

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
WORSHIP

All Saints Sunday • Holy Communion • November 4, 2018



"...I am the Alpha and the Omega,  
the beginning and the end."  
– Revelation 21:6a

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WE GATHER

WELCOME

Nathan Oney

PRELUDE Elegy (George Thalben-Ball)

Ty Woodward, Organ

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #711 United Methodist Hymnal – For All the Saints

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Dan Nessel, Lay Lector

For all the saints who went before us, who have spoken to our hearts and touched us with your love,

**We praise you, O God.**

For all the saints who live beside us, whose weaknesses and strengths are woven with our own,

**We praise you, O God.**

For all the saints who live beyond us, who challenge us to change the world with them,

**We praise you, O God.**

\* CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"We will praise the Lord, we will sing His glory, we will worship Him, our God and King!"

\* 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 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

Nathan Oney

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 LESSON Revelation 21:1-6a (Pew Bible page 259, N.T.)

Dan Nessel

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God!**

HOMILY "The Circle"

Rev. Patricia Farris

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## WE RESPOND

### THE COMMEMORATION

Rev. Farris

Betsy Eleanor Davis Albright, Corrinna Jackson Aragon, David Reid Boone, Robert Bruce, Carl Anthony Greenwood, Matthew Augustine Hoyne, Carl Richard Johnson, Prabha Joshi, Elizabeth Mae Kling, Barbara Ann Mulder, Donald Gerrit Mulder, Earl D (Bud) Schwab

### A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

#### CORPORATE PRAYER

**O Eternal God, creator of humankind, giver and preserver of all life, we remember these sisters and brothers of the faith, these beloved ones, with love and gratitude. They were our companions in the way. They cheered us, encouraged us, loved us. We shall miss them. For them and for all those who have gone before, who encompass us as a cloud of witnesses, and make the distant heaven a home to our hearts, we bless thee and give thee thanks. May we be followers of those who now inherit the promises. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen.**

#### SILENT 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.**

## 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](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

Like a River in My Soul (arr. Tim Osiek)

I've got peace like a river in my soul. I've got peace like a river, soothing river, calmly flow. When the world closes in, feel the stillness within. I've got peace like a river in my soul. I've got love like an ocean in my soul. I've got love like an ocean, endless ocean, deep and full. When you're lost and alone, let the waves bring you home. I've got love like an ocean in my soul. I've got joy like a fountain in my soul. When your hope nearly dies, just remember, once again you shall rise! I've got joy like a fountain, peace like a river, love like an ocean in my soul.

\* RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

\* UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Tricia Guerrero

**Loving and faithful God, we bless you for calling us to be a holy people, living for you in service to each other for the sake of your world. We pray that our congregation will experience a rich and free sharing of the gifts you have generously given us. Knowing that we are called to be saints, we humbly ask that you will work powerfully through us to accomplish your purposes in the world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*We will use the Musical Setting beginning on page 2257 in The Faith We Sing hymnal. Gluten-free 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.*

#2126 TFWS – All Who Hunger

#2261 TFWS – Life-giving Bread

#2036 TFWS – Give Thanks

#2008 TFWS – Let All Things Now Living

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Farris

**Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy church, the body of Christ, our Lord: grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, O God, now and forever. Amen.**

\* HYMN #733 UMH – Marching to Zion

\* BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Trumpet Voluntary (John Stanley)

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.

—Special thanks to Dick & Mary Crawford for ringing the handbells during the Commemoration.

—After today's service, members of the Communion Server Ministry will be taking the communion elements to those who were unable to worship with us.

—Flowers: "From Rev. Patricia Farris and David Bremer in grateful thanksgiving for all the saints!"

—Please wear your name tags to worship and also to Charge Conference on November 18. If you would like a name tag, or are missing yours, please email [info@santamonicaumc.org](mailto:info@santamonicaumc.org) to receive a new one.

—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 sea 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: Rev. Patricia Farris will preach.

