

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# W O R S H I P

Rev. Keri Olsen Paget's Farewell • Blessing of the Backpacks  
Faith in Action Sunday • August 19, 2018



Be careful then how you live...  
– Ephesians 5:15a

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## WE GATHER

WELCOME

Nathan Oney

PRELUDE Rhosymedre (R. Vaughan Williams)

Ty Woodward, Organ

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #2004 The Faith We Sing – Praise the Source of Faith and Learning

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ron Theile, Lay Lector

We praise you, O God, for the gift of this new day.

**Fill us with your Holy Spirit. Let your songs fill our hearts.**

Give us wise and discerning minds to walk in your way:

**Doing good, seeking peace, and trusting in your mercy.**

\*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

“O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things.”

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Tricia Guerrero

*Please greet those worshipping near you.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Tricia Guerrero

#2233 TFWS – 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.*

## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

*Students of all ages, and teachers, are welcome to come up for a blessing. Ask an usher for extra commemorative tags.*

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 Faith in Action project, assembling the backpacks blessed today for the children of Upward Bound House.*

## OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Ron Theile

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  
Vera Lugo, Soloist

Call Me Home (David Lantz III)

Wand'ring, wand'ring, Lord, I'm wand'ring far from home, sweet Lord, far from home. A lost lamb in the black of night, from the darkness to the light, call me home, sweet Lord, call me home. Weary, weary Lord, I'm weary far from home, sweet Lord, far from home. A tired trav'ler weak and worn, bear me up on wings of morn, call me home, sweet Lord, call me home. You paid the price, You bore my shame, I am yours, You know my name. Call me home. Lord, I'm waiting, waiting Lord, I'm waiting, far from home, sweet Lord, far from home. Lord, I'm longing for the light to be at home in heav'n so bright, call me home, sweet Lord, call me home.

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## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE LESSON Ephesians 5:15-20 (Pew Bible pages 194-195, N.T.)

Ron Theile

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

SERMON "Bind Our Hearts in Love: Lives That Make for Peace"

Rev. Patricia Farris

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## WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #2219 TFWS – Goodness Is Stronger than Evil

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Rev. Keri Olsen Paget

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

Tune My Heart to Sing God's Praise! (Lloyd Larson)

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise His name, I'm fixed upon it, name of God's redeeming love. Here I raise mine Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I've come; and I hope, by Thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God; He to rescue me from danger, bought me with His precious blood. Tune my heart to sing God's praise! O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee: prone to wander, Lord, I know I'm prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above. Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise! Tune my heart to sing God's praise!

\*RESPONSE #94 United Methodist Hymnal – The Doxology

### \*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Nathan Oney

**Breathe on these gifts we bring, living God. Through them, may your love feed, strengthen, and bless this world. Through us, may your glory clearly shine. Amen.**

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN #2221 TFWS – In Unity We Lift Our Song

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Psalm 19 (Benedetto Marcello)

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.

—Sermons through 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.

—Flowers: "In honor of Dorothy Williams, my beautiful, loving, and dedicated wife, for her birthday." Love, Gale.

—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. Larry Young will preach.

MISSIONS

—We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. In August, please bring canned beans. 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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August 19, 2018

## Celebrating 70 Years of Educating Children with Christian Values



In 1948, church member Verna "Ruth" Naylor Zimmerman, (aunt to church members Kathy, Craig and Larry Naylor,) saw a need for childcare

in the community, especially with the single working families. So, she and 3 other mothers formed a one-room co-op nursery school at what was the First United Methodist Church on 4th St. and Arizona Ave. By the time of the construction of the church where it stands today on 11th St., followed by the consecration of the Education Building in 1955, the First UMC Preschool had established itself as a pioneer preschool in Santa Monica. Now, 70 years later, the school and its community continues to thrive.

The tradition continues on August 27 with over 120 students enrolled this fall with most coming from working families. The non-profit preschool has one of the lower tuition costs in the area, which includes a hot lunch and weekly music education. The singing of grace continues before each snack and lunch times. Chapel Time continues with Tricia Guerrero, Director of Children and Youth Ministries, as she leads the children in songs, stories of God's love, and age-appropriate prayers. Each month, with the collaboration of church clergy, part of the preschool curriculum focuses on a special value such as Kindness, Respect, Trust, Honesty, and Cooperation. Children also gain knowledge in math and science, cognitive abilities, language and literacy, dramatic play and, most importantly, social

skills. Extra-curricular activities include a variety of enrichment classes including music, art and a unique Mandarin Immersion Program. This year we continue to offer the wonderful Seed-to-Seed Gardening Program led by green thumb professor, parent Alum, Nat Zappia, providing integrative education in edible gardening and sustainability.

