

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP

Second Sunday of Easter • Holy Communion • Children's Church • April 8, 2018



Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

- John 20:21-22

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Rev. Keri Olsen

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in D Minor (J. S. Bach)

Ty Woodward, Organ

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #2115 The Faith We Sing — Christ Has Risen

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Michael Lamb, Lay Lector

You have shown yourself to us, O God, by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders.

Still we yearn to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ.

Enter into our lives and cast out our fear

So that we may come to trust in you in all things, and have life in Jesus' name.

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"Trust in the Lord! O my soul, for I will praise Him, who is the health of my countenance, and my gracious Lord and God."

*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

Tricia Guerrero

#2233 TFWS – 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 Children's Church, and the youth may go to Youth Connect in Room 203.

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Michael Lamb

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

Thanks be to God!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE GOSPEL John 20:19-22 (Pew Bible page 115, N.T.)

Michael Lamb

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

HOMILY "The Breath of the Risen Lord"

Rev. Patricia Farris

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. 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

God So Loved the World (Carl J. Nygard, Jr.)

God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that everyone who would believe in His only Son shall have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but God so loved the world that through His Son the world might be saved.

*RESPONSE #94 United Methodist Hymnal – The Doxology

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Farris

Holy God, we give you thanks and praise for light and life and love and—above all—for the presence of the living Lord among us. By your Spirit who breathes within us, strengthen our faith, use our gifts, and work in our lives to bear witness to the resurrection of Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. 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.

#636 UMH – Christian People, Raise Your Song

#420 UMH – Breathe on Me, Breath of God

#543 UMH – O Breath of Life

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Robert English

Breathe in this place, O God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, to open our minds, unlock our hearts, and enliven our faith, so that we may welcome the Risen One among us and live in joy and hope. Amen.

*HYMN #670 UMH – Go Forth for God

*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 safety of the children and youth very seriously. We follow Safe Sanctuaries® practices, which is our commitment to the physical safety and spiritual growth of all of our children, youth, and adults.

WORSHIP INFO

—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.

—Please see an usher if you need information or assistance.

—Flowers: “In loving memory of our mother Betsy Eleanor Davis Albright.” From her family.

—To request prayers, fill in a Let’s Connect/Let Us Pray card and place it in the offering plate during worship.

—The Houston Mission Team departs April 21. Please pray over and tie a knot in the prayer squares along the north wall; each member of the team will take a prayer square with them.

—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: Children’s Sabbath; The First UMC children will lead the service and preach; Commissioning of the Houston Work Team.

MISSIONS

—We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. In April bring canned pork and beans.

—Today is the Health Ministry Council’s Red Cross Blood Drive, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in Simkins Hall. Walk-ins are welcome.

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of SANTA MONICA

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April 8, 2018

In 2017 a devastating hurricane hit Houston and the surrounding communities of Texas. Unlike the majority of hurricanes, Harvey was a flooding event, dumping 19 trillion gallons of water on Southeast Texas. The National Hurricane Center has called this the worst flooding disaster in U.S. history with 1.2 million people asking for aide. They need our help.



First UMC is sending a volunteer team to Houston from April 21-28. The team members are: Roxanne Corley, Heidi Crooks, Arthur Dodd, Jr., Adam Guerrero, Tricia Guerrero, Jamie Jones, Jessica Jones, Michael Olsson, Janet Searfoss, and Larry Young. Serving with others through *Texas Recovers* and with the *Texas Annual Conference*, we will be lending our time, talent and faith to help the communities in Houston on relief efforts and rebuilding of their communities.

HEY Y'ALL! WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Mosey on over to Simkins Hall after worship next Sunday April 15 for our **Houston Hoedown Fundraiser!** Your purchased ticket will support our mission team and their service work in Houston. Plenty of fun for the whole family: *delicious lunch, live band and square dancing, games and activities for kids, photo booth and more!*

WAYS TO GIVE

Our trip cost, including airfare, housing, food and site building materials for 10 days is \$13,000. Our volunteers are covering their own travel expenses, therefore, 100% of donations will make a direct impact in Houston rebuilding efforts.

GIVE ONLINE

Go to: santamonicaumc.org/houston. Or, send checks by mail: memo line: Houston Work Team. *Donations are 100% tax deductible.*

STORIES OF GRACE

Save the Date for **Sunday, May 20**. The team will host a Report Back Luncheon at 11 a.m. in Simkins Hall. All are welcome to hear team members share their experience and news from Houston.



