

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP

Ascension Sunday • Memorial Day Sunday • May 28, 2017



Then Jesus led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.
— Luke 24:50-51

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Tricia Lindley

PRELUDE | Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ (J. S. Bach)

Ty Woodward, Organist

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #696 United Methodist Hymnal — America the Beautiful

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Ruth Peeples, Lay Lector

Our faith draws us together this day.

We have heard of God's miracles in other times; our ancestors have kept the story alive for us.

God is waiting to communicate with you and me.

We long for a faith that makes sense today.

We want to keep the story alive for new generations.

Let us give thanks and worship our God.

* CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"America! America! God mend thine every flaw, confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law."

* 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 their Sunday School classes.

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Dane Rold

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

Thanks be to God!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE PSALM Psalm 47 (UMH p.781 with sung response)

Ruth Peeples

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL Luke 24:44-53 (Pew Bible page 91, N.T.)

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SERMON "The Past Guides Us—The Future Needs Us"

Rev. Patricia Farris

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #2084 TFWS – Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Tricia Lindley

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. 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

We Walk By Faith (Lloyd Larson)

We walk by faith, and not by sight. No gracious words we hear from Him who spoke as none e'er spoke; But we believe Him near. We may not touch His hands and side, nor follow where He trod: But in His promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!" We walk by faith and not by sight, led by God's pure and holy Light! Prepare us for the journey, Lord, and may we know Your pow'r and might, as we walk by faith and not by sight. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, and may our faith abound to call on You when You are near, and seek where You are found: That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold You as You are, with full and endless sight. We walk by faith, and not by sight, led by God's pure and holy Light! Prepare us for the journey, Lord, and may we know Your pow'r and might, as we walk by faith and not by sight.

*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Farris

God of all glory and majesty, we give you thanks for the gift of your Son. Bless these gifts for the benefits they afford in bringing life to others in your name. Bless our lives that we may be your witnesses to the ends of the earth as we love and serve you, O God most high. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN #698 UMH – God of the Ages

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Prelude and Fugue in C (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.

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: In celebration of First UMC's graduating High School Seniors, with love, the United Methodist Women.

—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.

—Confirmation Prayer Squares: Please tie a knot and say a prayer for each of the youth that are preparing to be confirmed Sunday June 4.

—Visit the Fireside Room today after worship to view the work of the First UMC Prayer Quilt Ministry.

—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.

—Rev. Robert English is on Paternity Leave. He will return June 18.

—Next Sunday: Rev. Patricia Farris will preach.

MISSIONS

—We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. In June bring canned soup.

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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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FOCUS ON

ALL-CHURCH SUMMERFEST

May 28, 2017



Every year First UMC welcomes summer with the All-Church Summerfest, presented by Fellowship & Events. There will be fun for the whole family, including a BBQ, cake walk, bounce house and more! \$6 food ticket includes BBQ hot dogs/hamburgers, sides and a drink. Stay after worship next Sunday and enjoy food and fellowship in the First UMC Courtyard!

All-Church Summerfest: Sunday June 4, 11:15 a.m. in the Courtyard

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WORSHIP & PRAYER

Sunday 10 a.m. **Sanctuary Worship**
 Sunday 5 p.m. **simple church**
simple church: special speaker - Tricia Lindley

MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today
 11:30 a.m. UMW Luncheon for Graduates, FR
Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day, church campus closed
Wednesday, May 31
 7 p.m. Methodist Foundation Meeting, CR-A
Friday, June 2
 1 p.m. Shareringer Luncheon, Off-site
Sunday, June 4 - Confirmation Sunday • Baptism
 • Holy Communion
 11:15 a.m. All-Church Summerfest, Courtyard



CHILDREN & YOUTH

Children: Sunday School this Week
 May Theme: Peter Rocks
 Like Peter, we can tell the good news about Jesus.
 Bible Verse: "I tell you that you are Peter. And I'll build my church on this rock." Matthew 16:18
 May 28: Peter in prison.

United Methodist Youth Fellowship:
 Memorial Weekend. No UMYF tonight.

Save the Date: Vacation Bible School
 Sign up now! To register, pick up a form at the Hospitality Table, or online: santamonicaumc.org/vbs.
 vbs. VBS: July 31 - August 4, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 Kids ages 5-11.

FELLOWSHIP /COMMUNITY

Messy Church - June
 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. Children, families, and adults of all ages are welcome to this worship experience. Invite your friends and family and be ready to get messy! (*Theme: Messy Pentecost: New Life in the Spirit*)
www.santamonicaumc.org/messychurch.
 Saturday June 10, 4 p.m. Chapel/Simkins Hall.

Scholarship Sunday
 As the school year draws to a close, First UMC scholars are excited about their next educational step. Make sure to attend the 10 a.m. worship service to honor and recognize those being awarded with a Methodist Foundation Scholarship. Sunday June 11, during 10 a.m. Worship.

Cal-Pac Annual Conference
 Each year in June, the United Methodist Church in our regional Episcopal area gather for a session of the California-Pacific Annual Conference. Participants include clergy and laity from each church. First UMC will send 6 lay members and 3 clergy members. Our clergy members are Rev. Patricia Farris, Rev. Keri Olsen, and Rev. Larry Young. Our lay members are Bee Campbell, Mary Crawford, Jack Fry, Adam Guerrero, Karen Ing, and Tricia Lindley. June 14 -17, University of Redlands.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Relay for Life - Sign up now!
 The American Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life is coming soon. The Health Ministry Council is sponsoring Chris Reagh's continued efforts to support this worthy cause. Come join community supporters at any time and for any amount of time at the event. For more information visit: www.relayforlife.org, search for team captain Chris Reagh/ Team Wesley Walkers to find First UMC's page. Saturday June 17 - Sunday June 18. Begins Saturday noon thru 8 a.m. Sunday, Santa Monica College (1900 Pico Blvd.)

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.