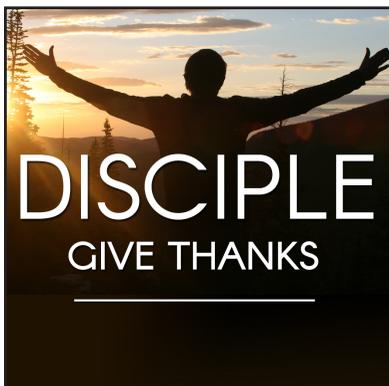


# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP

Christ the King Sunday • Children's Church • November 20, 2016



Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

– Philippians 4:4,6

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## WE GATHER

WELCOME

Tricia Lindley

PRELUDE

Ty Woodward, Organ

Andante Sostenuto *from* Symphony Gothique (Charles Marie Widor)

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #131 United Methodist Hymnal – We Gather Together

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Anne Premer, Lay Lector

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

**We glorify our God with songs of thanksgiving and joy.**

God has done great things for us, filling us with grace.

**God fed our ancestors in the wilderness. God clothes us with hope.**

We will offer our hearts to God, always saying, "Thank you!" to the One who loves us.

**We ask your blessing, O God our Creator, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.**

\* CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"Come, ye thankful people come, raise the song of harvest home! 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.*

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. Robert English

Moments for Mission - Community Thanksgiving Meal

Cindy McQuade

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 PSALM Psalm 100 (Pew Bible page 552, O.T.)

Anne Premer

THE EPISTLE Philippians 4:4-9 (Pew Bible page 198, N.T.)

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

SERMON "DISCIPLE: Give Thanks"

Rev. Patricia Farris

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## WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #2195 TFWS – In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

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](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

Rejoice, the Lord Is King (arr. Mack Wilberg)

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore:

lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

The Lord, the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love; when He had purged our stains, He took his seat above:

lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n; the keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are giv'n.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord and Judge shall come and take his servants up to their eternal home:

lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! Amen!

\*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

\*RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. English

Bountiful God, as you clothe us with your grace and mercy,

**may we share generously with those who have little.**

As our hearts overflow with your love and wonder,

**may we offer them as gifts to everyone we meet.**

As you feed us with your joy and hope,

**may we welcome to this house of hope all whose lives are filled with tears and pain.**

As we gather with family and friends during this season,

**may we continue to give thanks for the gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

**Overflowing with gratitude, we give you thanks and praise. Amen**

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN #694 UMH – Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Now Thank We All Our God (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.*

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

—The Consecration Box is located in the narthex. You may put your 2017 Pledge cards there if you were not able to do so last Sunday.

—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 celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Jerry & Margaret Brown.

—Flowers in the Narthex: In loving honor of Patricia Farris' birthday.

—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.

—Visit the Fireside Room to view the White Ribbon Memorial in honor of All Saints Day. You are welcome to write the name of loved ones who have died on a ribbon, say a prayer and tie it onto the hanging string.

—Next Sunday: Worship at 10 a.m.; 1st Sunday in Advent; Rev. Patricia Farris will preach.

—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](mailto:info@santamonicaumc.org).

—Each time we worship, we collect food for the Westside Food Bank. In November bring hot and cold cereals.

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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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November 20, 2016

Thankful for the church family who have become friends and who have supported me in times of grief and in times of joy and have helped raise my amazing children. I am also so thankful for a place to be able to donate my creative talent for the greater good.

- Dorothy Nichols

I am thankful that we have a youth group where I can surround myself with people who share my faith and love for God and who I can be myself around.

- Emma Wollitz

I am thankful for a family of believers with whom I can laugh and pray and remain silent and know that I am accepted and loved.

- Michael Lamb



I am thankful for all the children of our world. They have the ability to continue to love regardless of all that happens in our world today.

- Ron Theile

I am thankful to First UMC: for a great choir in which to sing good music; for the many generations which are part of our congregation; and, for a community that reaches outside itself by sending groups to help others.

- Bee Campbell

We are thankful for the blessing of our new baby, William, for our daughters and for our church family.

- Ben and Jennifer Scott

I am truly thankful for all the members of our church family. Feeling their love and support daily is comforting and life-giving.

- David Shepherd Penson

**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
- 3 p.m. Amadeus Handbell Rehearsal, CHR
- 5 p.m. simple church, Chapel
- 6 p.m. UMYF, Youth Lounge

**Today - Thanksgiving Sunday • Children's Church**

- 11 a.m. Boy Scout Wreath Sales, Alcove
- 11 a.m. Free Blood Pressure Screenings, SH
- 7:30 p.m. simple church, Chapel (\*note time change.)

**Tuesday, November 22**

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

**Wednesday, November 23**

- 5 p.m. Thanksgiving Community Meal with Family Place/Family Shelter, SH

**Thursday, November 24 - Thanksgiving Day, church campus closed**

**Friday, November 25 - church campus closed**

**Sunday, November 27 - 1st Sunday in Advent**

- 11 a.m. Boy Scout Wreath Sales, Alcove
- 11:30 a.m. Rev. Farris Book Study/Potluck, FR
- 5 p.m. simple church, Chapel



**Haiti 2017**

Next year's Haiti Mission trip is scheduled for March 3-12, 2017. Co-leaders will be Todd & Sherry Erlandson. Preference given to first-time participants. Fundraising, pre-trip meetings/prep are required. If you are interested in participating or want to learn more, contact Rev. English: [r.english@santamonicaumc.org](mailto:r.english@santamonicaumc.org).

**Highlights**

**Boy Scout Wreath Sales**

It's time to order your holiday wreaths and greenery from Boy Scout Troop 67. Orders will be taken today and next Sunday, November 27, 11 a.m., in the Alcove.

**simple church Special Service**

Join simple church and the UMYF for a Special Service at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel. A time for meditation, prayer stations and communion. Calm. Centered. Compassionate.

**Family Place Thanksgiving Meal**

This year simple church will again host the families of Family Place and Family Shelter for a community Thanksgiving in Simkins Hall. We are taking sign-ups to serve and provide turkeys, pies, and sides, and also help with set-up and tear-down. The First UMC Youth Fellowship, with Tricia Lindley, will be there to provide an arts and crafts table for the kids. Wednesday, November 23, 5- 7 p.m. Signup: [www.santamonicaumc.org/community-meal](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/community-meal).

**Angel Tree Project**

The Angel Tree Project begins next Sunday, November 27. First UMC is supporting Family Place of Upward Bound House with household items for the families and their apartments. Stop by the Angel Tree table during Coffee Fellowship to choose a gift. Then return the wrapped gift back to the church office by Sunday December 18. For questions, contact Chris Ruud: [chr10is@yahoo.com](mailto:chr10is@yahoo.com).

**November Book-of-the-Month Study & Potluck**

The November book is John Cobb's latest—*Jesus' Abba: The God Who Has Not Failed*—our springboard into the season of Advent. The word *abba*, which can be described as a baby's first word, draws us into an understanding of an intimate relationship with God that reflects Cobb's life of scholarship and his life-long faith journey. Drawing on faith and science, interfaith dialogue, and the environmental crisis, Cobb, one of the preeminent theologians of this century, professor emeritus at the Claremont School of Theology, is disarmingly personal. Book available online, and at the Sunday Hospitality Table. Bring a dish to share. Next Sunday November 27 11:30 a.m., Fireside Room.

**Save the Date:** Children's After School Theater presents *Rumpelstilskin*, December 2, 6 p.m., December 3, 3 p.m.