

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP

Children's Sabbath • Presentation of 4th Grade Bibles
Recognition of Sunday School Teachers • October 23, 2016



God didn't give us a spirit that is timid but one that
is powerful, loving, and self-controlled.
– 2 Timothy 1:7 (CEB)

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Ryan Crawford

PRELUDE Sketch in D-flat (Robert Schumann)

Ty Woodward, Organist

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #2271 The Faith We Sing – Come! Come! Everybody Worship

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Josephine Beckerman

This is the day we gather to celebrate the sacredness of children.

We come thanking God for children and longing to keep our young brothers and sisters safe.

This is the day we rejoice together as God's children.

Some of us are young. Some of us are older. But we are all children of a mighty God.

Together we will learn from one another.

Together we will praise God!

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given."

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Augie Johnson

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 ANTHEM

Children's Church, Janet Searfoss/Music Director
Mary Crawford, Accompanist

Down in My Heart

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart!

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart, down in my heart to stay!

I've got the peace that passeth understanding down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart!

I've got the peace that passeth understanding down in my heart, down in my heart to stay!

I've got the wonderful love of my blessed redeemer way down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart!

I've got the wonderful love of my blessed redeemer way down in my heart, down in my heart to stay!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#2233 TFWS – 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.

PRESENTATION OF 4TH GRADE BIBLES *(see insert)*

RECOGNITION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS *(see insert)*

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 return to their seats. There is no Sunday School today.

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Ethan Crawford

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

Thanks be to God!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE LESSON 2 Timothy 1:1-14 (CEB)

Josephine Beckerman

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

A WORD ABOUT CHILDREN'S MINISTRY "DISCIPLE: Taking Faith Home"

Tricia Lindley

CHILDREN'S REFLECTIONS

Lindsay Chen, Kate Beckerman

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #2193 TFWS – Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Megan Crawford

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO 4TH GRADERS

Sunday, October 23, 2016

Children respond in ***bold italics***. Congregation responds with words printed in **bold type**.

BIBLE RECIPIENTS

Kate Charlotte Beckerman

Lindsay Joy Chen

Gavin James Kirtley

TO OUR 4TH GRADERS

Rev. Patricia Farris

Will you receive this Bible with your hands, your heart, and your mind?

I will.

LET US PRAY TOGETHER

We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your Sunday School classes, and in worship. We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word. Amen.

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PRESENTATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Sunday, October 23, 2016

*Teachers respond in **bold italics**. Congregation responds with words printed in **bold type**.*

TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Tricia Lindley

Having responded to God's call and our invitation to teach, will you continue to hold in your tender care the spiritual formation of our children in the Sunday School program?

I will.

LET US PRAY TOGETHER

Eternal God, you have entrusted us with the message of your power, grace, justice, and love. Provide for us your guidance, that we may be teachers and learners together. Believing that you are in our midst, we set apart those who would serve our children. May they serve you in nurturing the spiritual growth of all who are entrusted in their care. Bless each one gathered before us, enabling them to be channels of your grace. We pray through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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

Arabella & Georgina Scott

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
Scott Roewe, Saxophone

Jesus Loves Me (arr. Michael Hassell)

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died Heaven's gates to open wide! He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.

(Refrain)

Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way; if I love him when I die, he will take me home on high.

(Refrain)

* **RESPONSE #94** United Methodist Hymnal – The Doxology

* UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Simon Chen

Dear God, thank you for loving us. Thank you for sending Jesus to show us how to treat others. Use our gifts so that they bless people in need. Help us to remember that you love us and want us to love and help others. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* **HYMN #2153** TFWS – I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

* BENEDICTION

Lindsay Chen, Kate Beckerman

* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE #2056** TFWS – God Is So Good

Children's Church

POSTLUDE Hornpipe (G. F. Handel)

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.

—As we gather for worship this morning, please see an usher if you need information or assistance.

—We welcome guest saxophonist Scott Roewe.

—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: To honor "Grammy" Patty Eskridge on 40 years as Children's and Youth Choir and Handbells Director, 40 years of teaching, and 40 years of marriage to Grumps! Love, Caleb.

—Flowers in the Narthex: In loving memory of Catherine "Toddy" Wagner, a beloved wife and mom, from Don, Bruce, Ann & Beth.

—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 ninth of the Fall 2016 Sermon Series: DISCIPLE: Take Faith Public.

