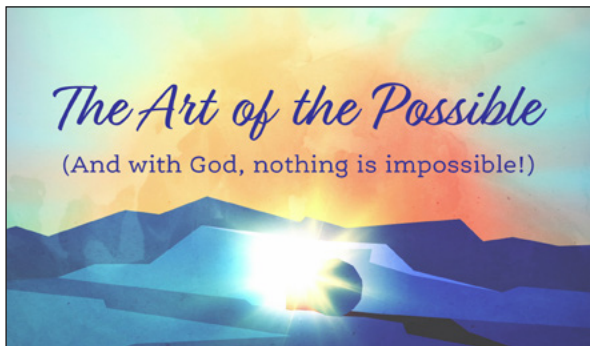


FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

W O R S H I P

Palm Sunday • April 14, 2019



Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them and  
give thanks to the Lord.

—Psalm 118:19

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WE GATHER

WELCOME

Nathan Oney

PRELUDE Prelude in C Minor (J. S. Bach)

Ty Woodward, Organ

\*THE GOSPEL PROCLAMATION Luke 19:28-40

Michael Olsson, Lay Lector

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #280 United Methodist Hymnal – All Glory, Laud, and Honor

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Michael Olsson

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

**Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven.**

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!

**Let those who trust the Lord say, "God's steadfast love endures forever."**

\*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. He is the King of glory."

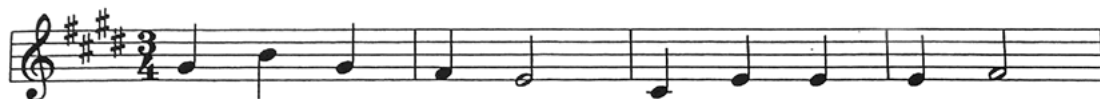
\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Tricia Guerrero

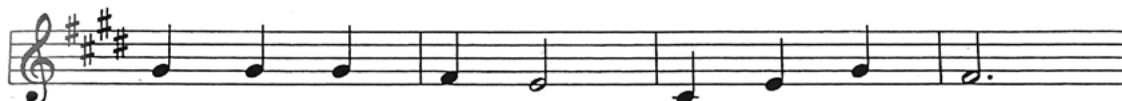
*Please greet those worshipping near you.*

# Peace of Our Praying

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1. Peace of our pray - ing,      Song of our sing - ing,  
2. Peace of our pray - ing,      Christ of our cry - ing,  
3. Peace of our pray - ing,      Faith of for - giv - ing,



Truth of our tell - ing,      Love of all loves,  
Strength of our striv - ing,      Heart of our heart,  
Way of our walk - ing,      King of all kings,



Health of our heal - ing,      Gift of our giv - ing,  
Bread of our break - ing,      Wine of our wait - ing,  
Breath of our breath - ing,      Cour - age of car - ing,



Life of our liv - ing,      Light of all lights.  
Blood of our boast - ing,      Death of all death.  
Hope of our hop - ing,      Life of all life.

WORDS: Terry W. York  
MUSIC: C. David Bolin

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## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Tricia Guerrero

#191 UMH - Jesus Loves Me

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

*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 and youth may go to a special Palm Sunday in Sunday School in Room 300.*

## 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 PSALM Psalm 118:1, 19-29 (Pew Bible pages 565-566, O.T.)

Michael Olsson

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

THE GOSPEL Mark 11:1-11 (Pew Bible page 47, N.T.)

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

SERMON "The Open Gates Invite the Impossible"

Rev. Patricia Farris

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## WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER — Peace of Our Praying (*see insert*)

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](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

All Glory, Laud and Honor (arr. Caleb French)

All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring! Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son. Who in the Lord's name cometh, the Bless'd Anointed One. Lift up your heads, O gates! Swing ye wide, eternal doors! Who is the King of Glory? The strong and mighty Lord! O daughters of Jerusalem, rejoice and joyful be; upon a donkey rides your King in great humility. The people of the city with palms before Thee went; our praise and prayers and anthems before Thee we present. To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. Their praises Thou accepted; accept the praise we bring, delight in what we offer, our good and gracious King! The company of angels is praising Thee on high, and we with all creation sing out the glad reply: "All glory, laud and honor!"

