

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP

6th Sunday after Pentecost • July 16, 2017



“And he told them many things in parables,  
saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow.”  
— Matthew 13:3

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## WE GATHER

WELCOME

Rev. Keri Olsen

PRELUDE Rhosymedre (R. Vaughan Williams)

Ty Woodward, Organ

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#57 United Methodist Hymnal — O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (*verses 1-5*)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dan Nessel, Lay Lector

*(based on Psalm 119)*

God's word is a lamp before our feet

**And a light for our journey.**

Gracious God, accept our gifts of praise,

**in the midst of all that life brings,**

We offer ourselves just as we are,

**Trusting that you are with us, guiding us to your way of mercy, peace and righteousness.**

\*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

“O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!”

\*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

Dot Plukas

#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

Rev. Robert English

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

**Thanks be to God!**

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## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE GOSPEL Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23 (Pew Bible pages 13-14, N.T.)

Dan Nessel

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

SERMON "On how inefficient and wasteful God's love actually is."

Rev. English

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## WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #2214 TFWS – Lead Me, Guide Me

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Rev. 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](http://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

Kyrie *from* Memorial (Rene Clausen)

Lord have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy on my soul. Amen.

\*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Olsen

**Generous God, who calls us to be transformed in love, may our giving reflect our desire to love you and our neighbor with our whole hearts. Bless these gifts, by the power of your Spirit, to transform our neighborhood, city and our world. In the name of the one who gave himself fully for us, Amen.**

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## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN #2190 TFWS – Bring Forth the Kingdom

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Prelude and Fugue in F (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.*

—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.

—Rev. Patricia Farris is attending a continuing education class this week.

—Tricia Lindley and the Youth Service Project Team are on their trip to Bland County, VA.

—Flowers: In memory of our father Henry Fonda, from Carl & Carol Greenwood.

—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 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.

—Next Sunday: Rev. Patricia Farris will preach.

—We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. In July bring dried pasta.

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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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**UNITED METHODIST NIGHT**  
SPONSORED BY THE WEST DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC CONFERENCE

LET'S GO DODGERS

 **California-Pacific Conference**  
The United Methodist Church

**SATURDAY,  
AUGUST 12**  
6:10 PM

**SD vs LA**

The graphic features a background image of a Dodgers player in a white uniform and blue cap, raising his right arm in celebration. The text is overlaid on a dark blue grid pattern at the top and a solid blue box at the bottom right.

## Get Your Dodger Tickets Now!

The United Methodist Family Night at Dodger Stadium is back! This year, it's the Dodgers vs. the San Diego Padres. Tickets are \$45 each and are located in the "All You Can Eat" Coca-Cola Pavilion. Ticket price INCLUDES all the Dodger Dogs, peanuts, nachos, popcorn, water, and Coca-Cola products you can consume. Order tickets online: [www.calpacumc.formstack.com/forms/2017dodgernight](http://www.calpacumc.formstack.com/forms/2017dodgernight). Tickets will be emailed directly to you. For assistance contact Shalimar in the church office: [s.carducci@santamonicaumc.org](mailto:s.carducci@santamonicaumc.org).

**Deadline to order tickets online: Monday, July 24**

**Game Day: Saturday, August 12, 6:10 p.m. Dodger Stadium**

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**WORSHIP & PRAYER**

Sunday 10 a.m. **Sanctuary Worship**  
 Sunday 5 p.m. **simple church**  
*Tonight's theme: On how inefficient and wasteful  
 God's love actually is.*

**MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK****Today**

11 a.m. Free Blood Pressure Screenings, SH  
 11:15 a.m. Smarter Than a Scammer Seminar, FR  
 2:30 p.m. Walk the Labyrinth, SH

**Tuesday, July 18**

2 p.m. Connie Casillas Memorial/Reception, S/SH

**Saturday, July 22**

10 a.m. Sacred Yoga, FR

**Sunday, July 23****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 16: Jonah and the Fish - Book of Jonah

**VBS - It's Not Too Late to Sign Up!**

Vacation Bible School is a one week long, half-  
 day summer program full of fun, music, scripture  
 and stories, science projects, prayer and missions,  
 open to kids ages 5 to 11 years old. Pick up a  
 registration form at the Hospitality Table, or go  
 online: [www.santamonicaumc.org/vbs](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/vbs). Monday,  
 July 31 – Friday, August 4: 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
 Simkins Hall.

**FELLOWSHIP /COMMUNITY****Smarter Than a Scammer Seminar: Today!**

8 out of 10 people will be targeted by scammers.  
 Come learn how you can avoid being one of them.  
 Sarah Barnard from WISE and Healthy Aging will talk  
 about common scams: romance scams, lottery scams, IRS  
 impersonators, and more. Today after worship,  
 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Light  
 refreshments served. No charge.

**Walk the First UMC Labyrinth**

The Labyrinth laid in the Simkins Hall floor of First UMC  
 is a replica of the Chartres Labyrinth laid in the French  
 cathedral around 1220 CE. Walking the Labyrinth is an  
 ancient spiritual practice, a way to quiet our minds and  
 open our spirits to the presence of the Holy. Every step a  
 prayer. Today, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Simkins Hall.

**Sacred Yoga**

Sacred Yoga meets one Saturday a month for practice,  
 stillness and a talk. Santa Monica yoga instructor  
 Temitope leads the class with some basic poses and  
 postures which flow into a time of stillness and end  
 with a talk about the spiritual principle of the practice.  
 Donations accepted. Saturday July 22, 10 a.m. in the  
 Fireside Room.

**MISSION OPPORTUNITIES****Habitat for Humanity: Signups Open 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! Pick up a Volunteer  
 Interest form at the Hospitality Table or go online:  
[www.santamonicaumc.org/habitat](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/habitat). First Build date: 9/30.

**Relay for Life**

Sign up now for the American Cancer Society's annual  
 Relay for Life. The First UMC Health Ministry Council is  
 sponsoring church member Chris Reagh's continued efforts  
 to support this worthy cause. Register: [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org),  
 search for team captain Chris Reagh/ Team Wesley  
 Walkers to find First UMC's page. Saturday, August  
 5 - Sunday, August 6. 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](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/calendar).