MISSIONS

—We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. In November, please bring hot and cold cereals. 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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November 4, 2018

The Annual Giving Stewardship Campaign invites us each and all to prayerfully consider our financial pledge to support the mission and ministries of First UMC. Pledge cards have been mailed out, and they are also found in the pews. Fill yours in and bring it to worship on Sunday, November 25, Consecration Sunday. As the campaign begins, here are a few frequently asked questions:



### **Why is my financial support of First UMC important?**

For the support of our ministries and mission, the financial giving from the congregation of close to \$1 million annually is a key component in our planning.

### **What is a pledge?**

A pledge is a commitment by you to give a stated amount to First UMC for the following year — usually in monthly payments (or weekly or quarterly, if that works better for you).

### **Why does the church prefer that I make a pledge rather than putting money in the plate each Sunday?**

Quite simply, First UMC can rely on your pledge as predictable income — whether you are in worship that Sunday or not. This enables us to accurately budget for the coming year's expenses in all that we are called to do.

### **What is an appropriate pledge?**

The amount of your pledge is between you and God. It is a Holy Habit of generosity that you cultivate over your lifetime. As a frame of reference, it may be helpful for you to know that in 2018, the average annual pledge was just over \$3,500.

### **What options are available for fulfilling my pledge?**

We welcome cash, checks, credit cards via our secure on-line website, automatic checking drafts, and gifts of appreciated stock. The church business office is happy to assist you with any of these options.

### **When am I asked to pledge?**

This year, we will consecrate (make holy) our giving in worship on Consecration Sunday, November 25. Bring your completed pledge card to worship with you. You may also pledge at any time during the year.

### **Why is this important to me?**

We believe and we belong! Generous giving opens our hearts to live in the awareness of the abundance of God's gifts lavished upon us.

**For more information about giving, please visit our website at: [www.santamonicaumc.org/give](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/give).**

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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** - *All Saints Sunday* • Stewardship Campaign begins • Holy Communion • Daylight Saving Time ends (**clocks back 1 hour**)

### Wednesday, November 7

9 a.m. UMW Workparty/Lunch, Workroom

### Friday, November 9

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

### Saturday, November 10

10 a.m. DanceFit!, Room 300

4:30 p.m. Messy Church, Chapel/SH

### Sunday, November 11 - Veteran's Day

11 a.m. Free Blood Pressure Screenings, SH

6 p.m. simple supper & 2019 Haiti Trip

Information Potluck, Room 101 (\*note room change)

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

### Children's Ministry

November Sunday School: Different Kinds of Family

This Sunday: Naomi and Ruth - Book of Ruth

### Youth Ministry

6 p.m. UMYF Meeting tonight, Youth Lounge

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## FELLOWSHIP /COMMUNITY

### All Saints Sunday - Today

Today we honor those who have passed during the **All Saints Day 10 a.m. worship service**, and the White Ribbon Memorial. Before service today, you may write the names of loved ones on a white ribbon, say a prayer, and tie it to the string. Ribbons hung last year have been rehung this year.

### simple church All Saints Day Service

Nathan Oney will be leading a practice of holy remembering tonight during the **5 p.m. simple church service**. In the place of a message, all will be invited to share about a beloved one who has passed away, and to light a candle in remembrance of those who have left their mark on our lives.



### DanceFit!

First UMC member Whitney Hagan leads DanceFit: "DanceFit is inspired by Zumba, a high-energy interval workout set to upbeat music, featuring choreographed dance tailored for fitness." Wear comfortable clothes and shoes, and bring a towel. Water will be available. No charge but donations appreciated. Kids are welcome. Tell your friends!

**Saturday, November 10, 10 - 11 a.m. in Rm 300**

**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)

### Messy Church - November

Messy Church is a great opportunity for families to be together in worship without the worry of being too silly or “messy” because, let’s face it, life can be messy! At Messy Church, we grow in our relationship with God and with one another through crafts, activities, music, and stories of God’s love. Be ready to get messy!

