

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# WORSHIP

19th Sunday after Pentecost • Children's Church • October 15, 2017



Going Deeper • Faith for Such a Time as This

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the

God of peace will be with you.

– Philippians 4:8-9

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## WE GATHER

WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero

PRELUDE Sheep May Safely Graze (J. S. Bach)

Ty Woodward, Organ

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #577 United Methodist Hymnal – God of Grace and God of Glory

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Glenda Martinez, Lay Lector

(from Psalm 106)

Give thanks to the Lord for God is good!

**God's steadfast love endures forever!**

Happy are those who work for justice in humility and with love.

**As we gather for worship fill us, remake us, renew us to be the body of Christ for the world.**

\*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

“For the Lord is good, His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endureth to all generations. Amen!”

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*Please greet those worshipping near you.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Tricia Guerrero

#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 Children's Church in the Chapel.*

## OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

David Penson

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 Philippians 4:1-9 (Pew Bible pages 198-199, N.T.)

Glenda Martinez

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

SERMON

Rev. Robert English

"On being kind, reframing the inner narrative and a peace that doesn't make sense."

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## WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #2145 TFWS – I've Got Peace Like a River

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Rev. English

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

Sing Unto God *from* Judas Maccabaeus (G.F. Handel)

Sing unto God, and high affections raise, to crown this conquest with unmeasur'd praise.

\*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. English

**Almighty God, we give you thanks and praise for your love shown to us in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Accept the offering of our lives in union with Christ's offering for us. Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ, for yours alone is the power and the glory. Amen.**

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## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN #377 UMH – It Is Well with My Soul

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Prelude in Classic Style (Gordon Young)

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. Patricia Farris is out today.

—Flowers: “With remembrance of our brother, Barry, our mother, Florence and our aunts Louise and Florence.” With love from Louana George and Caprice Walker.

—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 *Big & Small*, animal artwork by 22 First UMC congregants and friends.

—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: Laity Sunday, led by Michael Lamb, Lay Leader, with reflections from Candace Johnson and Witney Siebold.

MISSIONS

—We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. In October, please bring instant soups.

—Habitat for Humanity: We are still accepting volunteers for the build days of Patience House. Stop by the Hospitality Table for more information.

—In the wake of recent disasters in the United States and abroad, the United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR) is working to fulfill unmet food, clean water, temporary shelter, hygiene supplies, and non-food item needs. To learn more and to donate, go to: [www.santamonicaumc.org/umcor](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/umcor).

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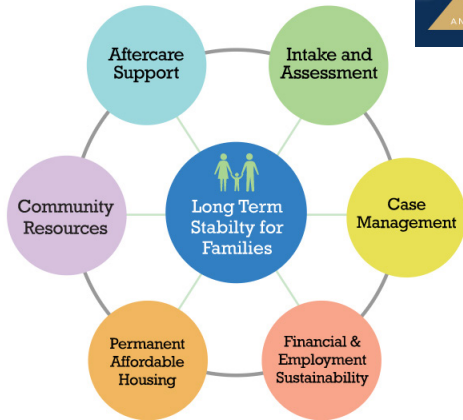
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God is real. God is love. ■ Every person matters. You matter. ■ Together we can change the world.

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Upward Bound House is celebrating *25 Years of Harvesting Hope for Homeless Families*. UBH has helped over 1,200 families and 2,200 children find their own homes. 96% of these families were still in their homes more than a year after placement. Their programs are designed to empower homeless parents and their children to obtain housing stability, build healthy relationships, and enjoy emotional and

financial well-being. They provide program services in Santa Monica, Culver City, Compton and South Los Angeles.

Please join in the celebration of this milestone! The evening will include farm fresh appetizers, cocktails and interactive displays of our urban farm, adopt-a-unit and employment programs. You will get a chance to mingle and enjoy the charming and historical Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club as you learn more about their exciting plans for the future. Several First UMC members serve as UBH Board of Directors, including: Rev. Patricia Farris, Kim Defenderfer, Glenda Martinez, and Cindy McQuade.

Register: [www.homeharvestevent.com](http://www.homeharvestevent.com). \$75/guest, appetizers and cocktails. Public Parking will be available.

**Thursday, October 19, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Santa Monica Bay Women's Club (1210 Fourth St. SM)**

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**WORSHIP & PRAYER**

Sunday 10 a.m. **Sanctuary Worship**  
 Sunday 5 p.m. **simple church**  
*Tonight's theme: on being kind, reframing the inner narrative and a peace that doesn't make sense*

**MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK**

**Today**

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Third World Handarts Fair, SH  
 11 a.m. Free Blood Pressure Screenings, SH  
 11 a.m. Growing a Faith That Matters, Rm 203  
 12 p.m. Westside Food Bank Hunger Walk, OS  
 2:30 p.m. Walk the Labyrinth, SH

**Wednesday, October 18**

9 - 11:30 a.m. Health Ministry Flu Shot Clinic, SH  
 9 a.m. UMW Workparty/Lunch, WR

**Thursday, October 19**

5:30 p.m. Upward Bound House 25th Anniversary Fundraiser, Off-site

**Saturday, October 21**

9:30 a.m. Prayer Quilt Workparty, Room 300  
 10 a.m. Amelia English Baptism/Reception, S/SH

**Sunday, October 22 - Laity Sunday**

11:30 a.m. Loving God with Our Minds Book Study/Potluck, FR

**First UMC Library Book Drive / Annika Dodd**

Help First UMC member Annika Dodd with her Girl Scout Silver project to update the First UMC Library for Preschoolers and Church attendees with the gift of a new book. To see the Amazon Wish list, go to: [santamonicaumc.org/library](http://santamonicaumc.org/library).

**CHILDREN & YOUTH**

**Children: Sunday School this Week**

Children's Church in the Chapel. Pick up in Rm 203.

**United Methodist Youth Fellowship:**

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. UMYF at Douglas Park.

**FELLOWSHIP /COMMUNITY**

**Third World Handarts - Today**

Missions Council and First UMC welcome back Third World Handarts, a non-profit organization that was founded in Anaheim in 1975 to serve the economic needs of the destitute people in the United States, and in developing nations worldwide. All are welcome to come and shop wonderful artisan crafts before and after worship. Today from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Simkins Hall.

**Health Ministry Council's Flu Clinic**

First UMC is hosting one of the first flu vaccination clinics this season to be provided by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. No appointments necessary. No charge. Wednesday, October 18, 9 - 11:30 a.m. Simkins Hall.

**Amelia English Baptism/Reception**

Join us as we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Baptism and welcome Amelia Grace English into the universal Christian church in our sanctuary with Bishop Grant Hagiya presiding. After the baptism all are welcome to gather in the hall for cake and coffee. Saturday, October 21, 10 a.m. Sanctuary/Simkins Hall.

**Loving God with Our Minds Book Study/Potluck**

The October book is *Rebuilding the Foundations — Social Relationships in Ancient Scripture and Contemporary Culture* by John Brueggemann & Walter Brueggemann. This is a fascinating collaboration between a biblical theologian father and sociologist son. Next Sunday, October 22, 11:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

**MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

**Westside Food Bank's Annual 5k Hunger Walk - Today**

Come walk towards a hunger-free community. Every dollar raised provides 4 nutritious meals for families in need! No registration fee. Today, October 15, 12 - 4 p.m. Santa Monica Ocean View Park (2701 Barnard Way, SM 90405)

**UMCOR - Puerto Rico**

The Methodist Church of Puerto Rico (MCPR) is working with UMCOR. To give towards this effort: [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org). Disaster Response #901670.

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).