

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WORSHIP

Charge Conference Sunday • November 18, 2018



Those who go out weeping, bearing the
seed for sowing, shall come home with
shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.
– Psalm 126:6

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Nathan Oney

PRELUDE *Andante from Sonata No. 4 (Alexandre Guilmant)*

Ty Woodward, Organ

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #102 United Methodist Hymnal – Now Thank We All Our God

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Michael Lamb, Lay Lector

Almighty God, you have raised up servants to proclaim the gift of redemption and a life of holiness.

For all our spiritual forebears, Susanna, John, and Charles Wesley and all who joined the early Methodist movement, inspired by your Spirit, we give thanks.

In their lives and their service, through their difficulties, and in spite of their weaknesses, you were their hope and their salvation.

You led them and their followers to create the heritage that is ours.

We praise you for the women and men, young and old, who followed them, who gave themselves unselfishly for the welfare of the Church, whose commitment and vision encouraged and supported the Church. Their talents, enthusiasm, idealism, and dedication infused the Church with energy.

Their outstanding gifts and witness shaped our thought and life.

Today we give you thanks for 143 years of faithful witness in and through the First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica.

With your church in every place, give us a new vision, new love, new wisdom and fresh understanding, that we may serve you faithfully with joyful hearts and limitless hope.

As a courtesy to others, please silence all cell phones/sound-making devices. *Asterisks indicate standing if you are able.

* CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

“Come, ye thankful people come, raise the song of harvest home! Amen!”

* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Please greet those worshipping near you.

Tricia Guerrero

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Ann Wilson

#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 Children's Church in the Chapel.

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Nathan Oney

Stewardship Moment

Melissa & Doug Hovey

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

Thanks be to God!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE PSALM Psalm 126 (Pew Bible pages 572-573, O.T.)

Michael Lamb

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

SERMON "GRATEFUL: Reimagining our Thanks-giving Table"

Rev. Patricia Farris

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #2036 TFWS – Give Thanks

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Tricia Guerrero

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. 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

To God Be Joyful (W.A. Mozart, arr. Hal Hopson)

To God be joyful, all hearts now be joyful! Alleluia. Know the Lord, know that he is God. The Lord is God; he hath made us, and we are his. We are his flock, he the shepherd. O enter forth with thanksgiving; come with singing. To God be joyful; all hearts now be joyful! Alleluia. Indeed, how good is the Lord; Alleluia.

* RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

* UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Nathan Oney

O God of constancy, you are our home and dwelling place forever. For all that you are and all that you do, we give you thanks, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. We offer our gifts in gratitude to further your kingdom on earth. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* HYMN A Place at the Table (see insert)

* BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Now Thank We All Our God (J. S. Bach/arr. Virgil Fox)

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 at the Reredos: “In memory of my dear husband Wendell Furnas.” From Karen Furnas.

—Flowers in the Narthex: “Happy Birthday to our wonderful mother, grandmother and friend.” From Jill Streling.

—If you would like an electronic copy of the Charge Conference reports, please email: info@santamonicaumc.org and we will email you a copy.

—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: Thanksgiving/Consecration 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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“I am so thankful to be a part of such a supportive and caring youth group which sustains me through faith, fellowship and friendships.”

-John Buxton

“I am thankful for my friends I get to see and meet at youth and I am also thankful for spending time with those friends.”

- Amelie Hughes



“Thankful for the thoughtful and loving efforts of the pastoral care team throughout the years.”

-Bernice and Leonard de Leon

“Sunday School and Jamie Jones (and I miss the preschool).”

-June Carducci

“Thankful for the opportunity to meet and connect with so many types of people who enrich my life, challenge me, and provide never-ending support.”

- Whitney Hagan

“I look forward to going to church every Sunday and feel very thankful for the warm, welcoming community here as well as the beautiful music.”

