

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WORSHIP

2nd Sunday of Easter • Faith in Action • April 28, 2019



Jesus said to them again,
“Peace be with you.”
– John 20:21a

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Nathan Oney

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in C (J. S. Bach)

Ty Woodward, Organ

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #318 United Methodist Hymnal – Christ Is Alive

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ruth Peeples, Lay Lector

Reveal yourself to us, O God, in places we would least expect to find you.

Let us discover your bold and living presence among us.

Captivate us with the Good News of your sure salvation

That we may declare with assurance and live in confidence that all is well, and all shall be well.

Meet us today, Living God, as we worship you in spirit and in truth.

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

“Share the Good News Celebration! Sing His praises joyfully. Share with ev’ry tribe and nation, Christ has come and sets us free. Alleluia, O sing and praise Him! Alleluia, O praise the Lord! Alleluia! Sing and praise Him joyfully!”

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Patricia Farris

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

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 Faith in Action in Room 206.

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Michael Lamb

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

Thanks be to God!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE GOSPEL John 20:19-29 (Pew Bible page 115, N.T.)

Ruth Peebles

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

SERMON "Our Starting Place: Peace"

Rev. Farris

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #164 UMH – Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Nathan Oney

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

The Old Rugged Cross (arr. Vicki Wright)

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suff'ring and shame: and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain. (Refrain) So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown. In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, such a wonderful beauty I see; for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died, to pardon and sanctify me. (Refrain) I'll cherish the cross, the old rugged cross.

*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Nathan Oney

Eternal God, we praise you for your Son, Christ Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life for all creation. Grant us grace to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life. May we live as those whose very lives show forth this hope and joy. In Christ's name, Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN #2115 TFWS – Christ Has Risen

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE God of Grace and God of Glory (arr. Paul Manz)

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.

—Tricia Guerrero is with the Confirmation class today.

—Flowers: “In loving memory of Florence Workman (Happy Birthday Mother), and Beverly Reel.” From Caprice and Allan Walker.

—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.

—Confirmation Prayer Squares: Please tie a knot and say a prayer for each of the youth that are preparing to be confirmed Sunday May 5.

—Art in the Fireside Room: First UMC has been pleased to present a selection of paintings by Carl Greenwood. Today is the last day to view the exhibit.

—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: Holy Communion; Confirmation Sunday; Tricia Guerrero will preach.

MISSIONS

—We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. In May, please bring canned stews and other meats. You may leave items in the bin located outside the Sanctuary.

—Today is the Health Ministry Council’s Red Cross Blood Drive, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in Simkins Hall.

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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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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. Relay for Life strives to bring communities together to remember loved ones lost, honor survivors of all cancers, and raise money to help the American Cancer Society make a global impact on cancer. The Health Ministry Council supports this cause for all these important reasons. A special event on Saturday night is the Luminaria walk - to remember those we've lost, celebrate cancer survivors, and show everyone affected by cancer that we are the light in the darkness. You may walk at any time for any length during the 24-hour event.

Early online registration fee of \$20 ends tonight (Sunday) \$25 on Monday, and onsite.

Saturday May 4:	12 p.m.	Survivor Reception in Survivorship Tent
	1 p.m.	Opening Ceremony
	9 - 10 p.m.	Luminaria Ceremony

Sunday May 5:	11 a.m.	Closing Ceremony
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Parking information sent upon registration, parking free for registered survivor participants

For more information visit: www.santamonicaumc.org/health-ministry, click on the Relay for Life link, and search for our team Wesley Walkers to find First UMC's page. Contact Debi Jenkinson at 310-337-7626, or debijwong@yahoo.com for more information, or stop by the Relay table at Coffee Hour after worship.

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

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WORSHIP & PRAYER

Sunday 10 a.m. **Sanctuary Worship**
 Sunday 5 p.m. **simple church**
simple church tonight: reflections by Nathan Oney

MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today - Faith in Action
 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive, SH
 11:30 a.m. Book Study/Potluck, FR
Tuesday, April 30
 7 p.m. Lay Leadership Team Meeting, FR
Wednesday, May 1
 9 a.m. UMW Workparty/Lunch, Workroom
Saturday, May 4
 10 a.m. DanceFit, Room 300
 10 a.m. Open Space Leadership Training, 2nd Fl. Edu. Bld.
 12 p.m. Relay for Life begins, OS
Sunday, May 5 - Holy Communion • Confirmation
Sunday
 11 a.m. Preschool Spring Fair, Courtyard/SH
 12 p.m. Relay for Life ends, OS

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Children's Ministry

Faith in Action: Today the children will be making surprise Thank You gifts.