\* RESPONSE #95 UMH – The Doxology

\* UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Nathan Oney

**All glory to you, giver of life, sufficient and full for all creation. Earth and sea and sky and all that lives declare your presence and love. Accept our praises. Renew your creation. Reveal your glory in and through all that lives, that we may walk humbly and joyfully with you, now and always. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

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## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\* HYMN #278 UMH – Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

\* BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Fugue in C Minor (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.

—Flowers at the Reredos: Dried floral arrangements at the reredos help to remind us of our Lenten Discipline during the season of Lent.

—Art in the Fireside Room: First UMC is pleased to present a selection of paintings by Carl Greenwood. Exhibit will run through the Lenten Season.

—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.

—Next Sunday is Easter: Sunrise Service begins at 6:30 a.m. in Palisades Park (Santa Monica Blvd. & Ocean Ave.) Dress warmly, bring blankets or chairs, and bring live flowers for the cross. Communion will be served and fresh coffee and cocoa will be provided. The Easter Celebration Worship service begins at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary with music of choir, brass and organ, beautiful flowers, and loud Alleluias! Rev. Patricia Farris is preaching.

MISSIONS

—We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. In April, please bring canned pork and beans. 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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April 14, 2019

## Today - PALM SUNDAY

### • Sunday Morning Worship

10 a.m., Sanctuary

Waving of Palms and Loud Hosannas!

Worship is followed by Easter Egg Hunt and Family Brunch

### • Family Brunch & Easter Egg Hunt

11 a.m. Family Brunch (*Donations appreciated*)

11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m. Photos with the Easter Bunny

11:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

(See signs for age group locations.)

## APRIL 18: MAUNDY THURSDAY

### • Evening Worship Service

7:30 p.m. Sanctuary

Communion, Prayer, and Darkness

## APRIL 19: GOOD FRIDAY

### • Prayer Vigil 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., First UMC Chapel

Open all day to pray and "watch with Jesus."

### • Community Mid-Day Service

12 p.m., St. Paul's Lutheran (958 Lincoln Blvd)

Service based on the Stations of the Cross.

### • Good Friday Labyrinth Walk

1-9 p.m., Simkins Hall.

The Labyrinth will be open for walking, every step a prayer.

### • Community Evening Service

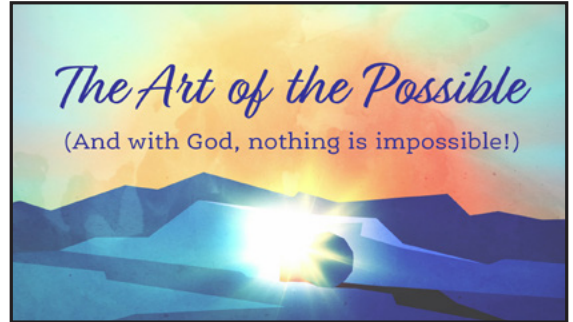
7:30 p.m., St. Paul's Lutheran (958 Lincoln Blvd)

Service based on the Passion of St. John.

## APRIL 20: simple church EASTER VIGIL

### • 7:30 p.m. Courtyard/Chapel

An ancient liturgy of Light, Word, and Communion



## Holy Week 2019

## APRIL 21: EASTER SUNDAY

### • 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service

Palisades Park (Santa Monica Blvd. & Ocean Ave.)

Beautiful scenery, worship and Holy Communion.

Bring fresh flowers for the cross, and a lawn chair or blankets. Hot coffee and cocoa served.

### • 10 a.m. Easter Celebration Worship

First UMC Sanctuary

Family Service, Choir, Brass, Organ, Flowers, and Alleluias!  
(nursery care provided)

Children remain in church; activity bags are provided.