- Berneice Southcott

WORSHIP & PRAYER

Sunday 10 a.m. **Sanctuary Worship**
 Sunday 5 p.m. **simple church**
simple church speaker: Kristia Oney

MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today - CHARGE CONFERENCE SUNDAY

9 a.m. Staff-Parish Relations Committee Meeting, CR-A
 11 a.m. Church Charge Conference, Simkins Hall
 11 a.m. Cakes for a Cause Fundraiser, Alcove

Wednesday, November 21

12:30 p.m. Preschool early dismissal, Preschool
 1 p.m. Church office closed early

Thursday, November 22 - *Thanksgiving holiday - Church Campus closed*

Friday, November 23 thru Saturday, November 24

Church campus closed for Thanksgiving holiday

Sunday, November 25 - *Thanksgiving/ Consecration Sunday • Faith in Action Sunday*

11 a.m. Angel Tree Project begins, SH

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Children's Ministry

November Sunday School: Different Kinds of Family
 This Sunday: The Widow and Her Sons

Youth Ministry

Cakes for a Cause after worship today!
 No UMYF Meeting tonight

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FELLOWSHIP /COMMUNITY

Church Charge Conference - Today

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 in Room 203. No charge.
Today after worship, 11 a.m. in Simkins Hall

UMYF: Cakes For a Cause - Today

While you're attending the Church Charge Conference today, 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.*

Today after worship, 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.

Beginning next Sunday, November 25, after worship

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)

UMC Giving Tuesday

On **November 27**, United Methodists will once again come together to support the work of Advance missionaries and projects on UMC #GivingTuesday. Consider supporting a project in an area you care about, such as food and agriculture, church development, disaster response and relief, education, health, economic empowerment, social justice, WASH/Water and Sanitation, women and children, and mission personnel.

For a complete list of projects, visit:
www.umcmision.org/Give-to-Mission

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.habitatla.org.

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



The First UMC team at the November 3 build, with Habitat sponsor Sugar Ray Leonard (center)

Alternative Christmas

Missions Council has the antidote for “Black Friday” – the Alternative Christmas Fair. Each year, Missions Council prayerfully selects local and global mission projects. You may make a donation to any of the projects as a gift to a friend or loved one, and send a card announcing your gift. The dates for Alternative Christmas are:

Sundays, December 2, 9 & 16 after worship in Simkins Hall.

First UMC Christmas Concert

First UMC’s Music Ministry Director Dr. James E. Smith conducts *A Christmas Celebration*, featuring Michael McClish’s *Magnificat*, for Choir and Chamber Orchestra, and the annual *An Evening of Carols, Etc.* with audience participation. Ty Woodward, organist, will be joined by the Mark Twain Ringers directed by Ron Theile, and spoken words will be read by Rev. Patricia Farris. Suggested donation at the door is \$10, seniors and children under 12, \$5. Don’t miss this yearly event which, for many, sets the mood for the coming Christmas season.

**For those who can’t attend Sunday night, you may observe the Concert rehearsal Saturday morning (December 1) at 9 a.m. at no charge. Carols and readings rehearsal begins at 11 a.m. Out of courtesy to the musicians please no cell phones; families with babies/small children may listen from the Narthex.*

Sunday, December 2, 7:30 p.m., in the Sanctuary Reception to follow in Simkins Hall.



2019 Stewardship Campaign – Grateful

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 are found in the pews, and will be consecrated next Sunday, November 25, during worship. For more information about the ways to give, visit:
www.santamonicaumc.org/give.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

First UMC Preschool Collecting for Fire Victims

The Preschool's Action of the Heart Committee is collecting much-needed items and Amazon gift card donations for victims of the Woosley fires. Look for the donation box in the the narthex today or the preschool this week. The Committee will bring items to those who are working directly with the victims next week. Items include: new or gently used adult and children/baby clothes; new or gently used blankets; new toiletries.

UMCOR Wildfire Response

UMCOR is already actively engaged in California in response to previous wildfires and we anticipate supporting both conferences as they identify and respond to the needs of the populations affected by the current wildfires. UMCOR stands ready to support the response of the conferences with relief kits, Early Response Teams, and funding. For more info, go to:

<https://www.umcor.org/umcor/resources/news-stories/2018/august/umcor-responds-to-current-disasters-around-the-world>

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



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

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*

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