

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WORSHIP

Laity Sunday • October 9, 2016



But seek the welfare of the city...and
pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its
welfare you will find your welfare.

- Jeremiah 29:7

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Michael Lamb, Lay Leader

PRELUDE *Allegro from Sonata No. 1 in E-flat (J. S. Bach)*

Ty Woodward, Organist

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #64 United Methodist Hymnal — Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Mikey Strauss

God, we come into your House to be better.

Dear God, teach us to be better.

God, we come into your House as Disciples of Jesus.

Dear God, shine the light of Jesus upon his Disciples.

God, we come into your House to make a difference.

Dear God, help us to be better Disciples and create light in the world.

* CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"God in three persons, blessed Trinity. Amen!"

* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Please greet those worshipping near you.

Wynn Battig

*As a courtesy to others, please silence all cell phones/sound-making devices. *Asterisks indicate standing if you are able.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Shannon Sturges

#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

Matt Crawford

Moments for Mission - Westside Foodbank

Russ Whittenburg

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

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Mark Twain Ringers/Ron Theile, Director

I Love to Tell the Story (arr. Sharon Rogers)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE LESSON Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7 (Pew Bible page 731, O.T.)

Margaret Gazey

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God!**

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST PREACHERS

Michael Lamb

SERMONS "DISCIPLE: Make A Difference"

Mira Pak, Sam Johnson, Bianca Doria

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #543 UMH – O Breath of Life (verse 1)

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Janet Searfoss

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

Sarah Rold

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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is (Dan Forrest)

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me, and on His shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing brought me. And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never; good Shepherd may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever.

* RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

* UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sarah Rold

Gracious God, as we return a portion of the gifts you have bestowed on us, we are ever thankful for your gift of life. Use these gifts offered in your name to do good, and to spread your word of Peace throughout the world. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* HYMN #110 UMH – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

* BENEDICTION

Mikey Strauss

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Cascades (Arnold B. Sherman)

Mark Twain Ringers

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.

—We welcome the Mark Twain Ringers, under the direction of Ron Theile.

—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: The flowers today are given by the Shareringer group in gratitude for our members and families as well as the larger church community.

—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.

—In the Fireside Room: *YSP: A Look Back*—a pictorial look back at Youth Service Project 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 seventh of the Fall 2016 Sermon Series: DISCIPLE: Don't Judge.

—Each time we worship, we collect food for the Westside Food Bank. In October bring instant soups.

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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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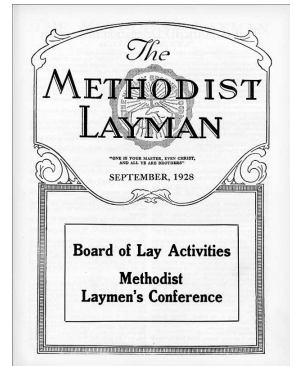
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History of Laity Sunday

Methodism, in all its roots, has a long history celebrating and recognizing the ministry of the laity. In the early days of American Methodism, the laity served and maintained congregations between visits of the circuit riders. Today, lay people are the front line of daily ministry at the workplace, in the home and within the community.

The Early Days

Archives suggest the earliest plans for a Laity Sunday began in 1928. The first recorded observance of "Laymen's Day" was in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South in 1929. By 1930 the Evangelical Church had begun celebrating the work of laity at the culmination of each annual men's retreat. (Reflecting the times, these early celebrations focused only on the ministry of men.) The September 1928 issue of *The Methodist Layman* reports:



...the third Sunday in May [is] Anniversary Day, commemorating the constitution of the Board of Lay Activities by the General Conference, the same to be designated as "Laymen's Day," and strict observance of this day by a lay program in every church, which shall set forth adequately the place of lay activities in the Church and be of inspirational value to the laymen for larger service in the kingdom.