—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.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of SANTA MONICA

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October 23, 2016

Tricia Lindley, Director of Children and Youth Ministry

Children's Sabbath is a day set aside to celebrate children as active participants in the life of the church. Today, children will serve as worship leaders throughout the service, including preaching. It is a day to give thanks for the children in our church!

We celebrate our 4th Graders as they receive their own Bibles, continuing their journey of growing in faith through the support of their family and our church. We give thanks and recognition to our Sunday School teachers: for their spiritual calling to teach children about the Christian faith and for their dedication and hard work each week. We celebrate the first year of "Children's Church," a children-focused form of worship and choir led by Janet Searfoss and Mary Crawford.

One of the ways that our children live out their faith is through Faith in Action projects, worked on when there is a fifth Sunday in the month. Next Sunday, in honor of Children's Sabbath, the Children's Ministry is accepting donations for **UMCOR's Birthing Kit** materials. Birthing kits provide the essential items to promote a safe, clean delivery and to encourage good aftercare for displaced mothers around the globe. The children will then assemble these kits as their Faith in Action – Sunday School project on October 30. Birthing Kit Value: \$8 per kit. Donation jars/baskets will be in the Narthex and at Coffee Hour in Simkins Hall.

We honor our Sunday School teachers and volunteers:

David Boone, Sunday School Superintendent
Janet Searfoss, Children's Church Choir Director
Mary Crawford, Children's Choir Accompanist

Pre-K (3 & 4 year olds)

Dot Plukas
Emily Plukas
Jamie Jones
Owen Ing

Younger Elementary (K & 1st)

Sandra Jones
Sue Heffner

Middle Elementary (2nd & 3rd grade)

Carrie Eldridge

Older Elementary (4th & 5th grade)

Janet Bogle
Virginia Pelton



From last year's Children's Sabbath

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 p.m. UMYF, Youth Lounge

Today - Children's Sabbath • Recognition of Sunday School Teachers • 4th Grade Bibles

- 9 a.m. Third World Handarts, SH
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University (class 6), FR

Tuesday, October 25

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, FR
- 6 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting, CR-A

Wednesday, October 26

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

Thursday, October 27

- 5 p.m. Community Meal/Family Place, OS
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, CHR

Friday, October 28

- 6 p.m. UMYF Halloween Overnighter, YL

Saturday, October 29

- 4:30 p.m. Carl Rogers Living Memorial Service/ Reception, S/SH

Sunday, October 30

- 11:30 a.m. Rev. Farris Book Study/Potluck, FR
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University (class 7), FR

White Ribbon Memorial

As we approach All Saints Day, First UMC will offer a new way to remember those who have died with the White Ribbon Memorial. In worship today, look for a table set up on the north wall of the sanctuary near the prayer quilts. There, you may write the names of loved ones on a white ribbon and tie it to the string or place it in the bowl on the table. You may say a prayer while tying the ribbon. For our All Saints Day service on November 6, all ribbons will be tied to the string and hung on the north wall of the sanctuary for the worship service. You may also come to the Hospitality Table for a ribbon.

Highlights

Third World Handarts - Today

The Missions Council and First UMC welcome back Third World Handarts. Their principal mission is to support the self-employment of thousands of artisans by marketing the beautiful and useful items they craft as a means of supporting themselves and their families. Shop these wonderful artisan crafts after worship today. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Simkins Hall.

simple church

Because a calm, centered, compassionate life is possible. Today's theme - *on downward mobility*. 5 p.m. 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 for the next two Sundays. She will provide you with a casserole pan, instructions, and two recipe forms to be attached to the completed casserole. Help the UMW raise money for their many causes!

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. To participate, contact Rev. Robert English: r.english@santamonicaumc.org. Thursday October 27, 5-7 p.m., Family Place (1020 12th St., SM)

Loving God with Our Minds Book Study/Potluck

Rev. Patricia Farris leads the October Book Study of *Public Faith in Action: How to Think Carefully, Engage Wisely, and Vote with Integrity* by Miroslav Volf and Ryan McAnnalkly-Linz. As election day approaches, decisions are being made by voters that will significantly impact the future of our state and nation. This book does not take a partisan point of view, but is designed to assist Christian voters in wise reflection to shape political and ethical judgments in light of our faith. Book available online, and at the Sunday Hospitality Table. Bring a dish to share. Sunday October 30, 11:30 a.m., Fireside Room.

C.A.S.T. presents: *Haphazardly Ever After*

The 5th - 12th graders perform. Friday November 4, 7 p.m., Saturday November 5, 5 p.m. Simkins Hall.