

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP

Lay Servant Ministers Sunday • Father's Day • June 16, 2019



Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

— Romans 5:1-2

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Chris Reagh

PRELUDE *Prayer from Suite Gothique* (Leon Boëllmann)

Ty Woodward, Organ

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #117 United Methodist Hymnal — O God, Our Help in Ages Past

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bee Campbell

In the midst of our failures,

We stand in God's grace.

In the midst of our struggles,

We boast in our hope through Christ.

In the midst of our suffering,

We claim the endurance given by the Holy Spirit.

In every part of our lives,

The love of our Divine Creator has been poured into our hearts.

Let us be open to this love as we join together in worship.

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"O come let us sing unto the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation."

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Wynn Battig

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

Ron Theile

#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

Mike Olsson

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

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

The Chancel Choir/Dr. James Smith, Music Director

Like a River in My Soul (arr. Tim Osiek)

I've got peace like a river in my soul. I've got peace like a river, soothing river, calmly flow. When the world closes in, feel the stillness within. I've got peace like a river in my soul. I've got love like an ocean in my soul. I've got love like an ocean, endless ocean, deep and full. When you're lost and alone, let the waves bring you home. I've got love like an ocean in my soul. I've got joy like a fountain in my soul. When your hope nearly dies, just remember, once again you shall rise! I've got joy like a fountain, peace like a river, love like an ocean in my soul.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE LESSON Romans 5:1-5 (Pew Bible page 155, N.T.)

Chris Reagh

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

THE GOSPEL John 3:1-17 (Pew Bible pages 93-94, N.T.)

Ben Ing

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

SERMON "Owning a Peace of God"

Ron Theile

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #402 UMH – Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Rose Kujawa

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

Mary Crawford

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

Amazing Grace (Marianne Forman)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed. Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, and grace will lead me home.

* RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

* UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Mary Crawford

O Lord, we rejoice with thankful hearts that you have given us this beautiful world in which to work and play. We offer praise, with deepest gratitude, that you have blessed us with your bounty. As we return a portion of your blessing to us, use these offerings and tokens of our devotion to increase wisdom in the world, to protect the created order, to bless the vulnerable, to heal the sick, and to comfort the afflicted. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* HYMN #580 UMH – Lead On, O King Eternal

* BENEDICTION

Ron Theile

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Trumpet Voluntary in E-flat (David N. Johnson)

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 9:30 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.

—Rev. Farris returns from Annual Conference later today.

—Flowers: “Happy Birthday, Carl.” From Carol Greenwood.

—During the summer months the Chancel Choir is singing some of their favorite anthems from the prior year. We hope they are your favorites also.

—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: Rev. Larry Young 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.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of SANTA MONICA

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Today several of the First UMC lay ministers will lead worship. Ron Theile planned the service and prepared today's sermon.

According to the United Methodist Discipleship Ministries, "Lay Servants are to serve the local church or charge in any way in which their witness or leadership and service inspires the laity (congregation) to deeper commitment to Christ and more effective discipleship. This includes the interpretation of scriptures, doctrine, organization, and ministries of the church."

Here at First UMC, the 2019 lay servants include: Wynn Battig, Bee Campbell, Mary Crawford, Carol Greenwood, Ben Ing, Rose Kujawa, Mike Olsson, Chris Reagh, and Ron Theile.

They have attended classes as determined by the United Methodist Lay Servant Ministries guidelines, and submitted Lay Servant annual reports. Ron Theile explains, "The Lay Servant Ministry is an important part of the United Methodist Church connection. It allows those who feel that they have been called by God to take a more active role in their church, Conference and even service to the church at the global level. Lay Servant Ministries (a part of Discipleship Ministries) answer the needs of those who feel a deeper commitment to Christ and discipleship."

We thank those who take on the role of lay servants for their service. To find out more information about becoming a lay servant, contact the church office.

