

WORSHIP

Service of Lessons & Anthems

April 2, 2017

This service of Lessons and Anthems is an annual tradition. Through the Word and music, this service prepares us to enter into the events of Holy Week in deep prayer and reflection. May the Spirit of God quiet and open your heart, mind and soul, as together we consider God's great gift of Christ Jesus.

*** SILENT PROCESSIONAL**

Please stand as the choir and clergy process.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

David Bremer, Lay Lector

Brother Christ, help us to follow you deep into the waters of baptism, to break the chain of past wrongs, to become fit to face your coming age.

Jesus, our Brother, help us to follow you.

Help us to follow you on the road to Jerusalem, to set our faces firmly against friendly suggestions to live a safe, expedient life, to embrace boldly the way of self-offering.

Jesus, our Brother, help us to follow you.

Help us to follow you even to the cross, to see our hope in your self-spendng love and mercy, to die to all within us not born of your love.

Jesus, our Brother, help us to follow you.

*** CHORALE**

The Chancel Choir/Dr. James Smith, Music Director

from The St. Matthew Passion (J. S. Bach)

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend, for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

CORPORATE PRAYER

Rev. Robert English

Almighty God, through love you have made us, and for love you call us to repentance. Grant that we who need to mend our sinful ways may find strength in your compassion and forgiveness. Restore to us the joy of your salvation; give us your Holy Spirit that we may serve you with willing hearts, bearing witness to your abundant mercy in all the world; through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

SILENT 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Tricia Lindley

As we sing #191 United Methodist Hymnal - Jesus Loves Me, children are invited to come forward for the Children's Message.

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

Rev. English

Please include your information on the attendance pad and pass it to your neighbors down the pew.

We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship, for worship, and for service. **Thanks be to God!**

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. 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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (Gilbert Martin)

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood. See, from his head his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love, so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!

* **RESPONSE** #95 United Methodist Hymnal – The Doxology

* **UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Rev. English

O God, you who reveal your power above all in your mercy and forgiveness, open up for us the treasures of your mercy. Continue to fill us with your gifts of love, that we may share in the eternal life you promise and in the joys of your kingdom. Amen.

The Agony of Gethsemane

HYMN #292 UMH – What Wondrous Love Is This (verses 1 & 2)

FIRST LESSON Mark 14:32-38 (Pew Bible page 52, N.T.)

Rev. English

ANTHEM

The Chancel Choir

from The Crucifixion (John Stainer)

And they came to a place named Gethsemane; And Jesus saith to his disciples, "Sit ye here, while I shall pray." Could ye not watch with me one brief hour? Could ye not pity my sorest need? Ah! if ye sleep while the tempests lower Surely, my friends, I am lone indeed. Jesu, Lord Jesu, bowed in bitter anguish And bearing all the evil we have done, Oh teach us how to love thee for thy love; Help us to pray, and watch, and mourn with thee. Could ye not watch with me one brief hour? Did ye not say upon Kedron's slope, Ye would not fall into the tempter's power? Did ye not murmur great words of hope?

The Betrayal & Arrest

SECOND LESSON Mark 14:43-50 (Pew Bible page 52, N.T.)

Rev. Patricia Farris

CHORALE – Ah, Holy Jesus (Johann Crüger)

Ah, Holy Jesus, How hast thou offended, That man to judge thee hath in hate pretended? By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted! Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered; The slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered; For our atonement, while we nothing heedeth, God intercedeth.

The Trial Before Religious Authorities

THIRD LESSON Matthew 26:57-66 (Pew Bible page 31, N.T.)

David Bremer

ANTHEM – *from* The Crucifixion (John Stainer)

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, That whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world: But that the world through Him might be saved.

The Denial of Peter

FOURTH LESSON Mark 14:66-72 (Pew Bible page 53, N.T.)

Rev. English

CHORALE – *from* The St. John Passion (J. S. Bach)

Peter, while his conscience slept, Thrice denied his Savior. When he woke, he bitter wept At his base behavior. Jesus, let not me forget; True devotion teach me; When on evil I am set, Through my conscience reach me.

HYMN #452 UMH – My Faith Looks Up to Thee (verses 1&2)

The Trial Before Pontius Pilate & The Journey to Calvary

FIFTH LESSON Mark 15:1-15 (Pew Bible page 53, N.T.)

David Bremer

ANTHEM – Sanctus *from* Requiem (Gabriel Fauré)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts! Heaven and earth are filled with Thy glory. Hosanna in the highest.

The Cross

SIXTH LESSON Mark 15:16-20 (Pew Bible pages 53-54, N.T.)

Rev. English

ANTHEM – Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs *from* Messiah (Georg Frederic Handel)

Surely, surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows. He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him.

SEVENTH LESSON Romans 6:1-11 (Pew Bible page 156, N.T.)

Rev. Farris

ANTHEM – Lux Aeterna *from* Requiem (John Rutter)

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labours. Even so, saith the Spirit. Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine: *light eternal shine upon them, Lord, we pray: with saints and angels ever dwelling, for thy mercy's sake, may they rest in peace.* Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis: *Grant them rest eternal, Lord, our God, we pray to thee; Requiem aeternam.*

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE – O Lord, Thy Little Angel Send *from* The St. John Passion (J. S. Bach)

O Lord, Thy little angel send When'er my mortal life shall end, To bear my soul to Heaven! My body in its chamber sleep, All torment do thou distant keep, Till Thy last call be given! And then from death awaken me, That these poor eyes their Lord may see, See, Son of God, Thy glorious face, My savior and my fount of grace! Lord Jesus Christ, O hear Thou me, Thee will I praise eternally.

