

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost • July 28, 2019



“Lord, teach us to pray...”
— Luke 11:1a

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero

PRELUDE

Anna Kostyuchek, Violin

Air from Violin Concerto in A minor (Carl Goldmark)

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #100 United Methodist Hymnal — God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jill Obery Dodd, Lay Lector

Our hearts are ready, O Lord, our hearts are ready!

We will sing and make melody. We will awaken the dawn.

We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples, we will sing praises to you among the nations.

For your steadfast love endures forever and your faithfulness to all generations.

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

“O Sing to the Lord a new song!”

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Tricia Guerrero

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

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

ANTHEM

The Chancel Choir/Dr. James Smith, Music Director

Make Me an Instrument (Craig Courtney)

O Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that we might not seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying we are born to eternal life. Amen.

(Words of St. Francis of Assisi)

THE GOSPEL Luke 11:1-13 (Pew Bible page 72, N.T.)

Jill Obery Dodd

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

SERMON "When you pray, say..."

Rev. Patricia Farris

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #2193 TFWS – Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

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

Tricia Guerrero

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

If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments (Thomas Tallis)

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another comforter, that He may abide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth.

* RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

* UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Tricia Guerrero

God of generous love, may your kingdom come, establishing peace and justice, hope and life for all peoples. And may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. In Christ's name we prayer, Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

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

* BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Prelude and Fugue in F (J. S. Bach)

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.

—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.

—The Acolyte/Crucifer ministry is on vacation for the summer and will return in the Fall.

—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; Rev. Patricia Farris will preach.

MISSIONS

—We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. In August, please bring pinto and other beans. 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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July 28, 2019

by Tina Gage, Communications Director

Over the years at our weekly staff meeting we've had many conversations about the best way to communicate events to the congregation and community as a whole. And, on a few occasions it has been clear to me that even church staff members might overlook some of the publicity in some shape or form, most notably, the newsletter. Reverend Robert admitted as much during one meeting long before his reassignment, saying, "Eh, I never read the newsletter." While I eventually forgave him, it was an eye opener to understanding the challenge of getting the word out there.

Communicating with a large and diverse group of folks about dozens of ministry areas, opportunities and events can be daunting. People absorb information differently; some weeks you might not have time to read the whole Friday email; if you miss a week or two of worship you might miss details. Sometimes we think we have over-promoted an event, only to have folks tell us they knew nothing about it.

So with that in mind, I want to remind you about the best ways to stay informed about what's going on at church:

- **Come to worship!** In worship you'll hear highlights of the week during Mission and Common Life, along with reading this insert and calendar of upcoming events. You'll see promotional information around the building, and you'll get a chance to check in with David Penson at the Sunday Hospitality Table after worship, where he can answer any questions you might have.
- **Check out the website at www.santamonicaumc.org.** We strive to keep it up-to-date and easy to search.
- **Follow us on social media - @santamonicaumc.** We post photos and videos, and now we're even occasionally live-streaming Sunday morning worship via Facebook.
- **Sign up for our weekly Friday Email:** If you're not already on the email list, 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.
- **Read the monthly Sentinel newsletter** via email, or pick up a printed copy on the church campus. If it's been a while since you've checked it out, I invite you to give it a new look. Features include Rev. Patricia Farris' monthly Horizons article, the Calendar, complete Event information, Mission projects updates, and recent photographs. We see the Sentinel Newsletter as an active historical archive of the church for generations to come.
- If you have kids, make sure you're getting our **Children/Family emails** with information specific to your kids' age, and the **Youth program** also has a monthly email. Contact Director of Children & Youth Ministry, Tricia Guerrero: t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org, to be added to these lists.
- Consider also subscribing online to these various ministries of the church: **simple church, Messy Church, the First UMC Labyrinth, and the Music-Theater-Arts** programs by going to our website and clicking the *Sign Up for Our Newsletter* purple button.

Our goal is to keep you informed. If you have any suggestions for communications, email me:
t.gage@santamonicaumc.org. Thanks for reading!

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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****Wednesday, July 31**

9 a.m. UMW Workparty/Lunch, Workroom

Saturday, August 3

10 a.m. DanceFit, Room 300

Sunday, August 4 - Holy Communion

11 a.m. Joyce & David Landsverk Art Opening, FR

11:30 a.m. VBS Volunteer Training, Room 303

**CHILDREN & YOUTH****Children's Ministry**

July Theme: Families of the Old Testament
 Sunday School today: Isaac & Rebekah
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**

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!

Saturday, August 3, 10 a.m. in Room 300

Art in the Fireside Room:**Fine Art Montage by David & Joyce Landsverk**

We welcome church members David and Joyce Landsverk to exhibit some of their original works, which will include photographs and watercolors. Join Joyce and David for the opening reception, where they will answer questions about their work. *Light refreshments served.*

Opening Reception: Next Sunday, August 4, 11 a.m. after worship.

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 Pride Month-ly 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, August 6, 7 p.m. Off-site

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)

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, and members Andy Goebel and Paul Glenney, there will be discussion about protocols 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. in the Fireside Room

Just Added: Loving God with Our Minds Book Study/Potluck

Saved By Faith and Hospitality by 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, and bring a dish to share. Book available at the Sunday Hospitality Table, and in the church office.

Sunday, August 18, 11:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room

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)

Youth Service Project Team Worship and Report Back

The Youth Service Team extends a special welcome to join them as they lead worship on Sunday, August 25, followed by their Report Back after worship in Simkins Hall. This year the service team participated in Sierra Service Project (SSP) for a week at Smith River to serve and grow in faith. *Lunch will be provided.*

**Sunday, August 25, 10 a.m. worship,
Report Back - 11:15 a.m. in Simkins Hall**

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. *Artwork is due 9/20.*



Spring Concert - Now on CD

If you were unable to attend the First UMC Spring Concert that was held in May, or would like to enjoy it again, you may now purchase the CD! The concert featured John Rutter's *Requiem*, and Luis Bacalov's *Misa Tango*, featuring Mariano Dugatkin, bandoneon. CDs with the program are available at the Sunday Hospitality Table for \$10.

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 August we are collecting pinto and other beans.

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

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, August 17, 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., Room 300

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. 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

School Supplies Needed for Upward Bound House

Starting next Sunday First UMC is taking donations of backpacks and school supplies for Family Place at Upward Bound House. This year, we are also accepting money donations towards the purchase of supplies in bulk.

You may drop a check in the collection basket made out to First UMC, in the memo line "School Supplies." Or to donate online, go to:

www.santamonicaumc.org/ways-to-give. Click on the Donate Now button, select Children's Ministry/School Supplies Fund in the Select An Account dropdown menu.

Goal: 60 Supplied Backpacks!

Items you may bring include: Backpacks • Glue sticks • Scissors • Ballpoint pens • No. 2 pencils • Colored pencils • Pencil sharpener • Large pink eraser • Highlighters • Three-ring binder • Loose-leaf notebook paper • Pocket folders (two pockets) • Rulers • Crayons • Index Cards • 2 oz. Antibacterial Hand Soap

Deadline to bring items: Sunday, August 11

You may drop off supplies in the box in the narthex, at the Hospitality Table, or in the church office. Sunday School's Faith in Action will assemble the backpacks Sunday, August 11 and will give to UBH the following week. Let's give the kids of Upward Bound House supplies for their first day of school! www.santamonicaumc.org/school-supplies