*November theme: The Lord’s Prayer.*

**Saturday, November 10, 4:30 - 6 p.m. in the Chapel/ Simkins Hall**

*Save the Date - Saturday, December 8: The Filipino community of First UMC invites you to a special Messy Church. More details to come!*

### simple church Haiti Information Potluck

The 2019 Haiti Mission Trip is coming up March 2019. If you are interested in participating—whether by going or through your support—or if you’d just like to learn more, please come to the simple supper potluck on November 11 following simple church. The potluck will be a simple, casual dinner (bring a dish to share) and a time to talk and pray about this opportunity with Haiti team leaders and some past participants.

**Sunday, November 11, 5 - 6 p.m. simple church in the Chapel, followed by simple supper in Room 101**

*\*The parking structure will be busy due to other events on campus.\**



### Community Meal - A Taste of Thanksgiving

The November Family Place Community Meal date has been rescheduled one week earlier due to the holiday but our dishes for the evening will celebrate just that, Thanksgiving. Sign up online to bring a Thanksgiving-inspired dish or a Kid’s Craft/Activity: [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). Visit the website for more information: [www.santamonicaumc.org/community-meal](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/community-meal).

**Thursday, November 15, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**  
**Family Place (1020 12th St.)**

### Church Charge Conference

Join First UMC for the annual Church Charge Conference as we engage in a joyful and worshipful celebration of this year’s accomplishments. The agenda includes reports on the ministries and missions of First UMC, financial items, membership matters, and election of officers and council members for the coming year. West District Superintendent Rev. Mark M. Nakagawa will preside. Lunch will be served, and child care will be provided. No charge.

**Sunday, November 18, 11 a.m. in Simkins Hall**

### UMYF: Cakes For a Cause

While you’re attending the Church Charge Conference, be sure to support our youth as they sell Cakes for a Cause. This annual event was started by the youth seven years ago to raise money for a mission project serving the poor in different parts of the world. The youth bake and decorate delicious cakes and cupcakes available for purchase, with all of the funds raised going to support a cause. *This year’s cause will go towards relief and rebuilding efforts in Puerto Rico through UMCOR.*

**Sunday, November 18, 11 a.m. in the Alcove**

### Angel Tree Project

First UMC church member Chris Ruud is organizing her 16th year of the Angel Tree Project - a community effort to provide homeless families at Upward Bound House with much-needed household items. Stop by the Angel Tree table during Coffee Fellowship on Sunday mornings in Simkins Hall to sponsor a gift. Then return the wrapped gift back to the church office by Sunday December 16. For questions, contact Chris Ruud: [chr10is@yahoo.com](mailto:chr10is@yahoo.com).

**Beginning November 25 after worship in the Alcove**

## MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

### Habitat for Humanity Patience House Celebration & Tour

The Patience House build is looking great! Come meet the Mulvihill Family, check out the progress of the Patience House build and the entire block, and enjoy delicious refreshments. For more info, contact Ellen Evans Agee: ebea9999@gmail.com. www.habitla.org.

**Saturday, December 1, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Culver City Presbyterian Church (11269 Washington Blvd., Culver City, CA)**

### 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 November we are collecting hot and cold cereal.

## OPEN INVITATIONS

### Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study is a weekly meeting where men of all ages and generations gather to ground themselves in the Holy Scripture. 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. Come by as your schedule permits!

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

### Lectionary Scripture Discussion

A lectionary is a collection of readings or selections from the Scriptures, arranged and intended for proclamation during the worship of the people of God. The lectionary provides a guide to those who wish to read, study, and pray the Bible in tune with the church's prayer and preaching. Center your mind by joining the conversation! Come and go as you need – and prepare for worship with deeper insight and understanding.

**Sundays: 9 – 9:45 a.m., in the Fireside Room**

## SAVE THE DATE

# A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 7:30 PM**



## *An Evening of Carols, Etc.*

Featuring the Premiere Performance of

## **Magnificat**

by Michael McClish

The Chancel Choir  
Ty Woodward, organ  
The Mark Twain Ringers  
Chamber Orchestra  
Rev. Patricia Farris, *spoken words*  
James E. Smith, *conductor*

*Don't miss this yearly event which, for many, sets the mood for the coming Christmas season.*

*Suggested donation at the door: \$10.00 / Seniors and Children under 12: \$5.00*