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Epiphany Sunday • Holy Communion • January 6, 2019

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#2233 The Faith We Sing — Where Children Belong

This is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.

*Children’s Message* by Whitney Hagan

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

**THE GOSPEL**

Matthew 2:1-12 (Pew Bible page 2, N.T.)

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

**HOMILY**

"Shine Light! Making This Year Different”

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**THE OFFERTORY**

*Those Who Wait on the Lord* (Craig Courtney)

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord, the everlasting God, creator of the ends of the earth tires not nor grows faint. He gives power and strength to the weak. And His understanding is unsearchable. Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. They will mount up with wings as eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not faint, those who wait on the Lord. Though the young shall grow weary and tired, though the youth may stumble and fall, you will mount up with wings as eagles; you will run and not grow weary; you will walk and not faint when you wait on the Lord. Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength.

**RESPONSE**

*Response #94 UMH — The Doxology*

**UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

All we have is from you, O God. All that we enjoy is the rich bounty of your love poured out on us. In Christ we have witnessed your care; in Christ we have learned to share. In gratitude we worship you with our gifts and present ourselves in your service. Amen.

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

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*192 UMH — There’s a Spirit in the Air*

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**WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**HYMN**

*Response #2172 TFWS — We Are Called*

**BENEDICTION**

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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.
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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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—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.

—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.

—Rev. Patricia Farris is on vacation today, and Tricia Guerrero is with the Youth on their retreat.

—Please see an usher if you need information or assistance.


—Flowers in the Narthex: “In loving memory of Dennis Marquand.” From his 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.

—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.

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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.

Returns Tuesday, January 8: 7 a.m., Fireside Room

For more information on these events, or to learn about our ministries and missions, go to www.santamonicaumc.org.

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Focus on

Annual FREE Concert Series
Wednesdays
12:10 - 12:40 p.m.
followed by a reception with the artists

2019 Mid-Week Recital Season
The first of the 2019 Mid-Week Recitals begins in January with Mark Robson, piano. Mark Robson has been hailed by the Los Angeles Times as a pianist with “one of the great techniques,” “an inquiring mind” and a performer capable of evoking an “exquisite engulfing pastel haze,” and he continues to impress with his multi-faceted career as a soloist, chamber musician, and teacher. As a collaborative artist with singers and instrumentalists, he commands the respect of his peers in both the recital and chamber settings.

Wednesday, January 9, 12:10 p.m.
in the Sanctuary.
Reception to follow in the Fireside Room.
Free admission.

For more information about the 2019 Recitals, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/mid-week-recital-series

GOING FORWARD

2019 Home Run for Kids
Registration is now open for the 7th Annual Home Run for Kids Walk/Run in the Brentwood community of West Los Angeles. This year’s event— including a 5k/10k chip-timed course, and a stroller & pet friendly Kids K— expects to draw over 1,200 participants with all proceeds benefiting Upward Bound House. This is a great opportunity for kids and parents alike to work together to solve family homelessness, a growing crisis across Los Angeles.

Join the First UMC Team! Register on the website under “First United Methodist Church.” Before the race, First UMC will hold a brief on-site worship service complete with Communion at 8 a.m. Look for the white First UMC tent. Find out what it means to pray on your feet! Register: www.HomeRunForKids.com

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**MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK**

- **Today**
  - Episcopal Synod • Holy Communion
  - **January 8**
    - 10 a.m. simple supper, FR
    - 11:15 a.m. Confirmation Class, Installation of 2019 Lay Leadership

**CHILDREN & YOUTH**

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  - 10 a.m. DanceFit Room 300
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**FELLOWSHIP / COMMUNITY**

- **January 12**
  - 7 p.m. Shareringers Monthly Dinner, FR
  - 4 p.m. Trustees Meeting, CR-A

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 13**

- **Sanctuary Worship**
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  - Dance your way to fitness with First UMC member Whitney Hagan, licensed Zumba instructor. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes, and bring a towel. Sponsored by the Health Ministry Council, the class is a great way to start your weekend. No charge.

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**FELLOWSHIP / COMMUNITY (CONTINUED)**

- **Sunday, January 20**
  - 3 - 5 p.m. in Simkins Hall

**WALK THE LABYRINTH**

- **The Labyrinth**
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**LOVING GOD WITH OUR MINDS BOOK STUDY/POTLUCK**

- **Come one, come all to our January Book Study on January 27 after worship in the Fireside Room.**

**WALK THE LABYRINTH**

- **Friday, January 25, 5 - 7 p.m. in Simkins Hall**

**WALK THE LABYRINTH**

- **Saturday, January 26, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.**

**FELLOWSHIP / COMMUNITY**

- **United Methodist Youth Fellowship**
  - The Youth are on their retreat, no UMYF tonight

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**January 17, 6 p.m. in the Fireside Room**

**Family Place Community Meal**
Growing on its third year, simple church hosts the monthly potluck Community Meal with 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. For more information, contact the Community Meal Volunteers by emailing: meal@santamicoumc.org or call the church office (310) 393-8258.

**January 24, 5:30 p.m. Family Place (1020 12th St. Santa Monica)**

**Youth/Scout Sunday**
Come enjoy the annual Youth/Scout Sunday service. The youth of First UMC have the opportunity to lead the Sunday service, from reading scripture to preaching the sermons they have written. This day also celebrates the Scouting Ministries (Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts) and their long-standing traditions of service to the community while transforming the lives of the youths.

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Come for what promises to be a lively discussion! Carter’s book is an accessible introduction to the theology and polity of the UMC. Books are available for sale in the church office and at the Sunday Hospitality Table.

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**Sunday, February 2, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Holman United Methodist Church, (3320 West Adams Blvd., LA)**

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APRIL 10
The Wilder Trio clarinet, bassoon and piano
The Wilder Trio was formed in 2008 by three seasoned freelance musicians who have worked as colleagues in a variety of music ensembles for the past 20 years.

MAY 8
David York organ
David is organist at Temple Israel in Long Beach and a Lecturer in Music on the faculty of the Bob Cole School of Music, California State University Long Beach.

2019 Home Run for Kids
Registration is now open for the 7th Annual Home Run for Kids Walk/Run in the Brentwood community of West Los Angeles. This year’s event—including a 5k/10k chip-timed course, and a stroller & pet friendly Kiddie K—expects to draw over 1,200 participants with all proceeds benefiting Upward Bound House. This is a great opportunity for kids and parents alike to work together to solve family homelessness, a growing crisis across Los Angeles.

Join the First UMC Team! Register on the website under “First United Methodist Church.” Before the race, First UMC will hold a brief on-site worship service complete with Communion at 8 a.m. Look for the white First UMC tent. Find out what it means to pray on your feet! Register: www.HomeRunForKids.com

Sunday, February 10, 9 a.m. Darlington Ave., 11645 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA

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