The annual Direct Giving Campaign, which began in 2013, continues to be a great support to the school and community, allowing for financial assistance to families in need, the ongoing renovation of classrooms (through March Studio, an architectural design firm owned and operated by church members Todd and Sherry Erlandson), and continued education for staff.

Many generations of families have come through the preschool. Teacher Mrs. Kay Morr, now retired but still coming in occasionally to substitute, has taught students who run down the same hallway, and play in the same classrooms as their parents. Ms. Johanna Holman, a pre-K teacher, attended the church and preschool herself! Not to mention the many church members who've also attended.

We look forward to celebrating the next 70 years of educating youth and building community!

[www.santamonicaumc.org/preschool](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/preschool)



**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** - Rev. Keri Olsen Paget's last worship at First UMC • Blessing of the Backpacks • Sunday School Faith in Action

11 a.m. Free Blood Pressure Screenings, FR

11 a.m. Farewell Cake Reception for Rev. Keri Olsen Paget, SH

**Wednesday, August 22**

9 a.m. UMW Workparty/Lunch, Workroom

**Thursday, August 23**

5:30 p.m. Preschool Back-to-School Night, SH

**Friday, August 24**

9 a.m. Preschool Open House, Education Bldg.

**Sunday, August 26**11:30 a.m. Brain Health Seminar: *Living a Healthy Lifestyle*, Simkins Hall**CHILDREN & YOUTH****Children's Ministry**

August Sunday School

Theme: The People Jesus Met

Anchor Point: We Can Follow Jesus's Example

This Sunday: The Women at the Well

**August Youth Ministry**

Tonight: Summer BBQ

UMYF returns from their summer break Sept. 16, Youth Connect returns Sept. 23.

*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.***FELLOWSHIP /COMMUNITY****Blessing of the Backpacks - Today**

All ages are welcome to bring backpacks, handbags, computer carriers, wallets, etc., to the annual Blessing of the Backpacks during today's worship. Ask an usher for extra commemorative tags.

**Today, during 10 a.m. Worship****Rev. Keri Olsen Paget Farewell - Today**

"As many of you know, I was married to Josh Paget on May 19, 2018. It was a beautiful and sacred occasion that I was happy to share with those who were able to attend. Over the last five years, Josh discerned a call to ministry within the Episcopal Church. His diocese approved this call, and encouraged him to attend seminary this fall. Consequently, Josh and I will be moving to Alexandria, Virginia, so that he can attend Virginia Theological Seminary. I intend to continue serving within the field of Clinical Pastoral Education through a medical center in that area. Serving and worshipping alongside you at First UMC has been a great joy these past six years. I have learned much from you and trust that we have grown together in faith and service. I am sad to say good-bye for now. I plan to stay in relationship with First UMC by sending periodic updates about my ministry. I ask that you continue to keep Josh and me in your prayers as we start this new stage of life and learning together. You all will certainly remain in our hearts and prayers." - Rev. Keri

**Farewell Cake Reception for Rev. Keri Olsen Paget, Today after worship in Simkins Hall****Spring Concert - Now on CD**

If you were unable to attend the First UMC Spring Concert that was held in May, or would like to enjoy it again, you may now purchase the CD! The concert featured Maurice Durfle's *Requiem*, and Kirke Mechem's *Song of the Slave*. CDs are available at the Sunday Hospitality Table for \$10.

**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)

### **Brain Health Seminar Part 2: Memory and Aging, Living a Brain Healthy Lifestyle**

Monica Moore, MSG, from the Mary S. Easton Center for Alzheimer's Disease Research at UCLA returns to present *Memory and Aging: Living a Brain Healthy Lifestyle*. Did you know that what is good for the body is also good for the brain? This presentation will discuss the latest research on what you can do to keep your brain healthy as you age, and what we know about ways to reduce your risk of developing dementia. *Light refreshments served. No charge.*

**Next Sunday, August 26, 11:30 a.m. in Simkins Hall**

### **Family Place Community Meal**

simple church hosts a monthly potluck Community Meal with Upward Bound Houses's 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 30, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Family Place**

### **Just Added: United Methodist Dodger Night #2**

If you missed the recent UMC Dodger Night, a second night as been added! The Dodgers vs. the San Diego Padres on Friday, September 21, 7:10 p.m. at Dodger Stadium. The seating for this game is in the Preferred Reserve section on the 1st Baseline side, and ticket price includes a Dodger Dog and soda. Tickets are \$40. Deadline to order is September 10. Go to: [www.santamonicaumc.org/dodgers](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/dodgers) for more info.

