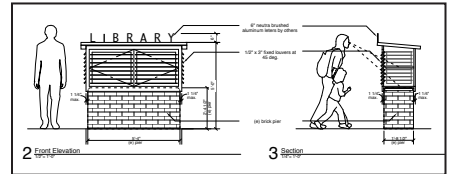
Blessing of the Backpacks: Sunday September 11, 10 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

FALL KICK-OFF

Invite your friends, neighbors and co-workers to church with you to the Fall Kick-Off as we celebrate a new year at First UMC! Next Sunday after worship the Fellowship & Events Committee presents a morning of food, fellowship and festivities!

Highlights of the day include:

- Kids can enjoy a bounce house, snowcones and crafts.
- BBQ burgers and hotdogs for \$5 per plate/\$1 drinks.
- The highly anticipated Community Pop-up Library, handmade by First UMC member Robert Hedges, will be here! We will gather to bless the library, led by Rev. Patricia Farris and Rev. Robert English.
- “YSP: A Look Back” photo exhibit in the Fireside Room: As the Youth Service Project team prepares for their service trip Report Back on October 2, a pictorial look back at YSP trips throughout the years will be displayed.



Bring your family and friends and join the celebration!

Fall Kick-off: Sunday September 11, 11 a.m. in the Courtyard



SIMPLE CHURCH

After Fall Kick-Off, simple church will begin a weekly Sunday worship at 5 p.m. in the Chapel. This ministry continues to show tremendous potential in reaching new folks who long for a spiritual community. Even if you think simple church isn't for you, come once to to see what it's all about, and extend an invitation to someone in your life who might long to live a more calm, centered and compassionate life. - Rev. Robert English

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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

10 a.m. Worship - *First of the Fall Sanctuary Worship sermon series – DISCIPLE: Take Faith Seriously*

Monday, September 5 - Labor Day, church campus closed

Tuesday, September 6

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, FR

Wednesday, September 7

9 a.m. UMW Workparty/Lunch, WR

Thursday, September 8

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

Friday, September 9

7 p.m. Shareringer Monthly Dinner, FR

Saturday, September 10

1 p.m. Cal-Pac Welcome, OS

4 p.m. Messy Church, Chapel/Simkins Hall

Sunday, September 11 - *Blessing of the Backpacks*

10 a.m. Worship - *Second of the Fall Sanctuary*

Worship sermon series – DISCIPLE: Pass It On

11 a.m. Fall Kick-off, Courtyard/Simkins Hall

5 p.m. simple church begins weekly worship, Chapel

5:30 p.m. UMYF Fall Kick-Off, Simkins Hall

PLEASE NOTE:

The Santa Monica Classic 5k/10k Run is also Sunday September 11. Races begin at 8 a.m. **Ocean Ave to San Vicente will be closed.** Visit www.santamonica-classic.com for route info to plan your drive to church.



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

Highlights

Messy Church

Messy Church resumes its monthly worship where we learn about God's love through crafts, activities, story and a shared meal. This month's theme: *Journeys - Paul's travels sharing God's love.* Be ready to get messy! Saturday September 10, 4-6 p.m., Chapel and Simkins Hall.

Cal-Pac Welcome

The West District Welcome for Bishop Grant J. Hagiya, and West District Superintendent Welcome for Rev. Mark M. Nakagawa will take place: Saturday September 10, 1-3 p.m. Rolling Hills United Methodist Church, 26438 Crenshaw Blvd, Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274. RSVP: (562)429-1441.

Financial Peace University

Get your financial house in order! To learn about Dave Ramsey's tenets of eliminating debt, saving and security, and giving back, join the 9-week Financial Peace University class led by First UMC member Sherry Erlandson. To register, go to: www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/class/1026550. Begins Sunday September 18, 6:30 p.m., Fireside Room.

West District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries

Sign up now for Lay Servant Ministries Fall 2016 classes. The early registration deadline is September 18. Forms available at the Sunday Hospitality Table.

Habitat for Humanity Carnival & Silent Auction

Join First UMC and the Westside Church Coalition in a family-friendly event to help fund "Patience House" the Habitat LA home. There will be construction-themed games for kids, pastor construction competitions, amazing silent auction items, live music, food and more! Tickets: \$35 per adult/\$10 per children, purchase online: www.buildahabitathome.com. Saturday September 24, 4 - 7:30 p.m., Westwood UMC (10497 Wilshire Blvd.)

September Book-of-the-Month Study & Potluck

Rev. Patricia Farris begins the new Fall Book Study season with *Ferguson & Faith: Sparking Leadership and Awakening Community*, by Leah Gunning Francis. Sunday September 25, 11:30 a.m., Fireside Room. Book available online and at the Sunday Hospitality Table. Bring a dish to share.