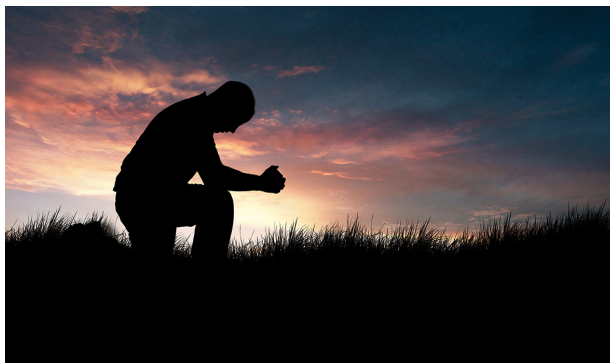


FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

W O R S H I P

8th Sunday after Pentecost • July 30, 2017



Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.
— Romans 8:26

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Tricia Lindley

PRELUDE Love Divine, All Love Excelling (arr. Paul Manz)

Ty Woodward, Organ

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #2001 The Faith We Sing — We Sing to You, O God

*CALL TO WORSHIP

William Bumiller, Lay Lector

Let us worship God, gracious and holy.

Give us determination to seek you, O God, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you.

Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you, eyes to behold you.

Give us ears to listen for your Word, a heart to love you and a life to proclaim you.

We worship you with joy this day!

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

“All ye who hear: now to His temple draw near; join me in glad adoration.”

*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 worshiping 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

William Bumiller

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

Thanks be to God!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE LESSON Romans 8:26-28, 35-39 (Pew Bible page 158, N.T.)

William Bumiller

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

SERMON "The Top 10 Reasons to Be in Church"

Rev. Patricia Farris

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #544 UMH – Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

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

A Hymn to God the Father (John Ness Beck/words by John Donne, 1572-1631)

Wilt Thou forgive that sin where I begun, Which is my sin, though it were done before? Wilt Thou forgive that sin through which I run and do still run, though still I do deplore? When Thou hast done, Thou hast not done, for I have more. Wilt Thou forgive that sin which I have won others to sin, and made my sin their door? Wilt Thou forgive that sin which I did shun a year or two, but wallowed in a score? When Thou hast done, Thou hast not done, for I have more. I have a sin of fear that when I've spun my last thread, I shall perish on the shore; Swear by Thyself, that at my death Thy Son shall shine as He shines now and heretofore; And, having done that, thou hast done. I fear no more.

*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Farris

O great and holy God, we sing hymns, we offer prayers, we stand in awe of your creation, we are humbled by your love. Through our gifts, we offer our appreciation for all your mercies. We pray that both these gifts and our lives will honor you in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

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

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Tuba Tune (C. S. Lang)

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.

—Rev. Robert English is on vacation today.

—Flowers: “In loving memory of my husband Wendell Furnas on his birthday.” From Karen Furnas.

—During the summer months the Chancel Choir is singing some of their favorite anthems from the prior year. We hope they are your favorites also.

—To request prayers, fill in a Let's Connect/Let Us Pray card and place 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.

—Next Sunday: Rev. Patricia Farris will preach.

MISSIONS

—We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. In August, please bring canned pinto and other beans.

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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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July 30, 2017



The American Cancer Society's annual *Relay for Life* will be held on Corsair Field at Santa Monica College - this year the event is one day only. The Health Ministry Council is sponsoring church member Chris Reagh's continued efforts to support this worthy cause. Chris says, *"I have been participating in Relay for Life for the past few years. I got onboard to do this charity to remember my grandmother who passed away from cancer. I continue to do this because it is important to honor loved ones who have cancer, or remember those we lost to cancer. It is a charity I hold dear and a passion I have to this great cause. Please come out and join me at S.M.C. for a time of togetherness with a community of people driven by the same goal to stamp out cancer."*

Relay for Life strives to bring communities together to remember loved ones lost, honor survivors of all cancers, and raise money to help the American Cancer Society make a global impact on cancer. If your time is limited, the Opening Ceremonies from 9 - 11 a.m. is an opportunity to witness and support the Survivors Lap.

To register or to donate, visit: www.relayforlife.org, search for team captain Chris Reagh/ Team Wesley Walkers, to find First UMC's page.

Relay for Life: Saturday August 5, 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. (one day only)
Santa Monica College (1900 Pico Blvd.)

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WORSHIP & PRAYER

Sunday 10 a.m. **Sanctuary Worship**
 Sunday 5 p.m. **simple church**
tonight's special speaker: Dan Stirling

MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 30
 11 a.m. VBS Youth Training, Room 303
Monday, July 31
 9 a.m. Vacation Bible School begins, meet in Simkins Hall.
Wednesday, August 2
 9 a.m. UMW Workparty/Lunch, Workroom
Friday, August 4
 12 p.m. VBS Closing Performance, Simkins Hall
Saturday, August 5
 9 a.m. Relay for Life, Santa Monica College
Sunday, August 6



CHILDREN & YOUTH

Children: Sunday School this Week
 July Theme: Speakers for God
 Bible Verse: Let those who love your saving help say again and again: "God is great!" Psalm 70:4.
 Anchor Point: With God's help, we can do great things.
 July 30: Elisha and the Servant Girl (2 Kings 5:1-19)

United Methodist Youth Fellowship:
 UMYF on summer break.
The youth ministry at First UMC is a safe, Christ centered environment where youth 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

Supplies Needed: Backpacks for Upward Bound House
 Until August 13, First UMC will be taking donations of backpacks and school supplies for Family Place at Upward Bound House. A drop-off bin is located in the Narthex. **Goal: 50 Supplied Backpacks!**
 Items you may bring include: Backpacks • Glue sticks • Scissors • Ballpoint pens • No. 2 pencils • Colored pencils • Pencil sharpener • Large pink eraser • Water-based markers • 4 oz. bottle of white glue • Highlighters • Three-ring binder • Loose-leaf notebook paper • Pocket folders (two pockets) • Rulers • Crayons • Index Cards • 2 oz. Antibacterial Hand Soap.
 Faith in Action will prepare the backpacks on August 13, and will give to Upward Bound House the following week.

Breakfast at the Beach
 Family Connection and Messy Church present *Breakfast on the Beach*. Mark your calendars for a fun breakfast meet-up in our own "backyard." Bagels, fruit and coffee will be provided. Invite your friends and bring the entire family. Contact Rev. Robert English to be in the Messy Church email list: r.english@santamonicaumc.org, or go to www.santamonicaumc.org/messychurch. Saturday, August 26, 8:30 a.m. Santa Monica Beach (off Ocean Park Blvd, between lifeguard stations 26 & 27).

Sacred Yoga
 Saturday August 26 will be the final Sacred Yoga class of the season. Instructor Temitope is heading to Africa on an extended spiritual pilgrimage. Sacred Yoga will be on hiatus starting in September as we send Temitope off with our prayers and gratitude for leading and guiding our Sacred Yoga practice over the past year and a half. Saturday August 26, 10 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Habitat for Humanity: Sign up Now!
 Sign ups are underway to participate in the Habitat for Humanity *Patience House* build. Not a builder? Lunch crew volunteers are needed as well! Must be at least 16 years old. Pick up a Volunteer Interest form at the Hospitality Table or go online: www.santamonicaumc.org/habitat. First Build date: 9/30.

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.