

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

W O R S H I P

Third Sunday after Pentecost • June 30, 2019



For freedom Christ has set us free.
— Galatians 5:1a

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Nathan Oney

PRELUDE Be Thou My Vision (arr. Gordon Young)

Ty Woodward, Organ

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #548 United Methodist Hymnal — In Christ There Is No East or West

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Linda Diane Anderson, Lay Lector

Only the hungry search for bread. Only the thirsty look for water.

We worship as a people who are hungry and thirsty in spirit.

Let us look to God for our sustenance. Let us have our fill of the fruit of the Spirit.

The Lord our God is our provider, the source of all things good.

Through God, we live by the Spirit, so let us worship God in spirit and truth.

Fill us God. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

“Holy Spirit, come, renew us, come yourself to make us live; holy through your loving presence, holy through the gifts you give.”

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Larry Young

Please greet those worshipping near you.

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 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 LESSON Galatians 5:1, 13-25 (Pew Bible pages 190-191, N.T.)

Linda Diane Anderson

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

SERMON "Freedom in the Spirit"

Nathan Oney

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #393 UMH – Spirit of the Living God

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Rev. Young

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

We Walk by Faith (Lloyd Larson)

We walk by faith, and not by sight. No gracious words we hear from Him who spoke as none e'er spoke; But we believe Him near. We may not touch His hands and side, nor follow where He trod: But in His promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!" We walk by faith and not by sight, led by God's pure and holy Light! Prepare us for the journey, Lord, and may we know Your pow'r and might, as we walk by faith and not by sight. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, and may our faith abound to call on You when You are near, and seek where You are found: That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold You as You are, with full and endless sight. We walk by faith, and not by sight, led by God's pure and holy Light! Prepare us for the journey, Lord, and may we know Your pow'r and might, as we walk by faith and not by sight.

*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Nathan Oney

Gracious God, you have freed us by your Spirit, and so we freely offer you these gifts in gratitude. Put them to use so that your church might bear fruit in the world. Cultivate us and help us to grow ever more into your people, that the world may through us know freedom in your name. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN #428 UMH – For the Healing of the Nations

*BENEDICTION

Nathan Oney

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune in D (Jeremiah Clarke)

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 is on vacation. Tricia Guerrero is returning with the Youth Service Project Team later today.

—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.

—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: Holy Communion; Tricia Guerrero will preach.

MISSIONS

—We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. In July, please bring pasta. 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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June 30, 2019

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.



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

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.

GSMDM 20th Anniversary Visit in the Fireside Room - Today

Today after worship stop by Coffee Fellowship for a snack, then join Dr. Vien Doan 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.

Today, 11:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room

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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 - YSP Team returns later today
 11:15 a.m. Good Samaritan Medical and Dental
 Ministry Presentation, FR
Tuesday, July 2
 7 p.m. Open Space Monthly Gathering, OS
Wednesday, July 3
 9 a.m. UMW Workparty/Lunch, Workroom
Thursday, July 4 - Friday, July 5
Independence Day, church office closed
Sunday, July 7 - Holy Communion
**Monday, July 8 - Last day to register for UMC
 Dodger Night tickets**

CHILDREN & YOUTH**Children's Ministry**

June Theme: Church Family
 Sunday School today: Choosing the Seven
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**Open Space 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 our monthly gathering, a time for friends, food, and open and honest reflection on the intersections between faith and the world. We will provide a round of pizza or appetizers, you provide the conversation. Follow us on Instagram and Facebook: @OpenSpaceSantaMonica. Contact Nathan Oney for more details: n.oney@santamonicaumc.org.
Tuesday, July 2, 7 p.m. Off-site

Dodger Night 2019

The annual United Methodist Night at Dodger Stadium is back! This year, it's the Dodgers vs. the San Diego Padres. Seats are located along the Reserve Section on the 3rd base line. Ticket Cost is \$30. To order tickets, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/dodgers, to fill out an online form. All tickets are delivered via email, so an email address is required. *Registration deadline is Monday, July 8.*

Game Day: Saturday, August 3, 6:10 p.m. Dodger Stadium, (1000 Vin Scully Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90012)

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, July 13, 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)

Parents Date Night / Kids Fun Night

While parents enjoy an evening out, children are provided a safe and fun evening of games, activities and crafts, pizza dinner, and a movie with our trained childcare team. The cost is \$25/child + \$10 for each additional sibling, for ages 2 years thru 5th grade. For more information, and to register, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/date-night-2019. *Cancellations can be refunded up until 48 hours before the event.* For questions, please contact Tricia Guerrero, Director of Children and Youth Ministry at t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org or 310-393-8258 (ext. 104), or Jamie Jones: j.jones@santamonicaumc.org.

Saturday, July 20, 5 - 8 p.m. 2nd Floor Edu. Bldg.

West District Conference Report-Back with Rev. Farris and our Annual Conference Delegates

Join Rev. Farris and our Annual Conference delegates from First UMC for a review of the recent West District Conference held in Redlands.

Sunday, July 21, 11:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room

Emergency Preparedness & Hospitality Training Workshop

Whether you're an usher, Sunday morning greeter, or coming for worship, hospitality at First UMC is a vital part of our service to our congregation. Stay after worship on Sunday, August 11, to learn about what we do to facilitate a warm and welcoming community. Led by First UMC Facilities Coordinator David Penson, David will also discuss protocols that we have in place in the event of an emergency in the Sanctuary. All are welcome. RSVP to Sarah Rold: s.rolld@santamonicaumc.org.

Sunday, August 11, 11:15 a.m. following worship, in the Sanctuary.

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 Tina Gage: t.gage@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 July we are pasta.

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.umcmission.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

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**

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, July 20, 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., Room 300

LOOKING FORWARD

Messy Church and Family Connection *present:* **Breakfast at the Beach Meet-Up**

Join Family Connection & Messy Church for a casual meet-up at the beach. All are welcome – bring family and friends – relax on the beach, build a sandcastle, or swim out to the dolphins. Coffee, juice, and pastries will be provided.

Saturday, August 24: 8:30 – 11 a.m.

(Ocean Park Beach in Santa Monica between Lifeguard stations 26 & 27)



Messy Church is on summer break for July & August on the First UMC campus.

Sign up to receive email reminders for upcoming Messy dates (emails are sent once a month).

Go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/messychurch Facebook: [@messychurchsantamonica](https://www.facebook.com/messychurchsantamonica)