

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP

Sixth Sunday of Easter • Holy Communion • May 6, 2018



"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete."

- John 15:9-11

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Rev. Keri Olsen

PRELUDE Adagio Molto *from* Sonata No. 3 (Alexandre Guilmant)

Ty Woodward, Organ

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #139 United Methodist Hymnal – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Patty Hedges, Lay Lector

The heavens declare the glory of God.

The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Our voices join in praise with all creation:

with the seas that roar, the trees that clap their hands, and the birds that sing in joy.

Unite us by your Spirit

that we may be signs of your abundant love and live in thanksgiving for your grace.

CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"The heavens are telling the glory of God, the wonder of his work displays the firmament."

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Tricia Guerrero

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 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, and youth may go to Youth Connect in Room 203.

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Rev. Robert English

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

Thanks be to God!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE PSALM Psalm 98 with sung response 1 (UMH pages 818-819)

Patty Hedges

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

THE GOSPEL John 15:9-17 (Pew Bible pages 109-110, N.T.)

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HOMILY "Abide in Love"

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

Kyrie *from* Requiem (Maurice Duruflé)

Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy.

*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Tricia Guerrero

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us in feeding the whole world with your love. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

We will use the Musical Setting A on pages 17-18 in The United Methodist 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.

#618 UMH – Let Us Break Bread Together

#614 UMH – For the Bread Which You Have Broken

#628 UMH – Eat This Bread

#620 UMH – One Bread, One Body

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Farris

We give you thanks, eternal God, that you have fed us with this sacrament. Unite us in love with you, with one another, and with the whole of your creation. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

*HYMN #671 UMH – Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Minuet *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.

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

—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: Remembering Florence and Bill Workman, and Beverly Reel on their birthdays, with love.

—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.

—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.

MISSIONS

—We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. In May bring canned stews and other meats.

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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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Children's After School Theater (CAST), 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!" We asked some of the actors in the show their thoughts about the production:

Eve (Aladdin) - I am so excited to be a part of this show because it has a lot of big numbers and fun songs, and sends a good message overall. This show is currently on Broadway and on tour so you can pay a lot less for the same fun experience!

Dylan (Genie) - This show is going to be awesome. I like how dramatic each song is. I can't wait for everyone to come to this, it's like a mini Broadway show!

Elsa (Sultan) - I am a senior, so that means this is my last show. Throughout my time in the program, I have never seen so much enthusiasm to perform. I am super excited for you all to see it. It will be an experience that you will never forget.

Tickets: \$10/adult, \$5/senior, \$5/child, at the door or online: santamonicaumc.org/cast.

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

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WORSHIP & PRAYER

Sunday 10 a.m.

Sanctuary Worship

Sunday 5 p.m.

simple church*simple church theme: on our mandate to love***MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK****Today - Holy Communion**

11 a.m. UMW Luncheon for High School Graduates, FR

11:15 a.m. Youth Service Project Meeting, YL
7:30 p.m. First UMC Spring Concert/Reception, S/SH
Wednesday, May 9

9 a.m. UMW Workparty/Lunch, WR

12:10 p.m. Christoph Bull Mid-Week Recital/
Reception, S/FR

4 p.m. Trustees Meeting, CR-A

Friday, May 117 p.m. CAST presents Disney's *Aladdin Jr.*, SH**Saturday, May 12**

10 a.m. West District Conference, OS

6 p.m. CAST presents Disney's *Aladdin Jr.*, SH**Sunday, May 13 - Mother's Day • Methodist
Foundation Scholarship Applications Due****CHILDREN & YOUTH****Children's Ministry**May Theme: Knowing Jesus changes your heart
and life.

Bible Verse: "Change your hearts and lives." Acts 2:38

This Sunday: Lydia

Youth Connect: 10:10 a.m. in Room 203**United Methodist Youth Fellowship**

6 p.m. Youth Choir, CHR

6:30 p.m. End-of-Year Reflections

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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.***FELLOWSHIP /COMMUNITY****First UMC Spring Concert - Tonight**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 Zanaida 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.**Tonight, 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Reception to follow in Simkins Hall.****Final Mid-Week Recital for 2018 - Christoph Bull**

We welcome back for the final Mid-Week Recital of the season, Christoph Bull, organ. Dr. Bull has concertized around the world and performed at national and regional conventions of the American Guild of Organists and the Organ Historical Society. He was principle organist here at First UMC for over six years before becoming Organist-in-Residence at First Congregational Church of Los Angeles in 2013, where he plays on one of the world's largest pipe organs. Since 2002 he has been university organist and organ professor at UCLA.