POSTLUDE Cortège and Litany (Marcel Dupré)

Ty Woodward, Organist

Soloists for today: Barbara Smith, soprano; William Martinez, tenor; Michael McClish, bass; Anna Kostyuchek, violin.

—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.

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

—Flowers: Dried floral arrangements at the reredos help to remind us of our Lenten Discipline during the season of Lent.

—Now is the time to donate toward the purchase of Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday morning sanctuary worship in celebration of a loved one, an event, a joy, or a remembrance. Stop by the Sunday Hospitality Table or call, email or mail your dedication (please print clearly) along with \$12 per plant to the church office. **Deadline to order is next Sunday, April 9.**

—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 pray over and tie knots on the quilts.

—Visit the Fireside Room to view drawings and writings by First UMC Sunday School kids, the Youth Group, and adult groups, based on the Lenten theme of Authenticity/Compassion/Courage.

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

—Next Sunday: Palm Sunday.

—We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. In April bring canned pork and beans.

—Look for the special Habitat for Humanity LA Lenten Devotional Calendar which you can pick up at the Sunday Welcome Table, and the Hospitality Table. This is a great way to combine support for Habitat Culver City with your Lenten spiritual practice.

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Next Sunday, First UMC welcomes you and your family to this annual spring celebration! The day will begin with the children waving palms as we enter worship at 10 a.m. Following the children's message, children are invited to a special Sunday School that includes arts and crafts and tasty snacks.

- **Family Brunch at 11 a.m. in Simkins Hall** (*The Brunch is free, although donations are appreciated.*)
- **Easter Egg Hunt at 11:30 a.m. in the Courtyard** (*See signs for age group locations.*)
- **Pictures with the Easter Bunny from 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m. in Simkins Hall**

There will also be Easter eggs to decorate and a craft table! Don't miss the fun!

Palm Sunday, Sunday April 9. Worship: 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

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WORSHIP & PRAYER

Sunday 10 a.m. **Sanctuary Worship**
 Sunday 5 p.m. **simple church**
*simple church theme: going with-in to live with-out:
 loved back to life*

MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today - Fifth Sunday in Lent • Lessons & Anthems • Holy Communion moved to April 9
 11 a.m. Youth Service Project See's Candy Fundraiser, Alcove
 11:30 a.m. Covenant Bible Study-Next Session Begins, Room 203
Friday, April 7
 7 p.m. Shareringer Monthly Dinner, FR
Saturday, April 8
 10 a.m. Sacred Yoga, Fireside Room
 4 p.m. Messy Church, Chapel/Simkins Hall
Sunday, April 9 - Palm Sunday • Holy Communion
 11 a.m. Palm Sunday Family Brunch/Easter Egg Hunt, Courtyard/Simkins Hall

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Children: Sunday School this Week

April Theme: Hosanna!
 Learning: We celebrate Jesus
 "Hosanna in the highest!" Matthew 21:9
 April 2 - Cock-a-doodle-doo! Matthew 26:69-75

Youth Service Project

Candy Sales & Meeting after worship

UMYF: This Sunday

6:15-8 p.m. in Youth Lounge
 Program: Service and Faith Program
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

Covenant Bible Study: Next Session Starts Today

A new segment of Covenant Bible Study begins today. *Trusting the Covenant* focuses on finding hope and strength in the face of difficult times. Walk-ins welcome today to sign up. Class meets 90 minutes each Sunday for 8 weeks (excluding Easter). Today at 11:30 a.m. in Room 203.

Messy Church

Messy Church is a monthly worship where we learn about God's love through crafts, activities, story and a shared meal. At Messy Church we grow in our relationship with God and with one another. This month's theme: *Jesus is the Good Shepherd*. Invite your friends and family and be ready to get messy! Saturday April 8, 4 - 6 p.m. Chapel and Simkins Hall.

Becoming a Member of First UMC

If you are interested in joining First UMC or learning more about membership, let any of our pastors know. We believe that membership is all about BELONGING to a vibrant, missional community of faith.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Youth Service Project See's Candy Sales

Each year, First UMC sends a Youth Service Project team for one week to travel and engage in service and mission with struggling communities around the US. In July, a team of 18 will work with Appalachia Service Project in the Appalachia Mountains of Wise County, VA. As part of our fundraising, we are selling See's Easter Candy today in the Alcove after worship. Stop by our table to pick up your favorite chocolate egg or box of chocolates for yourself, or to give to your family and friends this spring!

Red Cross Community Blood Drive

Today, and every Sunday before Easter, sign up for the Red Cross Community Blood Drive at the Sunday Hospitality Table. Special treats and surprises! Child care while you donate, with prior arrangements. And best of all, the knowledge that you've helped to save up to 3 lives! For more information, questions, or to volunteer, contact Dorothy Williams (dorothywil@gmail.com).
 Blood Drive: Sunday April 23, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Simkins Hall.

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.