United Methodist Youth Fellowship

6 - 9 p.m. UMYF Mayhem, Courtyard/Youth Lounge

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

Red Cross Community Blood Drive - Today

The First UMC Health Ministry Council's Red Cross Community Blood Drive is today. Walk-ins are welcome!

Today, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in Simkins Hall

Loving God with Our Minds Book Study/Potluck Today

The April book is *Saved By Faith and Hospitality*, Joshua W. Jipp (*Rescheduled from March.)

Salvation through hospitality? Maybe you will be surprised by the approach of this professor of New Testament who comes out of the context of conservative evangelical theology. This is a thought-provoking resource for our time and the predominance of discussion of borders, strangers, immigrants, and "others." Professor Jipp blends a reading of themes in Scripture with reflections on contemporary issues and proposals for the church and faithful living. There's enough here for most everyone to be inspired or put off! Come for a lively and stimulating discussion, even if you haven't read the book.

Today, 11:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room

DanceFit!

Join us twice a month for DanceFit, a class inspired by... you guessed it - fitness focused dance! At DanceFit you can dance, sweat, and meet new people; smile, get fit, and let the week's stresses slip away. DanceFit is a follow-along fitness class set to upbeat, contemporary pop music, led by First UMC member Whitney Hagan. It's designed for all levels, with variations to modify based on your fitness/comfort level. Water will be available. No charge but donations appreciated. Kids are welcome. Tell your friends!

Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m. in Room 300

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)

Confirmation Sunday

Since February 10, the Confirmation Class has been preparing in an 8-week class with Tricia Guerrero, Director of Children and Youth Ministry. Confirmation class provides the opportunity for youth to explore Christianity and their faith. They are invited to ask, "Where do I belong?" and "What do I believe?" Confirmation class concludes next Sunday, where the youth confirm their faith and become members of the church.

Next Sunday, May 5, during Worship

Preschool Spring Fair

Come to the First UMC Preschool Spring Fair for great fun for the whole family! Featuring moon bounces, arts & crafts, pony rides, petting zoo, and taco stand. Bake your best pie to compete in the annual Pie Contest! *Email Dane Rold (d.rolld@santamonicaumc.org) with your pie submission.* Proceeds from the Fair go to funding Preschool programs, scholarships and school improvements.

Sunday, May 5, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Courtyard

May Mid-Week Recital

The 2019 Recital series ends with May's Mid-Week Recital, featuring David York, organ. A native of the Pacific Northwest, David has served as Minister of Music at Lutheran Church of the Master in Los Angeles since September 2009. 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. This is the last concert of the 2019 season. For the full list of 2019 Recitals and to view past recital videos, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/mid-week-recital-series. *Free admission.*

Wednesday, May 8, 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
Reception to follow in the Fireside Room.

Methodist Foundation Scholarships

Attention students! Applications for the annual Methodist Foundation Scholarships are available online now. Go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/methodistfoundation.

Deadline for applications: Sunday, May 12

May Messy Church - Mothers & Others

At Messy Church, we grow in our relationship with God and with one another through crafts, activities, music, and stories of God's love. Then, together we enjoy a shared meal. Be ready to get messy! The theme for May is "Mothers and Others." We'll celebrate those who love and care for us and learn how Jesus taught us to look after one another. As we explore the theme of caring, we'll discover that kindness and patience help us to follow Jesus and his way of love. Dinner will include a birthday cake as we celebrate Messy Church's 3-year anniversary! Sign up to receive monthly Messy Church reminder emails and news: www.santamonicaumc.org/messychurch.

Saturday, May 11, 4:30 - 6 p.m. Chapel/Simkins Hall

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

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 May we are collecting canned stews and other meats.

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.

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

OPEN INVITATIONS

Prayer Quilt Ministry

The Prayer Quilt Ministry is an outreach ministry that combines the gift of prayer with the gift of a hand-tied quilt. There are a number of ways to be involved: When a prayer quilt is hanging in the Sanctuary come tie a knot and say a prayer. Remember the recipients in your prayers in the following days. And join the ministry for work and fellowship on the third Saturday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to noon. You don't have to know how to sew to help.

Next meeting: Saturday, May 16, 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., Room 300

Health Ministry Council

Through God's love, the Health Ministry Council works to promote wellness in individuals, the church, and the community. The council supports the mission of First UMC, plans and implements programs and activities that promote physical, mental and spiritual well-being and healing, and serves as an advocate for health and safety concerns. For more information about the Council, or to volunteer, call the church office (310) 393-8258.

LOOKING FORWARD

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

SPRING CONCERT

Sunday, May 19

7:30 p.m.

in the First UMC Sanctuary



Luis Bacalov

Misa Tango



John Rutter

Requiem

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.

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