

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP

Baptism • Blessing Our Crucifers and Acolytes • September 23, 2018



“If any want...and follow me.”

–Mark 8:34b

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Nathan Oney

PRELUDE

Ty Woodward, Organ

Andante Tranquillo *from* Sonata No. 3 (Felix Mendelssohn)

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #2114 The Faith We Sing – At the Font We Start Our Journey

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Jamie Jones, Lay Lector

In baptism, God claims us.

We receive the sign of the cross, for we belong to God.

By water and the Spirit we are made members of the church, the body of Christ.

Let us praise God as we give thanks for the new life God gives us in Christ Jesus.

* CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

“Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.”

* 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.*

BLESSING OUR CRUCIFERS AND ACOLYTES *(see insert)*

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.

BAPTISM Cavan Curtis Rold *(see insert)*

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

Nathan Oney

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

Thanks be to God!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE GOSPEL Mark 8:27-30, 34-36 (Pew Bible pages 43-44, N.T.)

Jamie Jones

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

ANTHEM

The Chancel Choir / Dr. James Smith, Music Director

Give Me Jesus (arr. L.L. Fleming)

O, when I am alone, give me Jesus. You may have all the rest, give me Jesus. O, when I come to die, give me Jesus. And when I want to sing, give me Jesus. You may have all the rest, and when I am alone, give me Jesus.

SERMON "The Sign of the Cross"

Rev. Patricia Farris

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #2253 TFWS – Water, River, Spirit, Grace

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Nathan Oney

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

BLESSING OUR CRUCIFERS AND ACOLYTES

Sunday, September 23, 2018

Youth respond in *italics*. Congregation responds with words printed in **bold type**.

INVITATION

Rev. Patricia Farris

Gracious God, the source of light and love: in a world of change and uncertainty, you call from among us crucifers and acolytes to lead your people in following the cross of Christ and to light their way.

CRUCIFERS AND ACOLYTES

GEORGE ADAMSON, SYDNEY ADAMSON, KATE BECKERMAN, ANDREW BUXTON, JOHN BUXTON, EMMA CRAWFORD, MEGAN CRAWFORD, ANNIKA DODD, AMELIE HUGHES, LINCOLN HUGHES, DARA I'ANSON, AIDAN KENEFICK, CONNER KENEFICK, NATALIA QUINTANA, MIKEY STRAUSS, GWEN WARREN, TRISTAN WARREN, CASSY WILLIAMS

CRUCIFERS AND ACOLYTES RESPONSE

Grant to us, your acolytes and crucifers, reverent hearts, steady hands, and the will to persevere in service at your altar and at prayer. Bless and guide us by your wisdom and help us to spread your good news throughout the world.

CONGREGATION

Bless these youth who commit themselves to your service. May their ministry be fruitful and our worship pleasing in your sight.

ALL

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.



SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM



Sunday, September 23, 2018

*Parents and Godparents respond in **bold italics**. Congregation responds with words printed in **bold type**.*

INTRODUCTION

Rev. Patricia Farris

Brothers and Sisters, from the beginnings of Christianity, baptism has been our entrance into the family of faith. We believe baptism is a visible sign of the grace and love of God at work in our lives. Through this gift of grace, we enter into a special relationship with Christ. We are marked as his followers and welcomed as part of the universal church. We believe that Jesus gives children a special place in the family of faith. He said to us: "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."

PRESENTATION

Michael Lamb, Lay Leader

I am pleased to present to you **CAVAN CURTIS ROLD** for Baptism.

THOSE TO BE BAPTIZED *(Questions to the Parents and Godparents)*

Rev. Farris

Do you believe in God the source, the fountain of life; and in Christ, the offspring of God, embodied in Jesus of Nazareth and in the church; and in the liberating Spirit of God, the wellspring of new life?

We do.

Nathan Oney

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you: Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you of new life in Christ, resisting evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

We do.

Tricia Guerrero

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, striving for justice and peace among all people, and respecting the dignity of every human being?

We will.

Rev. Farris

Will you nurture Cavan in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself, to profess his faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

We will.

(To the Congregation)

Michael Lamb

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Cavan in your care?

With God's help we will live in the example of Christ, growing in our love for God and for one another. We will surround Cavan with a community of grace and forgiveness, that he may grow in his trust of God and learn how to serve others. We will pray for him, that he may walk in love following Jesus in the way that leads to life.

BAPTISM

Rev. Farris

CAVAN CURTIS

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

HYMN #611 United Methodist Hymnal – Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (verses 1 & 2)

INTRODUCTION

Michael Lamb

Members of the household of faith, I commend Cavan to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

We give thanks to God because you are a gift to us and we welcome you in Christian love. As members with you in the body of Christ and in this community of faith, we renew our promise to participate faithfully in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

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
Ryan Brown, Soloist

I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing (arr. Howard Helvey)

I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing, and obey the Spirit of the Lord. I'm gonna preach when the Spirit says preach, and obey the Spirit of the Lord. I'm gonna pray when the Spirit says pray, and obey the spirit of the Lord. I'm gonna shout when the Spirit says shout, and obey the Spirit of the Lord.

* RESPONSE #94 United Methodist Hymnal – 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 lives, our time, and our possessions. Work through us to feed the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* HYMN #593 UMH – Here I Am, Lord

* BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Prelude and Fugue in F (J. S. Bach)

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.

—If you would like to learn more about baptism or inquire about baptism for your children, please see one of our pastors.

