

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP

World Communion Sunday • Presentation of 4th Grade Bibles • October 7, 2018



“See, the home of God is among
mortals. He will dwell with them as their
God; they will be his peoples, and God
himself will be with them...”

–Revelation 21:3b

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Nathan Oney

PRELUDE Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring (J. S. Bach)

Ty Woodward, Organ

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #2221 The Faith We Sing – In Unity We Lift Our Song

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jocelyn Hicks-Garner, Lay Lector

Almighty God, from the ends of the earth you have gathered us around Christ's holy table.

We come to feast together.

We praise you, O God, you whom the heavens cannot contain.

We give you thanks for the gifts of those who built this house of prayer to your glory.

We praise you for the fellowship of those who by their use have made it holy.

We pray that all who seek you here may find you and be filled with your joy and peace.

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

“And hasten Thy kingdom, through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.”

*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 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.

PRESENTATION OF 4TH GRADE BIBLES *(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, and the youth may go to Youth Connect in Room 203.

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 LESSON Revelation 21:1-5 (Pew Bible page 259, N.T.)

Jocelyn Hicks-Garner

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

HOMILY "New Heaven/New Earth"

Rev. Patricia Farris

WE RESPOND

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/Dr. James Smith, Music Director

The One (Craig Courtney)

On the swiftest wings of morning, from the highest King of Heaven, comes a holy invitation to a feast. Interceding for His children, at the right hand of the Father, He invites us all, the most unto the least. The One who knows your name has bid you, "Come." The One who bore your shame, God's only Son, has prepared a celebration as a gift from God above, a sacrament of peace, a feast of love. Gather now around God's table, feel the splendor of the Savior, as He serves the fragrant bread and pours the wine. Then in grateful adoration of His blood and body given, praise the One who offers up the feast divine. The One who knows your name has bid you, "Come." The One who bore your shame, God's only Son, has prepared a celebration as a gift from God above; a sacrament of peace, a feast of love. He took, He blessed, he broke, He gave, a sacrament of peace, a feast of love.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO 4TH GRADERS

Sunday, October 7, 2018

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

BIBLE RECIPIENTS

JOSEPHINE BECKERMAN

BAILEY NESSEL

TO OUR 4TH GRADERS

Rev. Patricia Farris

Will you receive this Bible with your hands, your heart, and your mind?

I will.

LET US PRAY TOGETHER

We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your Sunday School classes, and in worship. We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word. Amen.

*RESPONSE #94 United Methodist Hymnal – The Doxology

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Tricia Guerrero

God of grace, Spirit of truth, we join with all the church everywhere in the world in giving thanks for all the gifts you entrust to our care. Through our giving, we present ourselves to be useful to one another and to you, ready to “be the hope” for the transformation of the world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

We will use the Musical Setting beginning on page 2257 in The Faith We Sing 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

#620 UMH – One Bread, One Body

#120 UMH – Your Love, O God

#431 UMH – Let There Be Peace on Earth

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Farris

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son. Look with compassion on the whole human family; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through us to accomplish your purposes on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN #670 UMH – Go Forth for God

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Chaconne (François Couperin)

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: "In memory of Lois Moore." From the Robert A. Moore Family.

—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.

—Art in the Fireside Room: *BIG & Small - Creatures of the Sea* Art Exhibit. Works by congregation and local community members celebrating all God's ocean creatures, in all sizes.

—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: Laity Sunday; Sermons by First UMC Laity.

MISSIONS

—We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. In October, please bring instant soups. 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

PRESCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL

October 7, 2018



Preschool Fall Festival & 70th Anniversary - Today!

Stay after church today as the First UMC Preschool kicks off their new school year, and begins the celebration of their 70th Anniversary! At the Fall Festival: tacos, two bounce houses, T-shirt tie-dying, a Chili Cook-Off (including a veggie chili from Nathan Oney!), bake sale, and more! We look forward to celebrating the next 70 years of educating youth and building community. Come celebrate with us!

Go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/preschool-70th, for information on all 70th Anniversary events happening throughout the year.

Today, 11 a.m. in the Courtyard

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WORSHIP & PRAYER

Sunday 10 a.m.

Sanctuary Worship

Sunday 5 p.m.

simple church*simple church special speaker: Nathan Oney***MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK****Today** - Presentation of 4th Grade Bibles • World Communion Sunday

11 a.m. Preschool Fall Festival & 70th Anniversary, SH

Wednesday, October 10

9 a.m. UMW Workparty/Lunch, Workroom

4 p.m. Trustees Meeting, CR-A

Friday, October 12

7:30 p.m. Sharerangers Monthly Meeting, FR

Saturday, October 1310 a.m. DanceFit!, Room 300 cancelled**Sunday, October 14** - *Laity Sunday*

11 a.m. Third World Handarts Fair, SH

6 p.m. simple supper, FR

CHILDREN & YOUTH**Children's Ministry**

October Sunday School: We Are Family

This Sunday: Family Blessings

Youth Ministry

10:10 a.m. Youth Connect in Room 203

6 p.m. UMYF Youth Lounge

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FELLOWSHIP /COMMUNITY**UMW Need Your Help! Casserole Corner**

The United Methodist Women are gearing up for their annual Holiday Bazaar, which benefits mission projects and is UMW's principal fundraiser. UMW's Carol Reich invites all to help:

"In loving response to the upcoming UMW Christmas Bazaar on November 2, we invite all to find your favorite casserole recipe and BAKE! Come see me today at the Hospitality Table for signups, and I will give you a casserole pan to bake in. Thank you for your response last year! We cannot all go to New Orleans or Haiti, but we can do this!"