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 - Father's Day • Lay Servant Ministers Sunday

11 a.m. Free Blood Pressure Screenings, SH

3 p.m. Walk the Labyrinth, SH

Wednesday, June 19

9 a.m. UMW Workparty/Lunch, Workroom

Saturday, June 22 - Youth Service Project team
departs

10 a.m. DanceFit!, Room 300

Sunday, June 23 - Scholarship Sunday

11 a.m. Children, Youth, and Family Collaborative
 Presentation, FR

4 p.m. An Afternoon of Choral & Organ
 Masterworks, S

CHILDREN & YOUTH**Children's Ministry**

June Theme: Church Family

Sunday School today: First Called Christians
Our curriculum, Deep Blue Adventures, goes with the Deep Blue Bibles so that our children enter into a journey that combines exciting stories, arts and crafts, and interactive games into a living-faith experience that will help them discover what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ today.

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**DanceFit Extended through Summer**

Keep up your DanceFit routine through the summer! 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!

*Summer DanceFit Dates: July 13, 27, August 3, 24.

Saturday, June 22, 10 a.m. in Room 300

Scholarship Sunday

As the school year draws to a close, the young scholars of First UMC are excited about their next educational step. Make sure to attend the 10 a.m. worship service to honor and recognize those being awarded with a Methodist Foundation Scholarship.

Next Sunday, June 23, during 10 a.m. Worship service

Children, Youth, and Family Collaborative Presentation

A special update presentation led by Rev. Larry Young on the work of the Children, Youth and Family Collaborative with foster care youth in greater Los Angeles will be held in the Fireside Room. Youth from the program will be present to share their experiences. First UMC has been a long-time supporter of this mission venture. Come and learn how we are helping to make a difference in the lives of at-risk youth.

Next Sunday, June 23, 11:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room

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)

Guest Choir Concert

Don't miss a special **Afternoon of Choral and Organ Masterworks** with Dr. James Vail, featuring The Laudamus Te Singers, joined by members of our own First UMC choir.

They will present Franz Schubert's **Mass in A Flat, for Choir, Soloists and Orchestra**. The second piece of the evening, conducted by Dr. James Smith, is Francis Poulenc's **Concerto in G Minor, for Organ, Strings & Tympani, with Ty Woodward, organ**. Spend your Sunday afternoon listening to beautiful music! A freewill offering will be taken.

Next Sunday, June 23, 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary

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, June 27, 5:30 p.m. Family Place (1020 12th St. SM)

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.

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! VBS 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! Ages 5/TK to 5th Grade.

Monday, August 5 - Friday, August 9, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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.

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.



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 - United States Disaster Response

When disasters happen, it is local churches that provide the first response to their communities. This basic understanding – that disaster response is local – forms the foundation for UMCOR's U.S. disaster training and response efforts. To see the list of active responses in the US, and to bolster response efforts, go to: www.umcmmission.org/umcor/serve/us-disaster-response.

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

LOOKING FORWARD

First UMC members **Todd and Sherry Erlandson** traveled to Cao Bang Province in North Vietnam last month with Dr. Vien Doan, founder of the Good Samaritan Medical and Dental Ministry. Dr. Doan, who left Vietnam as a child in 1975, has been traveling back annually for the past 20 years with over 100 doctors and support staff to provide much-needed medical and dental care to underserved populations.

The Good Samaritans are planning the construction of a state of the art Family Health Center, which will be staffed by Western-trained, Vietnamese doctors, with the goal of providing local primary care services and reducing stress on regional hospitals. Their surreptitious agenda is to spread God's love to the most remote areas of the country through their service and witness.

Todd and Sherry's architecture office, March Studio, has worked in various capacities with the GSMDM organization to get medical projects started in Vietnam over the past 15 years. On their recent trip

the team presented the project to the local government, where it was approved unanimously, and land was provided for the construction. The project is planned to be started in September of 2019 for completion by the following year.



The GSMDI Family Clinic team: Dr. Vien Doan, Pastor Joe Hobbs, Sherry and Todd Erlandson, Glenn Rowdan

GSMDM 20th Anniversary Visit in the Fireside Room

Join Dr. Vien Doan after worship in the Fireside Room as he gives a video presentation and discusses the history and latest news of the Good Samaritan Medical and Dental Ministry.

Sunday, June 30, 11:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room