

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# WORSHIP

Holy Communion • August 4, 2019



“So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”  
— Luke 12:21

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## WE GATHER

WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero

PRELUDE

Ty Woodward, Organ

*Andante Religioso from Sonata No. 4 (Felix Mendelssohn)*

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #577 United Methodist Hymnal — God of Grace and God of Glory

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ethan Crawford, Lay Lector

Let us worship God, gracious and holy.

**Give us determination to seek you, O God, wisdom to perceive you, and  
patience to wait for you.**

Grant us, O God, a mind to mediate on you, eyes to behold you.

**Give us ears to listen for your Word, a heart to love you and a life to proclaim you.**

**We worship you with joy this day!**

\*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

“O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness, and come before Him with a song!”

\*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!**

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## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE GOSPEL Luke 12:13-21 (Pew Bible page 74, N.T.)

Matthew Crawford, Lay Lector

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

HOMILY "Look Beyond Yourself"

Rev. Patricia Farris

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## WE RESPOND

### 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](http://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

Set Me as a Seal Upon Thine Heart (Michael McClish)

Set me as a seal upon thine heart, upon thine arm. For love is stronger than death. If I speak with the tongues of men and angels, have the gift of prophecy and faith to move mountains, and have not love, I'm as sounding brass, as a clanging cymbal, I am nothing. For love is patient, love is kind, and never fails. Many waters cannot quench love. Neither floods can drown it. Set me as a seal upon thine heart.

\* RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

\* UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Tricia Guerrero

**Generous God, we thank you for your bountiful gifts to us. We now pledge to mirror and reflect the glory of your self-giving love, to continue in the pattern of generosity we see perfectly revealed in Christ, through whom we pray. 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. The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns:*

#2236 TFWS – Gather Us In

#2126 TFWS – All Who Hunger

#2133 TFWS – Give Me a Clean Heart

#2260 TFWS – Let Us Be Bread

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## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nathan Oney

**Creating God, give us humility to discover what love means, and open our imaginations to the life made possible in you. Renew us and all creation in your image, Trinity of love and power, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

\* HYMN #2241 TFWS – The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

\* BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Trumpet Voluntary in D (John Stanley)

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.

—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 appreciation for the meaningful music from the Choir, and for all that they do for our congregation.” From Christine Stumpf.

—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. Patricia Farris will preach; Sunday School’s Faith in Action will assemble school supplies for Upward Bound House.

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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## School Supplies Needed for Upward Bound House

First UMC is taking donations of backpacks and school supplies for Family Place at Upward Bound House. 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](http://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: Next Sunday, August 11

You may drop off supplies in the basket 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](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/school-supplies)

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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*

11 a.m. Joyce & David Landsverk Art Opening, FR  
 11:30 a.m. VBS Volunteer Training, Room 303

**Monday, August 5**

9 a.m. Vacation Bible School begins, SH

**Tuesday, August 6**

7 p.m. Open Space Monthly Gathering, OS

**Wednesday, August 7**

9 a.m. UMW Workparty/Lunch, Workroom

**Friday, August 9**

12 p.m. VBS Closing Program, SH

**Saturday, August 10**

8:30 a.m. Habitat for Humanity build, OS  
*(volunteer spots filled)*

10 a.m. See the Art of John August Swanson, OS

**Sunday, August 11** - *Last day to collect School Supplies • Faith in Action*

11:15 a.m. Emergency Preparedness & Hospitality Workshop Training, FR

6 p.m. simple supper, FR

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

July Theme: Families of the Old Testament  
 Sunday School today: David's Family - David & Samuel

**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**

**TODAY: 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: Today after worship in the Fireside Room**

**See the Art of John August Swanson**

The artist John August Swanson has graciously offered to give the folks of First UMC a guided tour of his current exhibit showing at The Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in downtown Los Angeles. Please RSVP if you are interested in going to Tina Gage in the church office: [t.gage@santamonicaumc.org](mailto:t.gage@santamonicaumc.org), or call the office: 310.393.8258, or tell David Penson at the Hospitality Table. Location: Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angeles, 555 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

**Saturday, August 10, meet at First UMC at 10 a.m. to carpool**

**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](https://www.instagram.com/OpenSpaceSantaMonica). Contact Nathan Oney for more details: [n.oney@santamonicaumc.org](mailto: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 also 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](mailto:s.rolld@santamonicaumc.org).

**Next Sunday, August 11, 11:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room**

### 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](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/firesideroomart). Feel free to share with your artist friends. Questions may be sent to Tina Gage: [t.gage@santamonicaumc.org](mailto: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.umcmision.org/umcor/serve/us-disaster-response](http://www.umcmision.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](http://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**

## LOOKING FORWARD

### Fall Kick-Off!

Invite your friends, neighbors, and co-workers to church with you then stay for the First UMC Fall Kick-Off as both the church celebrates a new year. During service we'll celebrate **Blessing of the Backpacks**: All ages are welcome to bring backpacks, handbags, computer carriers, wallets, etc., to the annual Blessing of the Backpacks. Pick up a commemorative tag during service.

After service, enjoy your community with delicious food, fun and festivities for all ages!

**Fall Kick-Off: Sunday, September 8  
11 a.m. in the First UMC Courtyard**



### Picture Day: A Youth Ministry Fundraiser



Tired of selfies being your only family portraits? Are you frustrated that you're always the picture-taker, and not in the shots?

Let the First UMC Youth help! On Fall Kick-Off Sunday, from 11:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m., the youth and youth counselors will be taking family portraits, or an individual portrait, on the second floor. Professional backgrounds and lighting will be used, at a fraction of the cost of a photography studio.

Email Tricia Guerrero to sign up for a time slot: [t.guerrero@santa monicaumc.org](mailto:t.guerrero@santa monicaumc.org). Cost: \$30/ portrait session.

**Fall Kick-Off Sunday, 11:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.  
2nd Fl. Edu Bldg.**