

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

W O R S H I P

10th Sunday in Kingdomtide • August 18, 2019



Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us...
— Hebrews 12:1

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Nathan Oney

PRELUDE Andantino (Louis Vierne)

Dr. James Vail, Guest Organist

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #711 United Methodist Hymnal — For All the Saints

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Natalia Quintana, Lay Lector

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness.

Let us keep true to God's covenants.

God leads the humble in the ways of righteousness and peace.

Let us walk with the Lord our God.

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"The King of Glory passes on His way, Alleluia, Alleluia!"

*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 LESSON Hebrews 11:29-12:2 (Pew Bible page 226, N.T.)

Natalia Quintana

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

SERMON "Now It's Our Turn"

Rev. Patricia Farris

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #119 UMH – O God in Heaven

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Tricia Guerrero

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

○ Holy Jesus (Jonathan Willcocks)

○ holy Jesus, ○ holy Jesus, most merciful Redeemer, may I know Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly, and follow Thee more nearly, day by day. Amen.

*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Nathan Oney

God of the ages, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, we faithfully add our gifts to those who have gone before us throughout the generations. Bless these gifts that they may yield an increase for the spreading of your love in the world. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN #2238 TFWS – In the Midst of New Dimensions

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Carillon (Louis Vierne)

Dr. Vail

*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.

—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.

—Visit the Fireside Room to view the artwork of First UMC members Joyce & David Landsverk.

—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: The Youth Service Project Team will lead service and preach. Following service the Team will have their Report Back in Simkins Hall.

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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A few pictures from the Youth Service Project Smith River Trip.



Youth Service Project Team Worship and Report Back

The Youth Service Team extends a special welcome to join them as they lead worship next Sunday, 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.*

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

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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**

11 a.m. Free Blood Pressure Screenings, SH
 11:15 a.m. Safe Sanctuary Sunday School
 Teachers Training, Room 203
 11:30 a.m. Book Study/Potluck, FR

Wednesday, August 21

9 a.m. UMW Workparty/Lunch, Workroom
 9 a.m. Safe Sanctuary Preschool and Church Staff
 Training, FR

Thursday, August 22

5:30 p.m. Family Place Community Meal, OS
 5:30 p.m. Preschool Parent Back-to-School Night, SH

Saturday, August 24

8:30 a.m. Messy Church Breakfast at the Beach
 Meet-Up, OS
 10 a.m. DanceFit, Room 300
 10:30 a.m. Lay Leadership Team Meeting, FR
**Sunday, August 25 - Youth Service Team leading
 service**

11 a.m. Youth Service Project Report Back, SH

CHILDREN & YOUTH**Children's Ministry**

August Theme: David's Family
 Sunday School today: David's Family -
 David & Abigail

United Methodist Youth Fellowship

Youth BBQ, Off-site

*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**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 predomance
 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, even
 if you haven't read the book!

Today, 11:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room

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, August 22, 5:30 p.m. Family Place
 (1020 12th St. SM)**

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)*

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)

DanceFit

Keep up your DanceFit routine through the summer and into the Fall! 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 24, 10 a.m. in Room 300

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, September 3, 7 p.m. Off-site

BIG & small Animal Art Group Exhibit

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. Contact Tina Gage: t.gage@santamonicaumc.org, for questions or to turn in artwork. **Artwork is due September 20.**

September Messy Church

Messy Church is back soon for the Fall! 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. Children and adults of all ages are welcome so invite the grandparents, your neighbors and school friends to this new church community. Be ready to get messy!

September's theme is "A Home for All." We will celebrate our big, beautiful and messy church as we hear the story from 1st Corinthians 12 reminding us to celebrate the wonderful and unique gifts that each one of us contributes to make up the body of Christ.

Saturday, September 14, 4:30 - 6 p.m. in the Chapel/ Simkins Hall

From the United Methodist Women

The UMW ladies have been crocheting lovely baby blankets, available at the Wednesday work party (9 a.m. - 12 p.m. UMW workroom) or see Betty Storm or Joy Williams after church on Sundays. The blankets would make wonderful gifts for new babies!



Joy Williams working on a new blanket.

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 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

Health Ministry Council

Through God's love, the Health Ministry Council works to promote wellness in individuals, the church, and the community. The council supports the mission of First UMC, plans and implements programs and activities that promote physical, mental and spiritual well-being and healing, and serves as an advocate for health and safety concerns. For more information about the Council, or to volunteer, call the church office (310) 393-8258.

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

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.
Cost: \$30/portrait session.

**Sunday, September 8, 11:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
2nd Fl. Edu Blg.**