- **Next Sunday, April 15, 11 a.m. Simkins Hall**
- Ticket Cost: \$25 per person, \$50 per family

 To help us provide enough food for lunch: RSVP to t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org
 For more information, and to reserve your tickets ahead of time:
www.santamonicaumc.org/houston

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WORSHIP & PRAYER

Sunday 10 a.m. **Sanctuary Worship**
 Sunday 5 p.m. **simple church**
simple church theme: on the power of doubt and the Holy Spirit

MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today - *Holy Communion • Children's Church*
 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive, SH
 11:15 a.m. Houston Team Meeting, Room 203
Wednesday, April 11
 9 a.m. UMW Workparty/Lunch, Workroom
 12:10 p.m. Mid-Week Recital/Reception, S/FR
Thursday, April 12
 7 p.m. Investment Committee Meeting, CR-A
Friday, April 13 - *Methodist Scholarships applications available*
 7 p.m. Shareringer Monthly Meeting, FR
Saturday, April 14
 4:30 p.m. Messy Church, Chapel/SH
Sunday, April 15 - *Children's Sabbath • Houston Work Team Commissioning*
 11 a.m. Houston Hoedown, SH
 11 a.m. Free Blood Pressure Screenings, FR
 2:30 p.m. Walk the Labyrinth, SH

CHILDREN & YOUTH**Children's Ministry**

April Theme: Go and Tell
 Bible Verse: *He began to preach about Jesus in the synagogues. "He is God's Son," he declared. Acts 9:20*
 This Sunday: Children's Church
Youth Connect: 10:10 a.m. in Room 203
United Methodist Youth Fellowship
 6 p.m. Youth Choir
 6:30 p.m. UMYF in the Youth Lounge

FELLOWSHIP /COMMUNITY**Red Cross Community Blood Drive - Today!**

The First UMC Health Ministry Council's Blood Drive is today. At the blood drive, special food treats and surprises will be offered, and best of all, you'll have the knowledge that you've helped to save up to 3 lives! Walk-ins are welcome.

Today, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., in Simkins Hall

Mid-Week Recital for April

April's Mid-Week recital features artists Nancy Roth, violin, with Lorenzo Sanchez, piano. Violinist and violist, Nancy Roth is currently concertmaster of the Culver City Symphony and Marina Del Rey Summer Symphony. She is a former violinist of the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, was co-principal violist of the Graz Philharmonic in Austria, and served many years as concertmaster of the San Fernando Valley Symphony Orchestra. Lorenzo Sanchez, pianist, enjoys interpreting music of a variety of styles and nationalities. See the complete list of musicians for this year's recitals, and to view select videos of past recitals, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/mid-week-recital-series.

FREE Concert Wednesday, April 11, 12:10 - 12:40 p.m., Sanctuary. Reception follows to meet the artists in the Fireside Room.

Methodist Foundation Scholarships

Attention students! Applications for the annual Methodist Foundation Scholarships are available online beginning Friday April 13. Go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/methodistfoundation. Hard copies will also be in the church office and at the Sunday Hospitality Table.

Deadline for applications: Sunday, May 13.

After worship, all are invited to stay for Coffee Fellowship in Simkins Hall.

If you are a new visitor today, feel free to ask any questions you may have at the Hospitality Table in the Simkins Hall Alcove.

FELLOWSHIP /COMMUNITY (CONTINUED)

Messy Church Family Camp - Sign up now!

Join the Messy Church community for a family camp! There will be fellowship, fun, campfires and the beautiful stars! Trip dates: Memorial Day weekend: Saturday May 26 - Monday May 28. For questions email Rev. Robert English: r.english@santamonicaumc.org. For more information, to read about accommodations, and to sign up, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/messychurch

Deadline to sign up for camp is next Sunday, April 15.

Messy Church is an opportunity for families to be together in worship without the worry of being too silly or “messy” because, let’s face it, life can be messy! At Messy Church, we grow in our relationship with God and with one another through crafts, activities, music, and stories of God’s love. Then, together we enjoy a shared meal. *April’s theme: Messy Easter*

Saturday, April 14, 4:30 – 6 p.m., Chapel/Simkins Hall

Children’s Sabbath - Next Sunday

Children’s Sabbath is a day set aside to celebrate children as active participants in the life of the church and to thank the many volunteers who help our children to grow in faith. Children will serve as worship leaders throughout this service.

Next Sunday, April 15, 10 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

Preschool Spring Fair

Come to the First UMC Preschool Spring Fair for great fun for the whole family! Featuring moon bounces, arts & crafts, pony rides, petting zoo, taco stand, and lots more! Sign up to enter the pie contest by emailing Dane Rold at: d.rol@santamonicaumc.org. Proceeds from the Fair go to funding Preschool programs, scholarships and school improvements.

Sunday, April 22, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Courtyard

For more information on these events, or to learn about our ministries and missions, go to www.santamonicaumc.org.