—Flowers: "The flowers are in honor of all Sharringers, past and present, as well as this church family which has nourished our group over the past half-century." From Johanna & John Stutsman.

—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.

—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.

—Next Sunday: Shared reflections on the YSP Team experience, from Rev. Patricia Farris, Natalia Quintana and Dan Stirling.

MISSIONS

—We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. In September, please bring Macaroni & Cheese and other packaged dinners. 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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YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT REPORT BACK

September 23, 2018



Each year, First UMC sends a Youth Service Project team for one week to travel and engage in service and mission with struggling communities around the United States. This year, First UMC sent a team of thirteen youth and five adults, led by Children and Youth Ministry Director Tricia Guerrero, to work with Epworth Project in Slidell, Louisiana.

Epworth Project's mission is "Sharing God's love working together to restore homes, empower people and change lives." Their goal is to provide basic needs for those living in unfit conditions, whether the conditions are hurricane related or not. In addition to assisting disaster victims, Epworth Project assists the low income and elderly with home repairs and builds handicapped ramps for disabled citizens.

The YSP team is grateful for your prayers and support through their time of preparation and then during their trip. The team invites everyone to join them in Simkins Hall next Sunday after worship for lunch and their report-back, a time for them to share their stories, experiences and the work they accomplished this summer.

YSP Report Back: Next Sunday, September 30, 11 a.m. in Simkins Hall.

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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** - *Baptism • Blessing Our Crucifers and Acolytes*

11 a.m. Acolyte/Crucifer Training, S

11:30 a.m. Loving God with Our Minds Book Study/Potluck, FR

Wednesday, September 26

9 a.m. UMW Workparty/Lunch, Workroom

Thursday, September 27

5:30 p.m. Family Place Community Meal, OS

Sunday, September 30

11 a.m. Youth Service Project Report Back, SH

FELLOWSHIP /COMMUNITY**Loving God with Our Minds Book Study/Potluck - Today**

The 2018/2019 Book Study season begins with *Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship*, by Gregory 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." Come (even if you haven't read the book!) and join in a spirited and hope-filled discussion. To see the rest of the season's books, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/farrislibrary.

Today, 11:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room**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.

For questions, contact the meal volunteers Dan Stirling and Anna Rogers: meal@santamonicaumc.org.

Thursday, September 27, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Family Place (1020 12th St.)**CHILDREN & YOUTH****Children's Ministry**

September Sunday School

Theme: Jesus' Family

This Sunday: Jesus Creates a Family

September Youth Ministry

10:10 a.m. Youth Connect returns, Room 203

6 p.m. UMYF in the Youth Lounge

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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)

Blessing of the Animals

All pets large and small are welcome for the annual *Blessing of the Animals*. Come early at 9:30 a.m. for refreshments, pick up a pet tag, and be sure to visit the photo booth. Blessing of the Animals begins at 10 a.m. Beginning this year, you may bring a photo for the *In Loving Memory* board to honor pets that have died. And, we are accepting new pet food and supplies to donate to local animal shelters.

Saturday, October 6, 10 a.m., in the Courtyard



Blessing of the Animals

BIG & small: Creatures of the Sea

Immediately following the *Blessing of the Animals* service, all are welcome to the annual Animal Art Exhibit by the local community to promote love for all God's ocean creatures, in all sizes.

**Saturday, October 6, 11 a.m.,
in the Fireside Room**



Preschool Fall Festival & 70th Anniversary

Stay after church Sunday October 7 as the First UMC Preschool welcomes in their new school year, and celebrates their 70th Anniversary! There will be tacos, a bounce house, slide, photo booth, T-shirt tye-dyeing, a Chili Cook-Off & bake sale, and more, so don't miss the celebration!

www.santamonicaumc.org/preschool/70th.

Sunday, October 7, 11 a.m. in the Courtyard



Fourth Grade Bibles

Fourth grade Bibles will be presented on **Sunday, October 7** to any fourth grader who would like to receive one. Receiving a Bible is an important step in the faith journey of our children. We rejoice as a community and with our families as our children grow in their love for God and one another.

Contact Tricia: t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org, if your fourth grader will be able to attend worship that day, or if they cannot attend and would like to receive a Bible.

On the Website

Many church events are captured by church member Allan Walker and other members. To view those photos visit the Photo Gallery page: www.santamonicaumc.org/photos. If you have photos from church events you would like to share please email them to: photo@santamonicaumc.org, or call the church office.

FREE FLU VACCINE!



First UMC has the privilege of hosting one of the first flu vaccination clinics this season to be provided by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. This gives us the opportunity to both keep ourselves healthy and help keep our community healthy. So, mark your calendar, tell your friends and neighbors, and join us in Simkins Hall to get your free flu vaccine! No appointments necessary.

**Wednesday, October 17, 9 - 11 a.m.
in Simkins Hall**

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Westside 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 September we are collecting Macaroni & Cheese, and other packaged dinners.

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.

OPEN INVITATIONS

First UMC Membership

Membership is a celebration of the fact that someone belongs to our faith community in connection and commitment. Our belonging promotes service to and with each other, values mutual care, and develops meaningful and supportive relationships. Becoming a member of First UMC is an act of publicly entering into a relationship with our faith community. The church offers thanks and welcome in the spirit of belonging to one another. At First UMC, we belong to God and to one another.

If you have questions on becoming a member of First UMC, please contact one of our Pastors. For a list of the pastors' email addresses, refer to the back of the Order of Worship, or call the church office.

SPECIAL CONCERT - TODAY



TICKETS
\$25.00



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