

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# W O R S H I P

Holy Communion • September 3, 2017



...take thought for what is noble  
in the sight of all.

– Romans 12:17b

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## WE GATHER

WELCOME

Rev. Robert English

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in B-flat (J. S. Bach)

Ty Woodward, Organ

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #64 United Methodist Hymnal – Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Witney Siebold, Lay Lector

God of mystery and might, whose name is love,  
**Whose nature is compassion, whose presence is joy,**  
Whose Word is truth, whose Spirit is goodness,  
**Whose holiness is beauty, whose will is peace,**  
Whose service is perfect freedom:  
**Unto you be all honor and glory!**

\*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"Blessing and honor, glory and pow'r be unto Him, for ever and ever."

\*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.*

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. 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 LESSON Romans 12:9-21 (Pew Bible page 162, N.T.)

Witney Siebold

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

HOMILY

Rev. Patricia Farris

“Going Deeper: What Is Noble in the Sight of All”

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## WE RESPOND

### 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  
Barbara Smith, Soloist

Lux Aeterna *from* Requiem (John Rutter)

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labours. Even so, saith the Spirit. Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine: *light eternal shine upon them, Lord, we pray: with saints and angels ever dwelling, for thy mercy's sake, may they rest in peace.* Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis: *Grant them rest eternal, Lord, our God, we pray to thee; Requiem aeternam.*

\*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

\* UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Tricia Lindley

**O God, you have bound us together in this life. Give us grace to understand how our lives depend on the courage, the industry, the honesty, and the integrity of all who labor. May we be mindful of their needs, grateful for their faithfulness, and faithful in our responsibilities to them. Bless these offerings, that, through them, we may do your will; In the name of the triune One. 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.*

#2195 TFWS – In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful (*repeat*)

#2171 TFWS – Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

#2224 TFWS – Make Us One (*repeat*)

#2254 TFWS – In Remembrance of Me

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WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. English

**Ever-living God, overcome our qualms and fears with the assurance of your presence. Help us to live peaceably with all in genuine love. May we ever strive to love you with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength, and our neighbor as ourself. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

\* HYMN #581 UMH – Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE March in C (Felix Mendelssohn)

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.

—After today's service, members of the Communion Server Ministry will be taking the communion elements to those who were unable to worship with us.

—Flowers: "In honor of the wonderful Chancel Choir here at First UMC." With love, Christine Stumpf.

—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. Patricia Farris will preach the second of the Sermon Series: Going Deeper - Faith for Such a Time as This.

—We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. In September, please bring macaroni & cheese, and other packaged dinners.

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God is real. God is love. ■ Every person matters. You matter. ■ Together we can change the world.

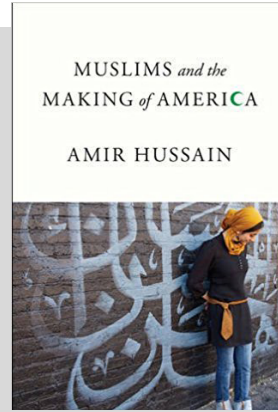
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*Discussion led by the author!*



Every year, Senior Minister Rev. Patricia Farris selects a collection of seven books that make up the *Loving God with Our Minds* Book Study series. The books are chosen because they are thought-provoking, controversial, and illuminating. The goal is to grow our minds as we deepen our faith. All are invited for a potluck lunch and lively discussion! The first book of the upcoming series is *Muslims and the Making of America*, by Amir Hussain.

Did you know that there has never been an America without Muslims? Or that the first country to recognize the new United States was Morocco? Or that Thomas Jefferson studied Arabic and owned a Quran? Amir Hussain's *Muslims and the Making of America*, written in a conversational tone, may well open our eyes to many things we should know to be able to contribute in an informed way to the current debate about Muslims in our country. **Dr. Hussain, Professor of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount, will be here to lead our discussion of this important and timely book.** Invite a friend, and bring a dish to share! Books are available for sale at the Hospitality Table and online. Dr. Hussain will also be bringing copies for sale.

**Sunday, September 17, 11:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room.**

To see the entire Book Study List and Dates, go to: [www.santamonicaumc.org/farrislibrary](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/farrislibrary), or stop by the Hospitality Table.

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**WORSHIP & PRAYER**

Sunday 10 a.m. **Sanctuary Worship**  
 Sunday 5 p.m. **simple church**  
*Tonight's theme: why I need a little bit more self-denial in my life*

**MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, September 3** - Holy Communion  
**Monday, September 4** - Church campus closed for Labor Day  
**Wednesday, September 6**  
 9 a.m. UMW Workparty/Lunch, Workroom  
**Friday, September 8**  
 7 p.m. Shareinger Monthly Dinner, FR  
**Saturday, September 9**  
 4:30 p.m. Messy Church, Simkins Hall/Chapel  
**Sunday, September 10** - *Santa Monica Classic: plan your route to church*  
 11:15 a.m. Missions Council Meeting, Room 203  
 6 p.m. United Methodist Youth Fellowship Fall Kick-Off Potluck/Meeting, Simkins Hall

**CAST Fall 2017**

Children's After School Theater is gearing up for the Fall season! Auditions for the 6th - 12th graders will be held Monday September 11, 5 - 7 p.m. Rehearsals will be on Mondays culminating in two performances, Friday November 10 at 7 p.m. and Sunday November 12 at 1 p.m. Email [cast@santamonicaumc.org](mailto:cast@santamonicaumc.org) for more information.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH**

**Children: Sunday School this Week**  
 Sunday School classes resume - Meet your Teacher!  
**United Methodist Youth Fellowship:**  
 6 p.m. United Methodist Youth Fellowship Fall Kick-Off Potluck/Meeting, Simkins Hall

**FELLOWSHIP /COMMUNITY**

**Messy Church**

Messy Church resumes for the Fall! Messy Church is an intergenerational worship experience 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. Invite your friends and family to this church community! Be ready to get messy! *September Theme: The story of Abraham and Sarah.* Saturday, September 9, 4:30 - 6 p.m. Simkins Hall/Chapel. (\*note new start time.)

**Save the Date: Fall Kick-Off!**

Invite your friends, neighbors, and co-workers to church with you then stay for the First UMC Fall Kick-Off as both the church and preschool celebrate a new year together. Enjoy your community with delicious food, fun and festivities for all ages! Sunday, September 24, 11 a.m. in the Courtyard.

**Communications Survey Coming Soon!**

First UMC Communications team will be conducting a short survey to learn how we can better inform you, the church community, with the information you want. And the best part? For every completed survey submitted, a \$1 donation will be made to a ministry of your choice! The survey will be emailed out this week. Hard copies will also be available in the church office and at the Sunday Hospitality Table starting next Sunday.

**MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

**UMCOR: Hurricane Harvey**

UMCOR is currently working with disaster coordinators and early response teams to provide relief to the many victims of hurricane/tropical storm Harvey. For more info and a list of 5 Things You Can Do to help: [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org).

**Habitat for Humanity: Timeline Update**

Due to a construction process delay, the first build date (September 30) and the build timeline has been pushed several weeks. Build updates will be available at the Habitat table during Coffee Hour next Sunday, September 10.

For more info: [www.santamonicaumc.org/habitat](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/habitat).

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).