

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

W O R S H I P

Ascension • Holy Communion • June 2, 2019



Then he led them out as far as Bethany,
and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.
While he was blessing them, he withdrew
from them and was carried up into heaven.

— Luke 24:50-51

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Nathan Oney

PRELUDE Aria (Gordon Young)

Ty Woodward, Organ

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #327 United Methodist Hymnal — Crown Him with Many Crowns

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Andy Goebel, Lay Lector

God of majesty, you led the Messiah through suffering into risen life,
and took him up to the glory of heaven.

Clothe us with the power promised from on high.

Send us forth to the ends of the earth

as heralds of repentance and witnesses of Jesus Christ,

who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit!

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

“Come holy spirit, heavenly dove, with light and comfort from above; be Thou our guardian, thou our
guide, o’er ev’ry thought and step preside.”

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Tricia Guerrero

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 Luke 24:44-53 (Pew Bible page 91, N.T.)

Andy Goebel

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

HOMILY "Clothed with Power"

Rev. Patricia Farris

WE RESPOND

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

Be Thou My Vision (John Rutter)

Linda Muggeridge, Oboe

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, be all else but naught to me, save that thou art; be thou my best thought in the day and the night, both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word, be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord; be thou my great Father, and I thy true son; be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one. Be thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight; be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might; be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower: O raise thou me heavenward, great power of my power. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise: be thou mine inheritance now and always; be thou and thou only the first in my heart: O Sov'reign of heaven, my treasure thou art. High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun, O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won; great heart of mine own heart whatever befall, still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.

*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Nathan Oney

(adapted from a prayer from Nigeria)

Creator of heaven and earth, accept our thanks and accept our praises.

Messiah, accept our thanks and accept our praises.

As young people and adults, accept our thanks and accept our praises.

As male and female, accept our thanks and accept our praises.

On this holy day, accept our thanks and accept our praises.

Make us useful to thee. 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.

#185 UMH – When Morning Gilds the Skies

#188 UMH – Christ Is the World's Light

#312 UMH – Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Tricia Guerrero

O God, in Christ's ascension you withdraw from our sight that you may be made known by our love. As you have reached into our depths and drawn us to love you, so make us open, freely to let you go; that you may return in unexpected power to change the world through us. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

*HYMN #569 UMH – We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE March in C (Felix Mendelssohn)

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.

—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: Given to the glory of God, from donations to the First UMC Flower Fund. Please consider a gift to the Flower Fund, which will be used for Sundays such as today when flowers have not been ordered.

—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.

—The Youth Service Project team departs June 22. Please pray over and tie a knot in the prayer squares along the north wall; each member of the team will take a prayer square with them.

—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: Youth Service Project Commissioning; Rev. Patricia Farris will preach.

MISSIONS

—We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. In June, please bring canned soup. 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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The Youth Ministry at First United Methodist Church is a community of youth and adult volunteers who gather weekly to explore and grow in faith together. Led by Tricia Guerrero, the UMYF nurtures relationships with God, with other youth, and with our adult counselors and mentors. We believe that being a disciple of Jesus Christ is a lifelong process of growth and development that must be journeyed with others in community.

Service is vital to the Christian life. We believe that it is our call from God through Jesus Christ to be in mission and relationship with those in this world who are in need. We believe that there is need both locally and beyond. During the summer we have longer mission trips where youth experience extended service work in different areas of the country.

This year the youth will travel to Smith River, CA, to work on home repairs for people with limited financial resources. The team invites all to their Fundraiser Picnic. The event will include food, games, a silent auction, and pies!

Cost: \$12/person, \$7/child, \$35/family. For more info and to prepay for event tickets, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/ysp, or come to the YSP table during coffee hour today after worship.

