

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP

Pentecost • Confirmation • Baptism • Holy Communion • June 4, 2017



“In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.”
— Acts 2:17

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Todd Erlandson

PRELUDE All Praise to Jesus' Hallowed Name (J. S. Bach)

Ty Woodward, Organist

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #547 United Methodist Hymnal — O Church of God, United

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Meg Smith, Lay Lector

Come to know and experience the mighty works of God.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present power in all times and in all places.

Rejoice and give thanks for the gifts of God for the people of God.

We give thanks to God who knows us, loves us, breathes life into us, makes us whole, and sets us free.

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

“God is our refuge and our strength! A very present help in trouble! Amen and Amen!”

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Please greet those worshipping near you.

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.

BAPTISM Luke Wallis Sarley (*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 go to their Sunday School classes.

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Todd Erlandson

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

Thanks be to God!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE LESSON Acts 2:1-21 (Pew Bible page 119, N.T.)

Meg Smith

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

HOMILY "This is a Day of New Beginnings"

Rev. Patricia Farris

WE RESPOND

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION (*insert*)

Confirmands: Brooklyn Anne Bisson, Andrew George Buxton, John Glenton Buxton, Emma Elizabeth Crawford, Annika Olivia Dodd, Ethan Robert Kelley, Aidan Cooper Kenefick, Conner James Kenefick, Emily Sage Plukas, Natalia Elena Quintana, and Gwendolyn Gaetana Warren.

HYMN #593 UMH – Here I Am, Lord

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.



SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM



Sunday, June 4, 2017

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

INTRODUCTION

Rev. Patricia Farris

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, from the beginnings of Christianity, Baptism has been seen as our entrance into the family of faith. We believe that Baptism is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace. It is through this grace that we enter into a special relationship with Christ and are inheritors of the promise of eternal life. Those who receive this sacrament are marked as disciples of Jesus and are part of the fellowship of the universal Christian church. We believe that Jesus has expressly given a place for children to be counted among God's people; it is a privilege which should not be denied them. We remember the words of Jesus when he said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."

PRESENTATION

Sherry Erlandson, Lay Leader

I am pleased to present to you **LUKE WALLIS SARLEY** for Baptism.

THOSE TO BE BAPTIZED *(Questions to the Parents)*

Rev. Farris

Do you believe in God the source, the fountain of life; and in Christ, the offspring of God, embodied in Jesus of Nazareth and in the church; and in the liberating Spirit of God, the wellspring of new life?

We do.

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you: Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you of new life in Christ, resisting evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

We do.

Will you nurture Luke in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself, to profess his faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

We will.

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(To the Congregation)

Sherry Erlandson

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this child now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this child with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his trust of God, and be found faithful in his service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

BAPTISM

Rev. Farris

LUKE WALLIS

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

HYMN #611 United Methodist Hymnal – Child of Blessing, Child of Promise *(verses 1 & 2)*

INTRODUCTION

Sherry Erlandson

Members of the household of faith, I commend this child to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant to participate faithfully in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

THE OFFERTORY

The Chancel Choir/Dr. James Smith, Music Director

Tune My Heart to Sing God's Praise! (Lloyd Larson)

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise His name, I'm fixed upon it, name of God's redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I've come; and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let Thy goodness like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee: prone to wander, Lord, I know I'm prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Tricia Lindley

Great and eternal God, we bring forth gifts of thanksgiving offered for a world in need. We praise you for your church and its witness. Breathe new life into each of us today. May our gifts and our lives be strengthened by your Spirit and further the ministries of your church. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

We will use the Musical Setting beginning on page 2257 in The Faith We Sing hymnal. Gluten-free vegan wafers are available from the servers upon request. The Ushers will guide you in coming forward to receive the communion elements. You may pause at the kneeler to pray or be in silent prayer at your seat.

#2260 TFWS – Let Us Be Bread

#2120 TFWS – Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

#2117 TFWS – Spirit of God

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Farris

Praise to God who has given us life. Blessed be God for the gift of love. Praise to God who kindles our faith. Blessed be God, our strength, our hope. Amen.

*HYMN #539 UMH – O Spirit of the Living God

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Praise to the Lord (arr. Paul Manz)

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.

—If you would like to learn more about baptism or inquire about baptism for your children, please see one of our pastors.

—Flowers: In loving memory of our mother, grandmother, Mary Knowlton, from the Knowlton Family.

—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 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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SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION



June 4, 2017

Confirmands respond with words in ***bold italics***. Congregation responds with words in **bold type**.

INTRODUCTION

Tricia Lindley

Friends in Christ, we are all received into the church of Jesus Christ through the sacrament of baptism. These persons have found nurture and support in the midst of this family of Christ. Through prayer and study, one comes before this congregation for baptism. Five come before us to reaffirm the covenants made at their baptism. They all stand before this congregation to claim in our presence their relationship with Christ and with the members of the church. They are here for service to Jesus Christ, to utilize the gifts that the Holy Spirit has bestowed upon each of them. With them, we hear today the words of the prophet Micah: "God has told you what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you God?" May God cause us all this day to renew our commitments to God in Christ.