**Game Night: Friday, September 21, 7:10 p.m.**

**Dodger Stadium**

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

The 2018/2019 Book Study season begins with *Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship*, by Greg Boyle. "Only love gets fists to open." Father Greg Boyle, founder of *Homeboy Industries*, gets right to the heart of the matter in examining the current climate of escalating hate and violence. Drawn from his own experiences, Fr. Boyle points to the inherent value and goodness in every person. It's not about winning the argument or demonizing anyone, he maintains. It's about love and "believing that love never fails. It doesn't." The book is available at the Hospitality Table, in the church office, and on Amazon. Read, bring something to share for the potluck lunch, and come join in a spirited and hope-filled discussion.

*AND – if you can name 3 books from our very first Book Study year in 2001, let us know. The first reader to get their titles in will get a free copy of "Barking to the Choir" as your prize! Call the church office with your answers, or stop by the Sunday Hospitality Table.*

**Sunday, September 23, 11:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room**

### **Attention Artists! Call Out for Second Annual Animal Art Exhibit**

First UMC is thrilled to bring back the Animal Art community exhibit in the Fireside Room this fall. Thank you for all the positive feedback from last year's show! Our theme this year: **Creatures of the Sea**. We are looking for paintings, sketches, photographs, carvings, etc. Artists will need to fill out a submission form for each art piece submitted (form available online [www.santamonicaumc.org/firesideroomart](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/firesideroomart), or in the church office.) *There is limited space so please submit early.* Selected submissions should be ready for hanging/displaying, brought to the church office no later than **Friday, September 21, 3 p.m.** Artists are invited to attend the opening which is right after the annual *Blessing of the Animals* service at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 6. Contact Shalimar Carducci in the church office: 310-393.8258 x 113, or: [s.carducci@santamonicaumc.org](mailto:s.carducci@santamonicaumc.org) to sign up or for questions.

## MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

### Habitat for Humanity Upcoming Build Days

First UMC volunteers had a great build day at the Patience House Culver City location, minus the record heat, on Saturday, July 7. There are a few volunteer slots available for September 8 and November 3. (*Limited signups for builders - the Westside Coalition allocates a certain number of people that we can bring to each build.*) To sign up for either month, contact John Youngman (john@youngman.us) or Joyce Landsverk (jlandsve@verizon.net).

For more info about what to bring for the build day, go to: [www.santamonicaumc.org/habitat](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/habitat).

**Build dates: Saturdays, September 8 & November 3: 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Location: 4000 block of Globe Ave., Culver City**

## OPEN INVITATIONS

### Get to know the community and join the Animal Art committee!

Love animals? Love art? Then consider joining the 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. This exhibit needs a small team to help collect and type out art information cards, some light exhibit set-up and take-down assistance, hosting the opening, and possibly giving a tour of the exhibit to the preschool children at a later date to be determined.

For questions contact Shalimar Carducci (310) 393-8258 ext. 113 or [s.carducci@santamonicaumc.org](mailto:s.carducci@santamonicaumc.org).

## LOCAL NEWS: DIAL-A-RIDE IS NOW CALLED MODE



**What is MODE?** MODE stands for Mobility On Demand Everyday. *WISE and Healthy Aging* and Big Blue Bus partnered with Lyft to provide curb-to-curb, on-demand transportation for seniors and individuals with disabilities who live in Santa Monica. Most trips on MODE are provided by Lyft, an on-demand ride service that matches you with a nearby driver who will pick you up within minutes. You may use the service to go anywhere within the Santa Monica city limits.

**Health care:** Visit a doctor, therapist, medical facility and hospital.

**Education:** Take a class, attend school, a lecture or a discussion group.

**Enjoyment:** Visit friends and relatives, church, the movies, the park or any recreational or social activity.

**Shopping:** Go to grocery stores, department stores, the mall or any shopping area in Santa Monica.

They also provide access to the following facilities during regular hours of operation:

- UCLA Medical Center, Westwood
- Kaiser Medical Centers in West Los Angeles and Culver City/Marina del Rey
- V.A. Greater Los Angeles Healthcare Center
- Select shopping destinations on Lincoln Blvd. in Venice

The one-way fare for clients and companions is 50 cents and 25 cents for Personal Care Attendants.

### Who is eligible?

Any City of Santa Monica resident who is at least age 60 or a person with a disability who is at least age 18.

To sign up, call *WISE and Healthy Aging* at 310-394-9871. For more information or questions, contact Anne Premer: [a.premer@santamonicaumc.org](mailto:a.premer@santamonicaumc.org).

[www.santamonicaumc.org/health-ministry](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/health-ministry)