Next Sunday, June 9, 11 a.m., Simkins Hall/Courtyard

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WORSHIP & PRAYER

Sunday 10 a.m. **Sanctuary Worship**
 Sunday 5 p.m. **simple church**
simple church tonight: reflections by Rev. Dorothy Bimber Worley

MEETINGS / EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today - Holy Communion

11 a.m. Summerfest, Courtyard/SH

Tuesday, June 4

9 a.m. Preschool Spring Concert, S

7 p.m. Open Space Monthly Gathering, Off-site

Wednesday, June 5

9 a.m. UMW Workparty/Lunch, Workroom

7 p.m. Methodist Foundation Meeting, CR-A

Saturday, June 8

10 a.m. DanceFit! Room 300

4:30 p.m. Messy Church, Chapel/Simkins Hall

Sunday, June 9 - Youth Service Project

Commissioning

11 a.m. YSP Picnic Fundraiser, SH/Courtyard

6 p.m. simple supper, Fireside Room

CHILDREN & YOUTH**Children's Ministry**

June Theme: Church Family

Sunday School today: Peter and John

United Methodist Youth Fellowship

UMYF is on summer break.

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**Summerfest - Today**

Every year First UMC welcomes the beginning of summer with the All-Church Summerfest, presented by the Fellowship & Events Committee. Stay after worship today for fun for the whole family, including BBQ with Men's Breakfast as grillmasters, a cakewalk, bounce house and more. No charge. Come celebrate with the community!

Today, following the 10 a.m. Worship Service

Preschool Spring Concert

All are welcome to the Preschool Spring Concert, to see and hear the adorable preschoolers sing songs they've been learning throughout the year.

Tuesday, June 4, Group 1 - 9 a.m., Group 2 - 10 a.m., in the Sanctuary

Open Space June Monthly Gathering

Open Space is an inclusive faith experience for young adults (20s & 30s-ish). We meet in the community and in homes for brave conversations about faith and life. Join us for Pride Month-ly Gathering, a time for friends, food, and open and honest reflection on the intersections between faith and the world. Follow us on Instagram and Facebook: @OpenSpaceSantaMonica. Contact Nathan Oney for more info and location details: n.oney@santamonicaumc.org.

Tuesday, June 4, 7 p.m. Off-site

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. 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, June 8, 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)

June Messy Church - Pets and Peace

The theme for June is "Pets and Peace." We'll celebrate the gift of animals in our world and especially those we call our pets. We'll learn how God wants us to care for our world by taking care of it. We invite you to bring a picture of your pet or your favorite animal to share in Celebration time! 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! Sign up to receive monthly Messy Church reminder emails and news: www.santamonicaumc.org/messychurch.

Saturday, June 8, 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, June 9, 6 p.m. in the Fireside Room
(after simple church)**

California-Pacific Conference

The 35th Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference will take place at University of Redlands from June 13 thru 15. Pre-conference events begin on June 12.

More information: www.calpacumc.org/ac2019

UMW presents: Latin Fever Dance Lesson Fundraiser

Learn a few dance moves and support the missions of the United Methodist Women! Michael Kuka from the Ballroom Dance Academy will teach a Latin inspired dance class. No experience necessary, and no partners needed. Wear comfortable shoes. Light refreshments will be served. *\$10 entrance fee.*

Saturday, June 15, 1 - 3:30 p.m. in 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 - 4:30 p.m. for an additional cost
VBS Cost: \$30/child (\$80 max. per family)

To register, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/vbs

Volunteers for Vacation Bible School

Do you have a few hours to spare this summer? Have you been thinking about giving back to your local community? Then Vacation Bible School might be for you! VBS is a one week long, half-day summer program full of fun, music, scripture and stories, science projects, prayer and a mission project. We're looking for some adult volunteers to lead and some youth shepherds to assist with the various stations. If this sounds like the right fit for you or if you have any further questions on volunteering, contact Tricia Guerrero: t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org.

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 June we are collecting canned soups.

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

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! 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

LOOKING FORWARD

BIG & small Animal Art Group Exhibit Returns in the Fall!

The 3rd Annual Animal Art Show is in the works. Our theme this year is **Take Flight**. Exhibit opens **Saturday, October 5** – immediately after the annual *Blessing of the Animals* in the Courtyard, and will run for a month.

Attention Artists: Show us your version of God's flying creatures, big and small.

Fill out an artist submission form online to participate. Go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/firesideroomart. Feel free to share with your artist friends. Questions may be sent to Shalimar Carducci: s.carducci@santamonicaumc.org.

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