PRESENTATION

TO THOSE BEING CONFIRMED

Rev. Patricia Farris

Do you desire to affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

I do.

Do you profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

I do.

Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best as you are able?

I promise, with the help of God.

Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world?

I promise, with the help of God. O God, known to me in Jesus Christ, I give myself to you as your own, to love and serve you faithfully all the days of my life. Amen.

CONFIRMATION

Rev. Farris

O God, in the grace of Jesus Christ you have accepted this your servant (Name) through the water of baptism. Nourish in him/her the power of your Holy Spirit that he/she may serve you in the world. Amen.

(over)

PRAYER OF THE CONGREGATION

Tricia Lindley

Almighty God, who in baptism received these your servants into the church, forgave their sins, and promised them eternal life, increase in them the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Grant love for others, joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition. Thereby strengthen them for their ministry in the world; through Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

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.

WELCOME

Sherry Erlandson, Lay Leader

TO THOSE BEING CONFIRMED

Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God, and enlisting in the work of the local church as it serves this community of the world, through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

I do.

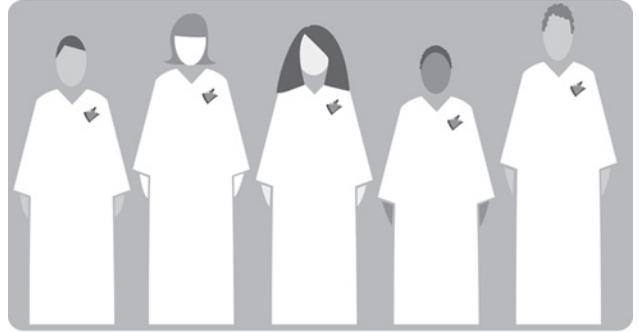
TO THE CONGREGATION

Members of the household of God, I commend these people to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

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June 4, 2017

Tricia Lindley, Director of Children & Youth Ministry



Since February our Confirmation class has been meeting together to learn more about faith and how God relates to our lives. We learned about the Bible, the Holy Trinity, sin and grace, church history, the sacraments, worship, prayer, and United Methodism; we prayed with our feet to support Upward Bound House; we joined our Muslim friends for Friday prayers and dialogue; and we even found some time for fun and fellowship. Needless to say we have been busy.

I hope that you are excited about this group of wonderful young people who have given their time and effort to learning more about our tradition in order to confirm their faith in God. I am happy and proud to have had these wonderful youth in this Confirmation experience!

Today we confirm these eleven youth: Brooklyn Anne Bisson, Andrew George Buxton, John Glenton Buxton, Emma Elizabeth Crawford, Annika Olivia Dodd, Ethan Robert Kelley, Aidan Cooper Kenefick, Conner James Kenefick, Emily Sage Plukas, Natalia Elena Quintana, and Gwendolyn Gaetana Warren.

Join me in celebrating their faith, their lives and their membership in our church family.

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WORSHIP & PRAYER

Sunday 10 a.m. **Sanctuary Worship**
 Sunday 5 p.m. **simple church**
simple church: special speaker - Rev. Keri Olsen

MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today - Pentecost • Confirmation Sunday • Baptism
 • Holy Communion

11:15 a.m. All-Church Summerfest, Courtyard

Saturday, June 10

4 p.m. Messy Church, Chapel/Simkins Hall

Sunday, June 11 - Scholarship Sunday

11 a.m. YSP Fundraiser Dinner ticket sales, Alcove

6 p.m. United Methodist Youth Fellowship End-of-Year Banquet, Simkins Hall



CHILDREN & YOUTH

Children: Sunday School this Week

June Theme: Courageous Bible People
 Bible Verse: Psalm 27:14 "Hope in the Lord! Be strong and let your heart take courage. Hope in the Lord!"
 Anchor Point: God gives me courage.

June 4: Courageous Disciples - Acts 2:1-41

United Methodist Youth Fellowship:

Join us for our closing UMYF program tonight!
 6:15-8:30 p.m. in the Youth Lounge.

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: July 31 - August 4, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Kids ages 5-11.

FELLOWSHIP /COMMUNITY

All-Church Summerfest - Today!

Stay after worship today for 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. Come enjoy food and fellowship! Today, 11:15 a.m. in the Courtyard.

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. Next Sunday June 11, during 10 a.m. Sanctuary Worship.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Habitat for Humanity Final Fundraiser

The Westside Coalition and Habitat representative Chris Untiet revealed the Mulvihill Family as recipients of *Patience House!* Fundraising efforts will conclude with a small online auction June 15 - 26, at www.biddingforgood.com/westsidechurchcoalition. And we look forward to getting volunteers signed up for a fall build! Announcements will be made soon on how to sign up. Thank you to everyone for your donations and prayers!

Save the Date: Youth Service Project Fundraiser

Ticket sales for YSP Fundraiser Dinner after worship:
 Sunday June 11/18/25.
 YSP Fundraiser: June 25: 6 - 8:30 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.