FREE Concert: Wednesday, May 9, 12:10 - 12:40 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Reception with the artist follows in the Fireside Room.**West District Conference**

The West District was created at the 2012 Annual Conference and contains 93 churches from the former Los Angeles, Long Beach and Santa Ana Districts. District Superintendent Rev. Mark Nakagawa will preside.

Saturday, May 12, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Anaheim United Methodist Church (1000 S. State College Blvd, Anaheim, CA 92806)**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)

Methodist Foundation Scholarships

Attention students! Applications for the annual Methodist Foundation Scholarships are still available online now. Go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/methodistfoundation.

Deadline for applications: Sunday, May 13.

Choir Recognition Sunday

Don't miss First UMC's annual Choir Recognition Sunday, when The Chancel Choir, the Children and Youth choirs, and The Amadeus Handbell Choir will be recognized and featured during the service. Come and show your appreciation for the gorgeous music these groups present during worship services throughout the year.

Sunday, May 20, during 10 a.m. Worship

Houston Mission Trip Report Back

Save the date for Sunday, May 20, when the Houston Mission 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.

Sunday, May 20, 11 a.m. in Simkins Hall

Summerfest

Every year First UMC welcomes summer with the All-Church Summerfest, presented by Fellowship & Events. There will be fun for the whole family, including a BBQ, cake walk, bounce house and more!

Sunday, June 3, 11:15 a.m. in the Courtyard

Messy Church

Messy Church returns after being away at Camp over Memorial Day weekend. 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. *June's theme: The Holy Spirit.*

Saturday, June 9, 4:30 – 6 p.m. in the Chapel/Simkins Hall

Farewell Reception for Rev. English

Come to worship on Sunday, June 10, to hear Rev. Robert English give his last sermon at First UMC. Then, stay after worship for a luncheon in Simkins Hall as we say goodbye to Rev. English and his family as they prepare for their move to Ohio.

Rev. Robert's last simple church will be that evening at 5 p.m., followed by a potluck dinner.

For details on gift contribution for Rev. English and memorabilia efforts go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/farewell.

Sunday, June 10, during 10 a.m. Worship

Luncheon: 11 a.m. in Simkins Hall

simple church: 5 p.m., followed by a potluck

Youth Service Project Fundraiser Dinner & Show

This year's Youth Service Project team will repair homes for people in need in New Orleans. Support their efforts by attending their Fundraiser Dinner and Show in Simkins Hall on June 24. Can't attend the dinner? No problem! You can view and bid on Silent Auction items after the 10 a.m. worship service earlier that day. Purchase dinner tickets June 3, 10 & 17 during Coffee Fellowship. Donations for the Silent Auction are appreciated. Contact Tricia Guerrero: t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org, for more information.

Calling All Graduates

First UMC wants to recognize all its graduates. Let Sarah Rold in the church office: (310-393-8258 x 106 or s.rolld@santamonicaumc.org) know where you're graduating from, your major, and what your future plans are.

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

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.

Note: This will be the final Community Meal with Rev. English before his move to Ohio and the last meal before the summer break.

**Thursday, May 24, 5:30 p.m. Family Place
(1020 12th St. Santa Monica)**

West Side Food Bank

Food is collected every Sunday to benefit the Westside Food Bank. Food bins can be found outside the Sanctuary and in the Preschool. For the month of May we are collecting canned stews and other meats.

OPEN INVITATIONS

Prayer Quilt Ministry

The Prayer Quilt Ministry is an outreach ministry that combines the gift of prayer with the gift of a hand-tied quilt. There are a number of ways to be involved: When a prayer quilt is hanging in the Sanctuary come tie a knot and say a prayer. Remember the recipients in your prayers in the following days. And join the ministry for work and fellowship on the third Saturday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to noon. You don't have to know how to sew to help.

**Next meeting: Saturday, May 19, 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.,
Room 300**

Volunteers for Vacation Bible School

VBS is coming soon! (See below for more info.) If you're interested in being an adult volunteer or a youth shepherd, contact Tricia Guerrero: t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org. Station leaders and helpers need for: registration, snack, science, story, mission, music and games.

**Monday, July 30 – Friday, August 3, from 9 a.m.
to 12 p.m.**

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.

