

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP

6th Sunday after Epiphany • February 12, 2017



...I have set before you life and death,
blessings and curses. Choose life so that
you and your descendants may live....
Deuteronomy 30:19

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Jill Obery Dodd, Lay Lector

PRELUDE *Allegro from Concerto in A Minor* (J.S. Bach)

Ty Woodward, Organist

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #111 United Methodist Hymnal — How Can We Name a Love

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jill Obery Dodd

Have we not known? Have we not heard?

Has it not been told to us since the beginning?

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

They shall mount up with wings like eagles;

They shall run and not be weary,

They shall walk and not faint.

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"They will mount up with wings as eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not faint, those who wait on the Lord. Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength."

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dane Rold

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

Dane Rold

#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

Jill Obery Dodd

Moments for Mission

Todd Erlandson /Co-leader of the First UMC Haiti Work Team

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

Thanks be to God!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE LESSON Deuteronomy 30:19-20 (Pew Bible page 186, O.T.)

Jill Obery Dodd

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

THE GOSPEL Matthew 5:21-24 (Pew Bible pages 4-5, N.T.)

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SERMON "The Art of Avoiding Hell"

Rev. Larry Young

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #465 UMH – Holy Spirit, Truth Divine (verses 1-2)

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Rev. Keri Olsen

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/Dr. Jim Smith, Director

Let Thy Holy Presence (Pavel Tschesnokoff)

Let Thy holy presence come upon us, we pray, Thy holy presence, come upon us, O Lord! Alleluia.

*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Olsen

O God, you have blessed us beyond our deserving and fed us in ways we have not acknowledged. We bring our offerings with full intent to love our neighbors as ourselves and to further your reconciling work in our world. Let our gifts and our lives be channels of your grace and peace. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN #549 UMH – Where Charity and Love Prevail (verses 1-4)

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Rigaudon *from* Idoménee (André Campra)

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.

FAMILY INFO

—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.

—A changing table is provided in the restroom located in the hallway west of the Fireside Room.

—First UMC takes the care and safety of children seriously. We are a Safe Sanctuary congregation.

WORSHIP INFO

—Please see an usher if you need information or assistance.

—Flowers: Given to the glory of God, from donations to the First UMC Flower Fund. Please consider a gift to the Flower Fund, which will be used for Sundays such as today when flowers have not been ordered.

—To request a prayer, fill in a Let's Connect/Let Us Pray card 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 prayer over and tie knots on the quilts.

—Stop by the Hospitality Table in Simkins Hall in The Shelby Center during Coffee Fellowship for information to ask whatever might be on your mind! We're here to serve you.

—Next Sunday: Tricia Lindley will preach.

MISSIONS

—Rev. Robert English and Tricia Lindley are participating in the Upward Bound House Home Run for Kids today. The First UMC Confirmation class is also there running as a team.

—We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. In February bring tuna.

—The First UMC 2017 Haiti Work Team is preparing for their upcoming trip March 3-12. To give, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/haiti, or make checks to First UMC with "Haiti Mission Team" on the memo line. All proceeds directly benefit Haiti.

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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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for kids and parents alike to work together to solve family homelessness.

Upward Bound House presents the 5th Annual Home Run for Kids Walk/Run in Brentwood. This year's event expects to draw over 1,200 participants with all proceeds benefiting UBH. This is a great opportunity

Upward Bound House has established an extraordinary record of success in addressing family homelessness. Since 1997, they have helped more than 1,100 families including over 2,000 children to transition from homelessness and into permanent housing. Over 95% of these families were still in their homes more than a year after placement.

UBH programs include: **Family Shelter**, located in Culver City, consists of 18 efficiency units and provides short-term housing for families in crisis. Families receive case management services focused on addressing their immediate needs as well as housing assistance, and may stay in the program for up to 150 days. **Family Place**, located in Santa Monica, consists of 21 one-bedroom apartments and provides medium-term housing for families in transition to permanent housing. On average, families reside in the program for six to eight months.

Representing First UMC at the race today is Rev. Robert English, and Tricia Lindley. They held a brief on-site worship service at 8 a.m. Tricia also brings with her the First UMC Confirmation Class, running as a team.

