

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WORSHIP

4th Sunday in Kingdomtide • Father's Day • June 17, 2018



He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it?"

-Mark 4:30

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Michael Lamb, Lay Lector

PRELUDE Be Thou My Vision (arr. Gordon Young)

Ty Woodward, Organ

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #97 United Methodist Hymnal – For the Fruits of This Creation

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Michael Lamb

Small as a mustard seed and lofty as a cedar:

The kingdom of God is growing.

While we sleep and rise, day and night,

The kingdom of God is growing.

Its branches are home to all people and creation.

The kingdom of God is growing.

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy, bring forth the Kingdom of peace; bring forth the Kingdom of justice, bring forth the Kingdom of God!"

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Tricia Guerrero

Please greet those worshipping near you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Ann Wilson

#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.

As a courtesy to others, please silence all cell phones/sound-making devices. *Asterisks indicate standing if you are able.

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!

ANTHEM

The Chancel Choir/Dr. James Smith, Music Director

Come Fill Our Souls (Michael D. McClish)

(Commissioned by Jill and Jim Dodd to honor their 25th Wedding Anniversary)

Even the best of vessels can be broken, even the best are made of ash and clay, like earthen jars, tested and ready, we stand here waiting side by side. Come fill our souls with your spirit, come fill these vessels with thy grace. Come fill our lives, come fill our hearts with your unchanging love. Come fill our souls with loving kindness, the best of wine, beyond compare. Come fill our hearts, our lives, our souls as witness of your grace. For what began as minutes turned to hours, and the days multiplied into years. Where you go I will also go, where you live I will also live. Your people shall be my people, and your God shall be mine. Come fill our souls with your spirit, come fill these vessels with thy grace. Come fill our hearts, our lives, our souls as witness of your grace. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:6-9 (Pew Bible page 181, N.T.)

Michael Lamb

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

THE GOSPEL Mark 4:26-34 (Pew Bible pages 38-39, N.T.)

Rev. Patricia Farris

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

SERMON "A Sense of Mystery and Surprise"

Rev. Farris

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER Take, O Take Me As I Am

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;

set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

Text and music: John Bell (b. 1949)

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

Tricia Guerrero

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Mary McDonald)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, Praise to the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is Thy health and salvation! Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things, Praise Him who wondrously reigneth, Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! All ye who hear, Now, to His temple draw near; Praise Him in glad adoration. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, If with His love He befriend thee. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Let the Amen sound from His people again! Praise to the Lord, O let all things, all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath come with praises before Him! We adore Him!

*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Tricia Guerrero

Life-giving God, we know that you will accomplish everything you envision. Accept, we pray, these offerings from our hands. May they contribute to all that you are doing so that life may flourish. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

 WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN #707 UMH – Hymn of Promise

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Rondeau from Sinfonies de Fanfares (Jean Joseph Mouret)

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.

—Flowers at the Reredos: “Happy Birthday, Carl.” From Carol Greenwood.

—Flowers in the Narthex: “In loving memory of our father, Jim Farrand, and in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary that our parents, Jim & Laura Farrand, would have celebrated on June 19th this year.” From Margaret Farr and Elizabeth Dubeck.

—The Rose of Love is given in honor of the birth of Cavan Curtis Rold, born June 11, to parents Sarah and Dane Rold, and big brother Dominic.

—We wish Javier Espinoza a Happy Birthday today!

—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.

—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; Scholarship Sunday.

MISSIONS

—We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. In June, please bring canned soup. You may leave items in the bin located outside the Sanctuary.

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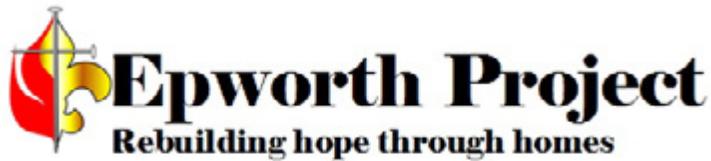
God is real. God is love. ■ Every person matters. You matter. ■ Together we can change the world.