Loving God with Our Minds Book Study/Potluck

The featured book for April is *Love in a Time of Climate Change: Honoring Creation, Establishing Justice* by Sharon Delgado. Thanks to Sharon Delgado, we’ll expand our Lenten theme, *Love God/Love Creation*, out to Earth Day 2018. Basing her argument on the commandments to love God and neighbor, Rev. Delgado, an ordained UM elder, uses the traditional Wesleyan quadrilateral (Scripture, tradition, reason, and experience) to unpack the issues and point us towards a creation-loving, justice-seeking ethic. This is a call to faithfulness and hope! And along the way, it teaches us how Methodists “do theology.” Come one and all! Bring something to share for our potluck lunch. Book may be purchased on Amazon or at the Sunday Hospitality Table.

Sunday, April 22, 11:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room

Save the Date

First UMC Spring Concert

First UMC Chancel Choir, and members of the Long Beach Chorale, with the Los Angeles Concert Orchestra will combine to present Kirke Mechem’s *Songs of the Slave* at the First UMC Sanctuary. Featuring Wayne Shepperd, *bass baritone*, singing the role of Frederick Douglass, and Zaraida Robles, *soprano*. Also, Maurice Duruflé’s *Requiem* featuring Alexandra Grabarchuk, *mezzo soprano*, will be performed. Dr. James E. Smith, *conductor*, Ty Woodward, *organist*. Suggested donation at the door: \$10, Seniors and Students: \$5.

First UMC Spring Concert - Sunday, May 6, 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Reception to follow in Simkins Hall.

C.A.S.T. Spring Production - Disney’s Aladdin Jr.

Children’s After School Theater (C.A.S.T.), is pleased to present the 6-12th graders in Disney’s *Aladdin Jr.* Aladdin and his three friends, Babkak, Omar, and Kassim, are down on their luck until Aladdin discovers a magic lamp and the Genie who has the power to grant three wishes. With expanded characters, new songs, and more thrills, this new adaptation of the beloved story will open up “a whole new world!” Tickets: \$10/adult, \$5/seniors, \$5/child, at the door or online: santamonicaumc.org/cast.

Friday, May 11, 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 12, 6 p.m. in Simkins Hall

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Family Place Community Meal

simple church hosts a monthly potluck Community Meal with Upward Bound House's Family Place. The Community Meal potluck is an opportunity to help feed about 30-40 adults & children, served buffet style. Invite your friends and join the next potluck for an evening of conversation, crafts/games with the kids, and a shared meal. For more information, contact the Community Meal Volunteers by emailing: meals@santamonicaumc.org, or call the church office (310) 393-8258.

**Thursday, April 26, 5:30 p.m. Family Place
(1020 12th St. Santa Monica)**

West District Lay Servant Ministries Classes

The West District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries is offering Spring classes, including: *The Basic Class, Leading Missional Small Groups, Embracing Personal Prayer, and Justice in Everyday Life.* For more information, pick up a brochure at the Sunday Hospitality Table.

**Monday nights: April 9, 16, 23, 30, and May 7.
Torrance First UMC (1551 El Prado, Torrance, CA)**

OPEN INVITATIONS

Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study is a weekly meeting where men of all ages and generations gather to ground themselves in the Holy Scripture. As men try to navigate the stresses and complexities of this modern world and daily life, Men's Breakfast is a place for community, prayer and fellowship through the sharing of God's Holy word. Come by as your schedule permits! For more information and to add yourself to the email list email Rev. Robert English: r.english@santamonicaumc.org.

Meets Tuesdays, 7 a.m. in the Fireside Room

DanceFit with Whitney! A Free Exercise Class

Dance your way to fitness with First UMC member Whitney Hagan, licensed Zumba instructor. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes, and bring a towel. Sponsored by the Health Ministry Council, the class is a great way to start your weekend! No charge.

Saturday, April 28, 10 – 11 a.m., Simkins Hall

LOOKING FORWARD: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

First UMC invites children to experience the ride of a lifetime with **God at Rolling River Rampage Vacation Bible School!** This white river rafting adventure includes exciting music, amazing science, creative crafts, fun recreation, a mission project and memorable Bible stories to help children know God is always with them as they ride the rapids of life!

What: Vacation Bible School Rolling River Rampage: Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God!

Who: Children ages 5 years old/TK to graduating 5th graders – Contact Tricia Guerrero for information on youth volunteering.

When: **Monday, July 30 – Friday, August 3, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** (New: Child care available 12 - 4:00 p.m. for an extra cost.)

VBS Cost: \$30/child age 5-11 (\$80 max. per family)

Extended Child Care Cost – \$150/child for week; \$50/child per day (notate which day/s on Registration Form.) Space is limited – first come, first serve.

For more information contact Tricia Guerrero t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org, call (310) 393-8258 ext. 104, or, by filling out the form online: santamonicaumc.org/vbs.