Third World Handarts

Missions Council and First UMC welcomes back Third World Handarts (Gifts that Give Twice), a non-profit organization that was founded in Anaheim in 1975 to serve the economic needs of the destitute people in the United States, and in developing nations worldwide. Their principal mission is to support the self-employment of thousands of artisans by marketing the beautiful and useful items they craft as a means of supporting themselves and their families. All are welcome to come and shop these wonderful artisan crafts in Simkins Hall after worship.

Sunday, October 14, 11 p.m. Simkins Hall

Ralphs Community Contribution Program

Ralphs will donate up to 4% of all purchases to First UMC, at no extra cost to you! **This year, First UMC has a new vendor number that must be linked to your account.** Navigating the Ralph's website can be a challenge, so we've included instructions on our website to help you sign up for the Community Rewards Program. Go to www.santamonicaumc.org/ralphs. If you need assistance with the sign-up, please call or stop by the church office.

After worship, everyone is 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)

Introducing simple supper

simple church is pleased to announce simple supper, a new potluck gathering of the simple church community. At simple church, we strive to live by a rule of life in three simple rules: do no harm, do good, stay/grow in love with God. This has never been easy, but the first church in Acts 2 laid a foundation. They implemented a simple program to support one another in Christian living: prayer, study, fellowship, and eating together. Sharing a meal has always been a holy act of hospitality and of fellowship, and there is no reason to make it complicated; bring a dish to share, eat, and enjoy. There is no need to RSVP, all are welcome, and we will celebrate with those who are present. So join the simple church community after worship on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

Sunday, October 14, 6 p.m. in the Fireside Room

Health Ministry Council's Flu Clinic

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

White Ribbon Memorial

As we approach All Saints Day, First UMC will honor those who have died with the White Ribbon Memorial. On the Sundays of **October 21, 28, and November 4**, look for a table set up by the north wall of the sanctuary near the prayer quilts. There, before or after service, you may write the names of loved ones on a white ribbon (as many as you like or one name per ribbon), say a prayer, and tie it to the string or place it in the bowl on the table. Ribbons hung last year will be rehung this year. You may also come to the Hospitality Table or the church office for ribbons. For our All Saints Day service on November 4, all ribbons will be tied to the string and hung in the sanctuary and Chapel for worship services.

Westside Food Bank's 28th Annual 5k Hunger Walk

Join First UMC member Russ Whittenburg as he walks to help the Westside Food Bank celebrate their 28th year of walking for a hunger-free community. There's no registration fee, and anyone can walk as an individual or gather as a group to create a team. The program starts at noon and includes music and dance performances, a family fun zone, raffle prizes and award presentations. The 5k begins at 2 p.m. along the beach path. There will also be a Beach Bash After Party BBQ at 3:30 p.m. (tickets required.) Every dollar raised provides four nutritious meals for families in need! To sign up, go to: www.wsfb.org, and look for the First UMC group (First United Methodist Church). You may Contact Russ directly at russwhittenburg@gmail.com, or 320-395-7798.

Sunday, October 21: 12 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Santa Monica Ocean View Park (2701 Barnard Way, SM 90405)

Save the Date: United Methodist Women Holiday Bazaar

The UMW's Holiday Bazaar is a festive way to jump-start your holiday shopping! Don't miss handmade goods, casseroles, fudge, baked goods, attic treasures, a Silent Auction and more!

Friday, November 2: 5 - 8 p.m. \$7. 50 entrance, (includes soup, bread, coffee and cookie) in the Fireside Room.

Sundays, December 2, 9, 16 (free) from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. after worship in the UMW Workroom.



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 October we are collecting instant 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.

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.

IN THE COMMUNITY

SIGNing the Song



Let's support our choir's tenor section leader, **William Martinez**, and go see his one-man show *SIGNing The Song* in Burbank the first weekend in November!

Through ASL (American Sign Language) paired with singing, William Martinez's *SIGNing the Song* shares the true story of a boy who grew up in a deaf household with little exposure to TV, radio, or movies. Because of his incredible 8th grade music teacher and the love and support of his parents, he came out of his silent world and discovered his voice through music. ASL and song lyrics meld together into a beautiful unique art form. This family friendly, one-man show celebrates the incredible impact educators and parents have on each child's life, regardless of their

struggles. Special guest appearance by the John Burroughs High School "Advanced Vocal Ensemble." Music composed and arranged by David Bawiec.

Show dates:

Thursday, November 1, 8 p.m.

Saturday, November 3, 3 p.m., & 8 p.m. and Sunday, November 4, 3 p.m.

The November 1 performance will have an ASL interpreter for the deaf and hard of hearing audience.

Admission for all shows is \$35 and tickets may be purchased online at www.colonytheatre.org or by phone at (866) 811-4111. The Colony Theatre: 555 N. Third Street (between Cyprus and Magnolia) in Burbank, 91502. Ample free onsite parking is available.

Watch the show promo video here:

www.signingthesong.com/promo