

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# WORSHIP

9th Sunday in Kingdomtide • July 22, 2018



So then you are no longer strangers and aliens,  
but you are citizens with the saints and also  
members of the household of God...  
– Ephesians 2:19

## WE GATHER

WELCOME

Rev. Patricia Farris

PRELUDE | I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ (J. S. Bach)

Ty Woodward, Organ

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #529 United Methodist Hymnal – How Firm a Foundation

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Witney Siebold, Lay Lector

We come together to proclaim our joy that we have been made a people of God.

**God has called us from isolation, divisions, and hatreds into a community of believers.**

God, you walk with us, a pilgrim people. May your limitless love bind us together and empower us to sing your praise in many voices.

**Amen! So may it be!**

\*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

“Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation. Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part: to God all praise and glory!”

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Nathan Oney

*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

Jamie Jones

#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

Witney Siebold

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 EPISTLE Ephesians 2:11-22 (Pew Bible pages 192-193, N.T.)

Witney Siebold

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

## SERMON

Rev. Larry Young

“Bind Our Hearts in Love: An Inconvenient Truth”

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## WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #2226 TFWS – Bind Us Together

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Rev. Farris

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

Nathan Oney

*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

Blow Ye the Trumpet (Kirke Mechem) *Excerpt from Choral Suite "Songs of the Slave"*

Blow ye the trumpet, sweet is Thy work, my God, my King. I'll praise my Maker with all my breath.

Oh happy the man who hears. Why should we start and fear to die? With songs and honors sounding loud. Blow ye the trumpet, lovely appearance of death.

\*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Nathan Oney

**Generous and reconciling God, receive our gifts; receive our lives made new by your blessing. May we plant seeds, heal wounds, and draw your world closer together. We dedicate these offerings and ourselves toward the realization of your purposes for all your human family. Amen.**

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## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN #178 UMH – Hope of the World

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Young

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Trumpet March (Geoffrey Bush)

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.

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

—Sermons through July and August will be based in the Letter to the Ephesians. This "Bind Our Hearts in Love" series will explore this Scripture's many teachings for the church about how to be a community worthy of the gospel, lessons essential both to the church and to our larger community.

—Tricia Guerrero is returning later today with the Youth Service Project team from Slidell, LA.

—Flowers: Given to the glory of God, from donations to the First UMC Flower Fund. Please consider a gift to the Flower Fund, which will be used for Sundays such as today when flowers have not been ordered.

—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.

WORSHIP INFO

MISSIONS

—We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. In July, please bring pasta. 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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FOCUS ON

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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**REGISTER NOW!**



It's not too late to sign up! First UMC invites children of all ages 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.

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 kids ages 5 to 11 years old (or starting Kindergarten – 5th grade in the fall) and is open to the community at large. There is a small fee per child/family. Scholarships may be available. **New!** Extended Child Care until 4 p.m. is now available.

**When:** Monday, July 30 – Friday, August 3, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**New:** Child care available 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for an extra cost.

**VBS Cost:** \$30 (\$80 max. per family)

**Extended Child Care Cost** – \$150/child for week; \$50/child per day

*(notate which day/s on Registration Form)*

**Register Now:** [www.santamonicaumc.org/vbs](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/vbs)

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**WORSHIP & PRAYER**

Sunday 10 a.m.

**Sanctuary Worship**

Sunday 5 p.m.

**simple church***simple church special speaker: Michael Olsson***MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK****Today** - Youth Service Project team returns**Monday, July 23** - Deadline to order UMC Dodger Night Tickets online**Tuesday, July 24**

8 a.m. Men's Breakfast with Rabbi Marx, FR

**Wednesday, July 25**

6 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting, CR-A

7 p.m. Methodist Foundation/Investment Committee Meeting, CR-A

**Saturday, July 28**

11 a.m. Relay for Life, Off-site

**Sunday, July 29** - UBH School Supplies collection begins

11:15 a.m. VBS Volunteer Training, Room 303

**CHILDREN & YOUTH****Children's Ministry**

July Sunday School

Theme: Stories Jesus Told

Anchor Point: We can learn from the stories Jesus told.

This Sunday: The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

**July Youth Ministry**

Youth Choir, Youth Connect and UMYF are on their summer break.

The Youth Service Team returns later tonight from their trip to Slidell, Louisiana.

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**FELLOWSHIP /COMMUNITY****36th Annual UMC Dodgers Night**

The United Methodist Night at Dodger Stadium is back! This year, it's the Dodgers vs. the Houston Astros. Seats are located in the Coca-Cola "all you can eat" Pavilion. All tickets are sent via email (\$55 each.) Online and check payment information is located on the church website:

[www.santamonicaumc.org/umc-dodger-night](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/umc-dodger-night).

**\*Deadline to order tickets is tomorrow, July 23.**

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

**Men's Breakfast with Rabbi Marx**

Men's Breakfast welcomes back Rabbi Marx for the second of three guest appearances to the breakfast study. All men are welcome.

**Tuesday, July 24, \*8 a.m. in the Fireside Room**  
(\*note time change)

**Relay for Life - Sign up Now**

When you join a Relay For Life event, you're helping the American Cancer Society fund groundbreaking research, crucial patient care programs, and education and prevention information. First UMC's Health Ministry Council is sponsoring church member Chris Reagh's continued efforts to support this worthy cause.