Within two years, the success of the celebration hastened to make Laymen's Day an annual observance. Once the factions of the Methodist Episcopal Church merged in 1939, the joint General Board of Lay Activities approved Laymen's Day and designated February 23, 1941, as the first United Methodist Church observance. The January issue of *The Methodist Layman* enthusiastically reports the aim of Laymen's Day as "...to emphasize the place that lay members have in the total life and work of the church."

Mid-20th Century to Today

In the 1964 edition of the *Book of Discipline*, Laymen's Day is designated as the second Sunday of October. The 1968 *Book of Discipline* expounds on the day's larger purpose:

...shall be to interpret the role of the laity in the world and to provide laymen with opportunity to witness to their faith in Jesus Christ and their commitment to his mission in the world.

By the 1972 edition of the *Book of Discipline*, Laymen's Day was renamed the gender-neutral Laity Sunday but was often referred to as Laity Day until 1977. Today, Laity Sunday is generally celebrated on the third Sunday of October (church schedule allowing.) Quadrennial themes are set by the Association of Annual Conference Lay Leaders and approved by the board of directors of Discipleship Ministries.

We need the whole Body of Christ as we seek to become more vital congregations who make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

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Westside Food Bank collection for October:

Instant soups

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. Sanctuary Worship Service, S
- 10:10 a.m. Sunday School, Education Bldg.
- 11 a.m. Fellowship, Courtyard
- 5 p.m. simple church, Chapel
- 6:15 p.m. UMYF, Youth Lounge

Today - Laity Sunday

- 11 a.m. Missions Council Meeting, Room 208
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University (class 4), FR

Tuesday, October 11

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, FR
- 6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting, Room 300

Wednesday, October 12

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

Thursday, October 13

- 6 p.m. Staff-Parish Relations Committee Meeting, CR-A
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, CHR

Saturday, October 15

- 9:30 a.m. Prayer Quilt Workparty, Room 300
- 4 p.m. Messy Church, Chapel/ Simkins Hall

Sunday, October 16

- 11 a.m. Free Blood Pressure Screenings, SH
- 11:15 a.m. Sunday School Movie & Pizza, Room 300, YL
- 2:30 p.m. Walk the Labyrinth, SH
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University (class 5), FR



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

Highlights

simple church

Because a calm, centered, compassionate life is possible. Today's theme - *On learning gratitude from the wrong kind of people.* 5 p.m. in the Chapel.

UMW Casserole Corner

The United Methodist Women need your help preparing for their Annual Holiday Boutique. If you would like to contribute a casserole for this year's Casserole Corner, you may go to the Sunday Hospitality Table to see Carol Reich today after worship (and through October.) She will provide you with a casserole pan, instructions, and two recipe forms to be attached to the completed casserole. The Casserole Corner is always a delicious hit! Last year we sold over 30 casseroles!

Messy Church

Messy Church is a monthly worship where we learn about God's love through crafts, activities, meals, story and a shared meal. We begin in Simkins Hall for a short introduction to the theme and activities (this month's theme: *Courage - David & Goliath.*) Invite your friends and family and be ready to get messy! Saturday October 15, 4 - 6 p.m. Chapel and Simkins Hall.

Sunday School Presents: Pizza and a Movie

All Sunday school children are invited to stay after worship and Sunday school for pizza and a viewing of *The Prince of Egypt* as we prepare for Children's Sabbath. We will have craft activities and discuss topics in the movie that relate to our Sunday school lessons and the worship service we are preparing to lead the following week. Sunday October 16, 11:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Room 300 and Youth Lounge.

Health Ministry Council's Flu Clinic

First UMC has the privilege of hosting one of the first flu vaccination clinics this season to be provided by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. This gives us the opportunity to both keep ourselves healthy and help keep our community healthy. In Simkins Hall on Wednesday October 19, 9 - 11:30 a.m. No charge!

Save the Date - Third World Handarts:

Missions Council and First UMC welcomes back Third World Handarts, Sunday October 23, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Simkins Hall.