

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP

Blessing of the Backpacks • Fall Kick-Off • September 11, 2016



“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’”

– Luke 15:4-6

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Tricia Lindley

PRELUDE The Peace May Be Exchanged *from* Rubrics (Dan Locklair) Ty Woodward, Organist

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN All Are Welcome (*see insert*)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Meg Smith, Lay Lector

Come, people of God. Come all of you: men and women, girls and boys.

God is the Creator of all.

Come now and worship our generous and faithful God,

God calls us to life!

Joyful is the sound we make this morning.

Thankful is the song we sing.

Come and worship!

**We worship with our lives and with our hearts,
with our voices and with our actions.**

Let us worship God!

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"Glorious everlasting. Amen!"

*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.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

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

Moments for Mission - Habitat for Humanity

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

Thanks be to God!

Rev. Robert English

Jill Obery Dodd

ANTHEM

The Chancel Choir/Dr. James Smith, Music Director

Glory - With Joyful Song and Tender Mirth (Kirke Mechem)

(Commissioned by First UMC and premiered September 27, 2015, to honor Dr. James E. Smith's 50th Anniversary as Director of Music)

Glory to God! His angels sing with joyful song. Music is the gift of God, His angels sing with tender mirth. Nothing on earth is so well suited to make the sad merry and the merry sad as music.

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WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE GOSPEL Luke 15:1-10 (Pew Bible page 78, N.T.)

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

Meg Smith

SERMON "DISCIPLE: Pass It On"

Rev. Patricia Farris

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #543 United Methodist Hymnal – O Breath of Life (verse 1)

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 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

Thou Gracious God, Whose Mercy Lends (arr. Mack Wilberg)

Thou gracious God, whose mercy lends the light of home, the smile of friends, our gathered flock Thine arms enfold, as in the peaceful days of old. Wilt Thou not hear us while we raise, in sweet accord of solemn praise, the voices that have mingled long in joyous flow of mirth and song? For all the blessings life has brought, for all the sorrowing hours have taught, for all we mourn, for all we keep, the hands we clasp, the loved that sleep. The noontide sunshine of the past, these brief, bright moments facing fast, the stars that gild our dark'ning years, the twilight ray from holier spheres. We thank Thee Father; let Thy grace our loving circle still embrace, Thy mercy shed its heav'nly store, Thy peace be with us evermore. Amen!

* RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

* UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Tricia Lindley

**Gracious God, move our hearts to praise your goodness by sharing with others.
Make us bold in asking, tireless in seeking, joyful in finding, thankful in receiving,
and generous in giving, following Christ our Lord.**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* HYMN #572 UMH – Pass It On

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Crown Imperial (William Walton)

Ty Woodward

* BLESSING OF THE POP-UP LIBRARY

Please join us immediately following worship in front of the Education Building as we bless the new Pop-Up Library.

*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.*

—As we gather for worship this morning, please see an usher if you need information or 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: In honor of Benjamin Ing for our 24th anniversary on September 12, with love Karen Ing.

—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 for information, to find the latest Book Study books, to inquire about membership at First UMC—or to ask whatever might be on your mind! We're here to serve you.

—Opening today in the Fireside Room: *YSP: A Look Back*. 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 is now on display.

—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 third of the Fall 2016 Sermon Series: DISCIPLE: Accountability.

—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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*Assembly of the library
with Bob Hedges and
Anson Nordby*



*With a little help from Phil
Flanders and David Penson.*



And it's complete!

First UMC is excited to announce that the Community Pop-up Library is here! The library was designed and handmade by First UMC member Robert Hedges. The architectural concept was developed by First UMC member Todd Erlandson. And donations of time and materials were thoughtfully donated by Marisol Chinchilla, Anson Nordby, Phil Flanders, David Penson, Dane Rold and Eric & Claudia Warren.

We give thanks for the beauty of knowledge and ability to share with one another inspirational reading. We encourage you to take a book, donate a book - or both! Should you have donations that won't fit in the space, please come visit the church office Tuesdays through Friday. And we are always here on Sundays.

Directly after worship today, please join Rev. Patricia Farris and Rev. Robert English as they hold an informal blessing of the new Library.

Opening of the First UMC Pop-up Library: Today after worship, in front of the Education Building

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* **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 - Blessing of the Backpacks

- 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

Tuesday, September 13

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

Wednesday, September 14

- 9 a.m. UMW Workparty/Lunch, WR
- 4 p.m. Trustees Meeting, CR-A

Thursday, September 15

- 7 p.m. Cross(+)Brew, OS
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, CHR

Saturday, September 17

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

Sunday, September 18 - Baptism • Reception of New Members

- 11 a.m. Hospitality & Emergency Preparedness Training, FR
- 11 a.m. Free Blood Pressure Screenings, SH
- 11:15 a.m. Acolyte & Crucifer Training, S
- 2:30 p.m. Walk the Labyrinth, SH
- 5 p.m. simple church, Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University, FR



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Highlights

Fall Kick-Off: TODAY!

We celebrate a new year today at First UMC! Stay after worship for the food, fun and festivities:

- Bounce house, snowcones and crafts for the kids.
- BBQ burgers/hotdogs - \$5 per plate/\$1 drinks
- Blessing of the new Community Pop-up Library.
- Have your Church Directory signed.
- Art in the Fireside Room: YSP - *A Look Back*, a pictorial look at past YSP trips.

simple church begins weekly worship - Tonight

Led by Rev. Robert English, simple church begins a new weekly worship today and every Sunday at 5 p.m. in the Chapel. Extend an invitation out to someone in your life who might long to live a more calm, centered, and compassionate life.

First UMC Labyrinth

The First UMC Labyrinth resumes next Sunday and will be open monthly for walks. Walking the labyrinth is an ancient spiritual practice, a way to quiet our minds and open our spirits to the presence of the Holy. Every step a prayer. Sunday September 18, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m., Simkins Hall. Labyrinth open by appointment also.

Financial Peace University

Get your financial house in order! Register for the 9-week Financial Peace University class led by First UMC member Sherry Erlandson. 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 child, purchase online: www.buildahabitathome.com. Saturday September 24, 4 - 7:30 p.m., Westwood UMC (10497 Wilshire Blvd.)