- 11 a.m. Opening Welcoming, followed by the Survivor Walk.
- Walk throughout the day: you may walk for any length of time during the event.
- 8 p.m. (approx.) Luminaria Ceremony
- 10 p.m. Closing Ceremony

To register or to donate, visit: [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org), search for team captain Chris Reagh/Team Wesley Walkers, to find First UMC's page. You may also sign up today at the Relay for Life table during Coffee Fellowship.

**Relay for Life: Saturday, July 28, begins at 11 a.m., Santa Monica College (1900 Pico Blvd.)**

**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)

### School Supplies Needed for Upward Bound House

Starting next Sunday, First UMC will be taking donations of backpacks and school supplies for Family Place at Upward Bound House. This year, we are also accepting money donations towards the purchase of supplies in bulk. You may drop a check in the collection basket made out to First UMC, in the memo line "School Supplies." Or to donate online, go to: [www.santamonicaumc.org/give](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/give). Click on the Donate Now, and select School Supplies Fund in the Select An Account dropdown menu.

#### **Goal: 50 Supplied Backpacks!**

Items you may bring include: Backpacks • Glue sticks • Scissors • Ballpoint pens • No. 2 pencils • Colored pencils • Pencil sharpener • Large pink eraser • Water-based markers • Four-ounce bottle of white glue • Highlighters • Three-ring binder • Loose-leaf notebook paper • Pocket folders (two pockets) • Rulers • Crayons • Index Cards • 2 oz. Antibacterial Hand Soap

You may drop off supplies in the box in the narthex, at the Hospitality Table, or in the church office.

Sunday School's Faith in Action will assemble the backpacks on Sunday, August 19 and will give to UBH the following week. Let's give the kids of Upward Bound House supplies for their first day of school!

### Save the Date: Wesley Foundation Serving UCLA 90th Anniversary Celebration

All are welcome to celebrate the WFSUCLA's 90 years of developing, educating and supporting students at UCLA. Music, memories and refreshments will be shared in community. \$25 suggested donation payable at the door. RSVP: [wfsulca@gmail.com](mailto:wfsulca@gmail.com), or call 310.909.4471.

**Sunday, August 12, 1 - 3:30 p.m. in Simkins Hall**

### 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.

### Brain Health Seminars

Be sure to mark your calendars for two informative seminars on Brain Health this August. Monica Moore, MSG, from the Mary S. Easton Center for Alzheimer's Disease Research at UCLA (part of the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA) returns to present:

• *Memory and Aging: What You Need to Know*

**Sunday, August 5, 11:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room**

• *Living a Brain Healthy Lifestyle*

**Sunday, August 26, 11:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room**

Monica Moore, MSG, has worked in the field of aging and Alzheimer's disease for more than 15 years focusing on community education, outreach, and caregiver support. She has worked for the Alzheimer's Association - California Southland Chapter, WISE & Healthy Living, and is now proud to be at the Easton Center. If you have any questions about the seminars, please contact Anne Premer at 310-393-8258 ext 103, or email [a.premer@santamonicaumc.org](mailto:a.premer@santamonicaumc.org). *Light refreshments served. No charge.*

### Messy Church Meetup

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!  
**Saturday, August 18: 8:30 – 11 a.m. Ocean Park Beach, Santa Monica** (Between Lifeguard Stations 26 and 27)





## MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

### Family Place Community Meal

simple church resumes hosting a monthly potluck Community Meal with Family Place. The Community Meal potluck is an opportunity to help feed about 30-40 adults & children, served buffet style. Attending the potluck not only provides a delicious meal for the families and allows the parents an evening free from cooking dinner but is a way for all who attend to be a part of a warm and accepting community. Invite your friends and join the next potluck for an evening of conversation, crafts/games with the kids, and a shared meal. To contribute to the potluck fill out the online form: [www.santamonicaumc.org/community-meal](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/community-meal). For questions, contact the meal volunteers Dan Stirling and Anna Rogers: [meal@santamonicaumc.org](mailto:meal@santamonicaumc.org).

**Thursday, August 2, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Family Place**

## OPEN INVITATIONS

### Attention Animal Lovers!

Love animals? Love art? Then consider joining the new Animal Art Committee. You will work with Shalimar Carducci on the upcoming Animal Art Exhibit that opens on Saturday, October 6, right after the *Blessing of the Animals* service. To sign up or for more info, contact her at [s.carducci@santamonicaumc.org](mailto:s.carducci@santamonicaumc.org), or call the church office.

### Ways to Serve the First UMC Community

Almost everything the church is able to do with and for the community is a direct result of the time and generous hearts of volunteers. Visit our website to view a few opportunities of service within First UMC. Go to: [www.santamonicaumc.org/volunteer](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/volunteer).

## LOCAL NEWS: SMITH & CO. ALUMNI FUND

### Santa Monica College Foundation Honors Dr. James Smith

Santa Monica College Foundation is honoring Dr. James Smith with a new fund: The Smith & Co. Alumni Fund. Established in 1972 by Dr. Smith, Smith & Company consisted of young energetic students who provided a musical experience for countless audiences throughout the Los Angeles area. An early press release described the group as “entertaining service clubs and other organizations, they were active public relation agents for Santa Monica College.”



The bonds in the group have lasted over 40 years, growing stronger as members met for reunions. Original members appreciated their time in the group so much that they wanted to honor Jim and his legacy with this fund. Donations will be used to benefit the vocal music program at Santa Monica College and its students. Gifts will ensure that they remember those who have died, and acknowledge the work and dedication of founder Dr. James Smith.

To donate and for more info: <https://santamoniacollegefoundation.org/smithandco.php>