Each child will receive a small gift of a flower after service.



**WORSHIP & PRAYER**

Sunday 10 a.m. **Sanctuary Worship**  
 Sunday 5 p.m. **simple church**  
*simple church tonight - reflections by Michael Olsson*

**MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK****Today - Palm Sunday**

11 a.m. YSP See's Candy Sales, SH  
 11 a.m. Red Cross Blood Drive Signups, Alcove  
 11 a.m. Palm Sunday Family Brunch & Easter Egg Hunt, Courtyard/Simkins Hall

**Thursday, April 18 - Maundy Thursday**

7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service, S

**Friday, April 19 - Good Friday**

9 a.m. - 9 p.m., Good Friday Prayer Vigil, Chapel  
 12 p.m. Good Friday Community Mid-Day Service, OS  
 1 - 9 p.m. Good Friday Labyrinth Walk, SH  
 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Community Evening Service, OS

**Saturday, April 20**

7:30 p.m. simple church Easter Vigil, CY/Chapel

**Sunday, April 21 - Easter Sunday • Family Service**

6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service, OS  
 10 a.m. Easter Celebration Worship, S

**CHILDREN & YOUTH****Children's Ministry**

April Theme: Observing Lent with Your Family  
 Sunday School today: Peter Pretends

**United Methodist Youth Fellowship**

6 - 8:30 p.m. UMYF Prayer Stations, S/CH

*The youth ministry at First UMC is a safe, Christ centered environment where youth explore and grow in their faith. Activities are designed to nurture relationships and build a strong, loving community. This is a place of acceptance, outreach and spirituality.*

**FELLOWSHIP /COMMUNITY****Palm Sunday Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt - Today**

Today after worship, First UMC and Fellowship & Events welcomes you and your family to the Annual Palm Sunday Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt. Following the children's message in worship, the children are invited to a special Sunday School that includes arts and crafts and tasty snacks.

• **Family Brunch at 11 a.m. in Simkins Hall** (*The Brunch is free, although donations are appreciated.*)

• **Easter Egg Hunt at 11:30 a.m. in the Courtyard** (*See signs for age group locations.*)

• **Pictures with the Easter Bunny from 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m. in Simkins Hall**

There will also be Easter eggs to decorate and a craft table! Don't miss the fun!

**Youth Service Project See's Candy Sales - Today**

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 U.S. This year the team will work with the Sierra Service Project in Smith River, CA, from June 22-30. As part of their fundraising efforts, they will be selling See's Easter Candy in the Alcove after worship. Stop by our table to pick up your favorite chocolate egg or box of chocolates for yourself, or to give to your family and friends this spring!

**Today, 11 a.m., in the Alcove**

**Maundy Thursday Service**

First UMC offers a traditional Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion and Tenebrae on April 18 in the Sanctuary. Tenebrae is Latin for "shadows" and is characterized by the gradual extinguishing of candles as the Passion narrative is read. This meaningful service is open to all.

**Thursday, April 18, 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

**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)

### Good Friday Services

- **Prayer Vigil:** 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., First UMC Chapel  
Open all day to pray and "watch with Jesus."
  - **Community Mid-Day Service:** 12 p.m.,  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church (958 Lincoln Blvd)  
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  - **Community Evening Service:** 7:30 p.m., St. Paul's Lutheran (958 Lincoln Blvd)  
Service based on the Passion of St. John.
- Good Friday, April 19**

### simple church: Easter Vigil

Join us on April 20 for a simple church Easter Vigil. This ancient liturgy (worship) is a service of light, word and table (communion) where we remember God's life-giving acts from the passage from slavery to freedom, from sin to salvation, from death into new life. The service will begin in the courtyard with a procession of light moving into our chapel.

