

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WORSHIP

Confirmation • Holy Communion • May 5, 2019



And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.”
Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.”

— John 21:17

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Nathan Oney

PRELUDE Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring (J. S. Bach)

Ty Woodward, Organ

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #139 United Methodist Hymnal — Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Whitney Hagan, Lay Lector

We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

That we may share God's love and life, may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.

The living Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

*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

Rev. Patricia Farris

Please greet those worshipping near you.

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!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE GOSPEL John 21:1-19 (Pew Bible pages 115-116, N.T.)

Whitney Hagan

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

HOMILY "Feed My Sheep"

Tricia Guerrero

WE RESPOND

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION *(insert)*

Confirmands: Megan Crawford, Amelie Hughes, Lincoln Hughes, Dara l'Anson

HYMN #593 UMH – Here I Am, Lord

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

Sanctus *from* Requiem (John Rutter)

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna, hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini: Hosanna, hosanna in excelsis, hosanna.

(Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.)

*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Nathan Oney

Holy One, bless our offerings and transform them into healing for the wounded, hope for the disheartened, courage for the frightened, and faith for the embittered. In the name of Jesus Christ, your faithful witness, Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

#620 UMH – One Bread, One Body

#162 UMH – Alleluia, Alleluia

#2036 TFWS – Give Thanks

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Farris

Praise to God who has given us life. Blessed be God for the gift of love. Praise to God who kindles our faith. Blessed be God, our strength, our hope. Amen.

*HYMN #2153 TFWS – I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

*BENEDICTION

Tricia Guerrero

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Chaconne (François Couperin)

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.



SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION



May 5, 2019

Confirmands respond with words in ***bold italics***. Congregation responds with words in **bold type**.

INTRODUCTION

Tricia Guerrero

Friends in Christ, we are all received into the church of Jesus Christ through the sacrament of baptism. These persons have found nurture and support in the midst of this family of Christ. Through prayer and study, four come before us to reaffirm the covenants made at their baptism. They all stand before this congregation to claim in our presence their relationship with Christ and with the members of the church. They are here for service to Jesus Christ, to utilize the gifts that the Holy Spirit has bestowed upon each of them. With them, we hear today the words of the prophet Micah: "God has told you what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you God?" May God cause us all this day to renew our commitments to God in Christ.

PRESENTATION

TO THOSE BEING CONFIRMED

Rev. Patricia Farris

Do you desire to affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

I do.

Do you profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

I do.

Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best as you are able?

I promise, with the help of God.

Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world?

I promise, with the help of God.

CONFIRMATION

Rev. Farris

O God, in the grace of Jesus Christ you have accepted this your servant (*Name*) through the water of baptism. Nourish in him/her the power of your Holy Spirit that he/she may serve you in the world. Amen.

(over)

PRAYER OF THE CONGREGATION

Nathan Oney

Almighty God, who in baptism received these your servants into the church, forgave their sins, and promised them eternal life, increase in them the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Grant love for others, joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition. Thereby strengthen them for their ministry in the world; through Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

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.

WELCOME

Jocelyn Hicks-Garner, Lay Leadership Team

TO THOSE BEING CONFIRMED

Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God, and enlisting in the work of the local church as it serves this community of the world, through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

I do.

TO THE CONGREGATION

Members of the household of God, I commend these people to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant to participate faithfully in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

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.

—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: “In celebration of our Confirmands.” With love from their families.

—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: Mother’s Day; Rev. Patricia Farris 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.

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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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FOCUS ON

PRESCHOOL SPRING FAIR

May 5, 2019



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. Test out the pies competing for the Annual Pie Contest! Proceeds from the Fair go to funding Preschool programs, scholarships and school improvements. *Activity wristbands \$18, Taco plate \$8.*

Today after worship, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Courtyard/Simkins Hall

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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 - *Holy Communion • Confirmation Sunday*

11 a.m. Preschool Spring Fair, Courtyard/SH

12 p.m. Relay for Life ends, OS

Tuesday, May 7

7 p.m. Open Space Monthly Gathering, OS

7 p.m. Staff-Parish Relations Meeting, CR-A

Wednesday, May 8

9 a.m. UMW Workparty/Lunch, Workroom

12:10 p.m. Mid-Week Recital/Reception, S/FR

4 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting, CR-A

Friday, May 10

7 p.m. Shareringer Monthly Dinner, FR

Saturday, May 11

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

Sunday, May 12 - *Mother's Day • Methodist*

Foundation Scholarship applications due

6 p.m. simple supper, FR

CHILDREN & YOUTH**Children's Ministry**

May Theme: Family Friends

Sunday School today: *Best Friends*

United Methodist Youth Fellowship

6 - 9 p.m. UMYF Closing Program, Simkins Hall

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**Confirmation Sunday - Today**

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 today, where the youth confirm their faith and become members of the church.

Today during Worship**Open Space May Gathering**

Celebrating the Sacred Feminine - Women Are Equal* The asterisk isn't hard to miss when we are talking about the "equal" status of women throughout the history of Christianity. Join us for our May Gathering as we explore together what it means to celebrate the sacred feminine. Contact Nathan Oney: n.oney@santamonicaumc.org for more information.

Tuesday, May 7, 7 p.m. Off-site**May Mid-Week Recital**

The 2019 Recital series ends with 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. 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: Next Sunday, May 12

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)

May Messy Church - Mothers & Others

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! 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. 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

simple supper

simple supper is a simple church monthly potluck. Sharing a meal has always been a holy act of hospitality and of fellowship, and there is no reason to make it complicated; bring a dish to share, eat, and enjoy. There is no need to RSVP, all are welcome, and we will celebrate with those who are present.

Sunday, May 12, 6 p.m. in the Fireside Room (after simple church)

Calling All Graduates

First UMC wants to recognize all its graduates. Let us know where you’re graduating from, your major, and what your future plans are. Contact Sarah Rold in the church office: (310-393-8258 x 106 or s.rolld@santamonicaumc.org)

Deadline May 15

Family Place Community Meal

Community Meal is a committed partnership between First UMC and Upward Bound House’s Family Place—our local transitional housing program for families with young children. Through the ministry of feeding and the ministry of showing up, First UMC volunteers engage in activities that create lasting impact and joy. If you would like to be a part of this meaningful mission, please contact the church office (310) 393-8258, or email meal@santamonicaumc.org.

Thursday, May 23, 5:30 p.m. Family Place (1020 12th St. SM)

DanceFit!

Join us twice a month for DanceFit, a class inspired by... you guessed it - fitness focused dance! 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, May 25, 10 a.m. in Room 300

General Conference Update with Rev. Farris and Our Lay Leadership Team

Join Rev. Farris for a second review of recent General Conference news, reporting with updates from the West District Conference.

Sunday, May 26, 11:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room

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 - Cyclone Responses

United Methodists are responding to those affected by Cyclone Idai and Kenneth, 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

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



John Rutter

Requiem