

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# WORSHIP

Baptism • August 20, 2017



Then Jesus answered her,  
“Woman, great is your faith!”  
— Matthew 15:28a

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## WE GATHER

WELCOME

Rev. Robert English

PRELUDE *Air from Water Music Suite* (G. F. Handel)

Ty Woodward, Organ

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #2247 *The Faith We Sing — Wonder of Wonders*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mikey Strauss, Lay Lector

Teach us, Ruler of the universe,

**To see people by the light of the faith we profess,**

That we may remove old hatreds and rivalries

**And hasten new understandings,**

That we may bring our tributes of excellence

**To the treasury of our common humanity.**

\*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

“Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one. Let your love flow so the world will know we are one in you.”

\*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

Rev. English

#2233 TFWS – 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 Sonia Juliette Hovey (*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

Michael Lamb

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

### ANTHEM

The Chancel Choir/Dr. James Smith, Music Director  
David Kossoff, Oboe

Be Thou My Vision (John Rutter)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, be all else but naught to me, save that thou art; be thou my best thought in the day and the night, both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word, be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord; be thou my great Father, and I thy true son; be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one. Be thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight; be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might; be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower: O raise thou me heavenward, great power of my power. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise: be thou mine inheritance now and always; be thou and thou only the first in my heart: O Sov'reign of heaven, my treasure thou art. High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun, O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won; great heart of mine own heart whatever befall, still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 15:21-28 (Pew Bible page 17, N.T.)

Mikey Strauss

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

SERMON "Faith Anyway"

Rev. Patricia Farris

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## WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #120 United Methodist Hymnal – Your Love, O God

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Rev. English

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

# SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Sunday, August 20, 2017

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

## INTRODUCTION

Rev. Patricia Farris

Brothers and Sisters, from the beginnings of Christianity, baptism has been our entrance into the family of faith. We believe baptism is a visible sign of the grace and love of God at work in our lives. Through this gift of grace, we enter into a special relationship with Christ. We are marked as his follower and welcomed as part of the universal church. We believe that Jesus gives children a special place in the family of faith. He said to us: "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

Michael Lamb, Lay Leader

I am pleased to present to you **SONIA JULIETTE HOVEY** for Baptism.

## THOSE TO BE BAPTIZED *(Questions to the Parents and Godparents)*

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.***

Rev. Robert English

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.***

Rev. Farris

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

***We will.***

(To the Congregation)

Michael Lamb

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 Sonia in your care?

**With God's help we will live in the example of Christ, growing in our love for God and for one another. We will surround Sonia with a community of grace and forgiveness, that she may grow in her trust of God and learn how to serve others. We will pray for her, that she may walk in love following Jesus in the way that leads to life.**

BAPTISM

Rev. English

**SONIA JULIETTE**

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

Michael Lamb

Members of the household of faith, I commend Sonia to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

**We give thanks to God because you are a gift to us and we welcome you in Christian love. As members with you in the body of Christ and in this community of faith, we renew our promise 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 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

David Kossoff, Oboe

*Adagio from Oboe Concerto in C minor (Benedetto Marcello)*

\* RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

\* UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Farris

**Creator of all humankind, you call us to be caring and hospitable toward strangers in our midst. May we care for all our neighbors as for ourselves, that we may know the blessing of giving. Amen.**

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## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\* HYMN #431 UMH – Let There Be Peace on Earth

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE *Toccata from Suite Gothique (Léon Boëllmann)*

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.

—Tricia Lindley is on vacation today.

—We welcome guest oboist David Kossoff.

—Flowers: “In celebration of our 70th wedding anniversary.”  
From Bobbe and Don Mulder.

—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.

—In the Fireside Room: view the photographs of First UMC member Emily Payne.

—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. Robert English will preach.

—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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by Batsheva Spector, Preschool Director



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**PRESCHOOL**

The first day of school for the First UMC Preschool is right around the corner, and we're excited for the new year!

When you walk into the school entrance you immediately see the results of the continuation of the beautification project - brand new furniture in Room 100, 104, 106, 107, and the nursery!

The curriculum is based on play and exploration — children here gain knowledge in math and science, cognitive abilities, language and literacy, dramatic play and, most importantly, social skills. Extra-curricular activities include a variety of enrichment classes in different sessions throughout the school year, including music, art, and a unique Mandarin Immersion Program. This year we continue to offer the Parent & Toddler Class series led by Terri Emberling, who brings over 17 years of experience to the program that is designed with both the child and parent in mind. We have also added a new “Nanny and Me Toddler Program.”

We're also excited to have both Rev. Robert English and Tricia Lindley back this Fall with co-leading the preschoolers in the Chapel every week. The children are taught songs, stories and prayers appropriate for their age.

August 28 is the first day of school, and we're looking forward to another fun year of learning and growing at First UMC Preschool!

**First UMC Preschool: [www. santamonicaumc.org/preschool](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/preschool)**

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**WORSHIP & PRAYER**

Sunday 10 a.m. **Sanctuary Worship**  
 Sunday 5 p.m. **simple church**  
*tonight's theme: On a grace that draws us together, despite grudges, prejudice and misconceptions*

**MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK**

**Today - Baptism**  
 11 a.m. Free Blood Pressure Screenings, SH  
 2:30 p.m. Walk the Labyrinth, SH  
**Wednesday, August 23**  
 9 a.m. UMW Workparty/Lunch, Workroom  
**Saturday, August 26**  
 8:30 a.m. Breakfast at the Beach, OS  
 10 a.m. Sacred Yoga, FR  
 1 p.m. Mary Knowlton Memorial/Reception, Chapel/FR  
**Sunday, August 27 - Blessing of the Backpacks**

**Big & Small Art Exhibit**

First UMC is excited to announce a call-out to all artists, animal artists to be exact, in the community! Submit your animal paintings, photographs, sketches or what have you by September 1. The exhibit will be open during the annual First UMC Blessing of the Animals. Send submissions and inquiries to Shalimar Carducci: [s.carducci@santamonicaumc.org](mailto:s.carducci@santamonicaumc.org).

**CHILDREN & YOUTH**

**Children: Sunday School this Week**  
 August Theme: God Chooses Joshua  
 Bible Verse: But my family and I will serve the Lord.  
 Joshua 24:15  
 Anchor Point: We choose to serve God.  
 August 20: Crossing the Jordan - Joshua 3:1-7, 4:1-24.

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).

**FELLOWSHIP /COMMUNITY**

**Tricia Lindley and Adam Guerrero's Wedding Shower**  
 Please join us for Adam Guerrero and Tricia Lindley's Wedding Shower, (A Picnic Under the Stars). RSVP as soon as possible to Dorothy Nichols at 310-391-6558, or online at [mlsanddjn@aol.com](mailto:mlsanddjn@aol.com). Adam and Tricia are registered at Target and Bed Bath and Beyond. Friday, August 25, 6:30 p.m. in Simkins Hall.

**Breakfast at the Beach**

Family Connection and Messy Church present *Breakfast at 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](mailto:r.english@santamonicaumc.org), or go to [www.santamonicaumc.org/messychurch](http://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.

**Blessing of the Backpacks**

It's that time of year... Kids of all ages are going BACK! Back to school, that is. First UMC honors this special time with the annual Blessing of the Backpacks. Bring your backpacks, handbags, computer carriers, and wallets to worship Sunday, August 27, 10 a.m.

**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](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/habitat). First Build date: 9/30.