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June 17, 2018

by Tricia Guerrero, Director of Children & Youth Ministry



Our Youth Service Team members for 2018 have committed to serving in New Orleans this summer and preparations and planning are underway for their service trip. They will work with the Epworth Project in Slidell, LA, from July 14-22. Epworth's mission is: *"To share God's love by working together to restore homes, empower people and change lives."* Epworth has been working to repair homes in the New Orleans area that were severely damaged and neglected after both Hurricanes Katrina and Isaac, and our youth will continue to help them. Jesus tells us that we are called to love others and to be a light for the world. Through our service work we are sent forth from this community to spread hope, love and embody God's grace.

Support the youth's efforts by attending **Night in NOLA**, Dinner & Show Gala, in Simkins Hall next Sunday, June 24. Can't attend the dinner but want to show your support? No problem! You can view and bid on Silent Auction items after next Sunday's 10 a.m. worship service. Donations for the Silent Auction are still being accepted. Contact Tricia Guerrero: t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org, for more information.

Tickets are available after worship today and next Sunday during Coffee Fellowship: (\$20 adults/\$10 child 10 and under, \$50 family)

Visit the website for more information and to donate to the YSP: www.santamonicaumc.org/ysp

**Next Sunday, June 24: Bid on Silent Auction items after worship;
6 - 8:30 p.m. "Night in NOLA" Dinner & Show Gala, Simkins Hall**



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WORSHIP & PRAYER

Sunday 10 a.m.

Sanctuary Worship

Sunday 5 p.m.

simple church**MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK****Today - Father's Day**

11 a.m. Free Blood Pressure Screenings, SH

11 a.m. YSP Dinner & Silent Auction Ticket Sales, SH

2:30 p.m. Walk the Labyrinth, SH

Tuesday, June 19

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, FR

7 p.m. Staff-Parish Relations Committee Meeting, CR-A

Wednesday, June 20

9 a.m. UMW Workparty/Lunch, WR

Saturday, June 23

11 a.m. Carl Greenwood Memorial/Reception, S/Alcove

Sunday, June 24 - Scholarship Sunday

11 a.m. Youth Service Project Silent Auction begins, SH

6 p.m. *Night in NOLA*: YSP Dinner & Show Gala, SH**CHILDREN & YOUTH****Children's Ministry**

June Theme: Jesus' Teachings

This Sunday: The Golden Rule

Youth Connect: Youth Connect is on summer break.**United Methodist Youth Fellowship**

UMYF is on their summer break.

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FELLOWSHIP /COMMUNITY**Scholarship Sunday - Next Sunday**

As the school year draws to a close, the young scholars of First UMC are excited about their next educational step. Make sure to attend the 10 a.m. worship service to honor and recognize those being awarded with a Methodist Foundation Scholarship.

Sunday, June 24, during Worship

Walk the Labyrinth

The Labyrinth laid in the Simkins Hall floor of First UMC is a replica of the Chartres Labyrinth laid in the French cathedral around 1220 CE. Walking the Labyrinth is an ancient spiritual practice, a way to quiet our minds and open our spirits to the presence of the Holy. The Labyrinth is open on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 2:30 p.m. with the last walk at 4 p.m., and also by appointment. The Labyrinth is intended for individuals, retreats, church and meditation groups and the community at large to enjoy. Email labyrinth@santamonicaumc.org or call the church office (310) 393-8258 to schedule a walk. Every step a prayer.

Open today, 2:30 p.m. in Simkins Hall

Men's Breakfast Meetings

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study, a weekly meeting where men of all ages and generations gather to ground themselves in the Holy Scripture, will continue meeting throughout the summer. 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. Each week is led by men of the congregation, with special guest **Rabbi Jeff Marx** leading a few sessions this summer, starting on Tuesday, July 10 (8 a.m.). All men are welcome!

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

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)

Vacation Bible School

First UMC Santa Monica invites children of all ages to experience the ride of a lifetime with God at *Rolling River Rampage Vacation Bible School!* Vacation Bible School, also known simply as VBS, is a one week long, half-day summer program full of fun, music, scripture and stories, science projects, prayer and missions. It is available to all kids in the community ages 5 to 11 years old (or starting Kindergarten in fall – 5th grade). There is a small fee per child/family. *New: Extended Child Care until 4 p.m. is now available.* Space is limited – first come, first serve. www.santamonicaumc.org/vbs.