**Saturday, April 20, 7:30 p.m. Courtyard/Chapel**

### Easter Sunday Services

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Bring fresh flowers for the cross, and a lawn chair or blankets. Hot coffee and cocoa served.
  - **10 a.m. Easter Celebration Worship**  
First UMC Sanctuary. Family Service, Choir, Brass, Organ, Flowers, and Alleluias!  
(nursery care provided)
- Easter Sunday, April 21**

### First UMC Membership

Membership to First UMC is a celebration of the fact that someone belongs to our faith in community, connection, and commitment. Our belonging promotes service to and with each other, values mutual care, and develops meaningful and supportive relationships. The church offers thanks and welcomes in the spirit of belonging to one another. If you have questions on becoming a member of First UMC, please contact one of our Pastors.

### Red Cross Community Blood Drive

The First UMC Health Ministry Council's Red Cross Community Blood Drive is coming soon! For more information, questions, or to volunteer, contact Debi Jenkinson ([debijwong@yahoo.com](mailto:debijwong@yahoo.com)). Schedule your appointment now on the website: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), and enter sponsor code FirstUMCSM. You may also sign up at the Red Cross table in the Alcove.

**Sunday, April 28, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in Simkins Hall**

### Relay for Life

The Health Ministry Council is excited to announce that this year First UMC will be supporting the American Cancer Society's annual **Relay for Life** at Drake Stadium at UCLA. For more information visit: [www.relayforlifeucla.org](http://www.relayforlifeucla.org) and search for our team *Wesley Walkers* to find First UMC's page, or contact Debi Jenkinson at 310-337-7626 or [debijwong@yahoo.com](mailto:debijwong@yahoo.com) for more information.

**Saturday, May 4, 12 p.m. - Sunday May 5, 12 p.m.**  
**UCLA Drake Stadium**

### Vacation Bible School - Sign Up Now!

First UMC Santa Monica invites children of all ages on a space travel adventure to explore where God's power can take them! This adventure includes exciting music, amazing science, creative crafts, fun recreation, a mission project and memorable Bible stories to help children know God is with them to Mars and beyond!

What: VBS to Mars and Beyond!

Who: Ages 5/TK to 5th Grade

When: Monday - Friday, August 5 - 9

VBS: 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Child Care: 12:30 - 4:40 p.m. for an additional cost

VBS Cost: \$30/child (\$80 max. per family)

**To register, go to: [www.santamonicaumc.org/vbs](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/vbs)**

### Stay Informed

Keep up-to-date with General Conference news and church events by email. If you don't already receive the church Friday email or monthly Sentinel email, leave your email address on the attendance pad in the pew or go to the Sunday Hospitality table during Coffee Hour. All information is strictly confidential and is for First UMC communication purposes only.



## 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 April we are collecting canned pork and beans.

### UMCOR - New Response: UMCOR grants aid initial cyclone response

United Methodists are starting to respond to those affected by Cyclone Idai, which left devastation in parts of Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi. The United Methodist Committee on Relief has allocated three \$10,000 grants to meet immediate basic human needs. To read more and to donate, go to: [www.umnews.org](http://www.umnews.org).

*For more information on these events, or to learn about our ministries and missions, go to [www.santamonicaumc.org](http://www.santamonicaumc.org).*

## OPEN INVITATIONS

### 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! The coffee is hot and the discussion is engaging. 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**

### 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. It 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**

## LOOKING FORWARD

Dr. James Smith &  
First UMC Music Dept.  
present:

### SPRING CONCERT

**Sunday, May 19**  
**7:30 p.m.**

in the First UMC Sanctuary



First UMC is pleased to present **Misa Tango** by Luis Bacalov featuring Mariano Dugatkin, *Bandoneon*, and **Requiem** by John Rutter. Featuring a 60 voice choir, with Barbara Smith, Vera Lugo, William Martinez, Ryan Brown, soloists, and the Los Angeles Concert Orchestra. Dr. James E. Smith will conduct. Suggested Donation at the door: \$20; seniors and children under 12, \$10. For information call 310-393-8258.

[www.santamonicaumc.org/music-events](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/music-events)