First UMC and simple church offer continued direct support of this cause throughout the year, as we host a monthly **Community Meal** for the families of Family Shelter. The potluck feeds about 30-40 adults & children. We serve buffet style and eat as one community. Please share and invite your friends to this wonderful gathering. Contact: r.english@santamonicaumc.org to sign up to bring a dish, or set-up/clean up.



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WORSHIP & PRAYER

Sunday 10 a.m. **Sanctuary Worship**
 Sunday 5 p.m. **simple church**
simple church theme: on living an examined life or on guarding our heart

MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today
 7 a.m. Upward Bound House Home Run for Kids, OS
 11 a.m. Pennies for Haiti Fundraiser, SH
Monday, February 13
 4 p.m. C.A.S.T. auditions (1st-5th graders), SH
 5:30 p.m. C.A.S.T. auditions (5th-12th graders), SH
Wednesday, February 15
 4 p.m. Trustees Meeting, CR-A
 7 p.m. Health Ministry Committee Meeting, OS
Saturday, February 18
 9:30 a.m. Prayer Quilt Workparty, Room 300
 10 a.m. Sacred Yoga, FR
 1 p.m. Dance for Haiti Fundraiser, SH
Sunday, February 19
 11 a.m. Pennies for Haiti Fundraiser, SH
 11 a.m. Free Blood Pressure Screenings, SH
 2:30 p.m. Walk the Labyrinth, SH

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Children: Sunday School this Week
 February Theme: The Parables
 Bible Verse: Luke 8:8
 "Everyone who has ears should pay attention."
 Anchor Point: Parables teach us about God's love.
 February 12: The Good Samaritan, Luke 10:25-37
UMYF: This Sunday
 6:15-8:30 in Youth Lounge
 Program on courage and faith.
The youth ministry at First UMC is a safe, Christ centered environment where youth can gain tools to help them explore and grow in their faith. Activities are designed to nurture relationships and build a strong, loving community. This is a place of acceptance, outreach and spirituality.

FELLOWSHIP /COMMUNITY

C.A.S.T. Auditions - Tomorrow

Children's After School Theater is calling all kids! C.A.S.T is holding auditions for their Spring productions for 1st-5th graders, and 5th-12th graders. Audition materials will be provided there. Show titles are to be announced. Auditions: Monday, February 13, 4 p.m. (1st-5th graders) 5:30 p.m. (5th-12th graders) Simkins Hall.

Sacred Yoga

Santa Monica yoga instructor Temitope leads Sacred Yoga, a monthly spiritual yoga class open to all. Whether you are new to yoga and meditation or practice regularly, this class is the perfect way to find stillness in your mind and body as well as center and strengthen your spirit. Bring a mat. Donations accepted. Saturday February 18, 10 a.m., in the Fireside Room.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Pennies for Haiti - Starting Today

The Haiti Work Team will collect contributions of any size in a "Pennies for Haiti" fundraiser after worship today. Bring loose change, dollar bills, checks of any amount, or donate online, because every contribution matters. Thank you all for your support, prayers and contributions towards the Haiti Mission Trip. The team will be commissioned during worship February 26. Collecting: Sundays, February 12,19, 26, Simkins Hall after worship.

Dance for Haiti! - Saturday

Get ready to have some fun dancing and exercising while supporting a great cause - The 2017 Haiti Work Team! Zumba certified instructor and church member, Whitney Hagan, will lead the class. Wear comfortable shoes and bring a towel. No experience necessary - just have fun! Suggested donation: \$25/adult, \$10/children & youth. Purchase tickets at www.santamonicaumc.org/haiti, or at the door. Saturday February 18, 1 p.m., Simkins Hall.

Family Place Community Meal

Save the date for the next Family Place community meal, on Thursday February 23, 5-7 p.m. Sign up to bring a dish to share: r.english@santamonicaumc.org. Family Place (1020 12th St., SM)

For our full calendar of this month's events, including weekly group meetings, pick up a copy of the Sentinel located in the Narthex, or go to our website: www.santamonicaumc.org/calendar.