Monday, July 30 – Friday, August 3: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Meets in Simkins Hall.

Volunteers for Vacation Bible School

Do you have a few hours to spare this summer? Have you been thinking about giving back to your local community? Then Vacation Bible School might be for you! We're looking for some adult volunteers to lead and some youth shepherds to assist with the various stations. If this sounds like the right fit for you or if you have any further questions on volunteering, contact Tricia Guerrero: t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org.

36th Annual UMC Dodgers Family Night

The United Methodist Family Night at Dodger Stadium is back! This year, it's the Dodgers vs. the Houston Astros. Tickets are \$55 each and seats are located in the "All You Can Eat" Coca-Cola Pavilion. Contact: WestDistrict@CalPacUMC.org for tickets.

Game Day: Saturday, August 4, 6:10 p.m. Dodger Stadium

Art in the Fireside Room: Allan Walker Photography

Stop by the Fireside Room after worship to see First UMC member Allan Walker's *Summertime* solo exhibition. Allan has brought back a few photographs he displayed here almost 10 years ago, along with several new pieces. This exhibit will run through the summer.

Habitat for Humanity *Patience House* Build by *Martha Ross*

Our Habitat for Humanity/Culver City Build is ready to begin construction in earnest in July. Finally! *Patience House* will become a reality over the next 12 months, and I am sure you are excited as I am to be making this great project a reality.

Our first build date on site in the 4000 block of Globe Avenue in Culver City is Saturday, July 7. If you're interested in participating, we still have some spots available for July, and there will be several more build dates in the Fall.

To sign up:

- **Contact me** (Martha Ross): mpr01@verizon.net
- **Build date: Saturday, July 7, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

- Wear sturdy close-toed shoes (mandatory) and bring construction gloves if you have them
- You may want to bring your own water to stay hydrated
- Lunch will be provided. We are unable to customize lunches. If you have any food issues, we are asking that you bring your own lunch; beverages will be provided
- Parking is at a premium at the Globe site, so if you can, please car pool.

This is a very special date for all of the churches in our coalition as it is the **FIRST DATE** of construction by volunteers. I hope you will join me in the excitement of this first of many days of living our faith and being God's hands and feet!



*The Habitat build site is underway!
Photo taken by David Landsverk on June 13.*

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

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 June we are collecting canned soups.

UMCOR

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church (UMC), a non-profit 501(c)3 organization operated under the auspices of the General Board of Global Ministries. When UMCOR donors designate their contribution for a particular program or disaster response, UMCOR uses 100 percent of it on that program—none of it gets funneled back into fundraising or operating costs. To learn more, go to: www.umcor.org.

For more information on our ministries and missions, go to www.santamonicaumc.org/ministries.

OPEN INVITATIONS

Partnership with God

Meets on Sundays at 9 a.m. in Room 101 for programs, study and fellowship. The Partnership with God Sunday School Class has been going for 50+ years! Come join in the fun. Programs are planned depending on interests of the Program Committee. Generally the committee consists of 10 to 12 persons that serve for a year. Socials are planned by the Social Committee which is also made up of class members. Socials are held about once a month. **Sundays, 9 a.m. Room 101**

Health Ministry Council

Through God's love, the Health Ministry Council works to promote wellness in individuals, the church, and the community. The council supports the mission of First UMC, plans and implements programs and activities that promote physical, mental and spiritual well-being and healing, and serves as an advocate for health and safety concerns. For more information about the Council, or to volunteer, call the church office (310) 393-8258.

Free Blood Pressure Screening: today, 11 a.m. in Simkins Hall

LOOKING FORWARD: BREAKFAST ON THE BEACH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

8:30 - 11 AM

MESSY CHURCH BEACH MEET-UP

**OCEAN PARK BEACH, SANTA MONICA
(BETWEEN LIFEGUARD STATIONS 26
AND 27)**

**Messy Church joins Family Connection for
Breakfast at the Beach!**

**Relax on the beach, build a sandcastle, or
swim out to the dolphins! Enjoy some
fruit, bagels, coffee, and juice. All are
welcome so invite your friends and family!**

