

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# WORSHIP

14th Sunday after Pentecost • September 15, 2019



Happy are those whom you choose and  
bring near to live in your courts.  
— Psalm 65:4a

## WE GATHER

WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero

PRELUDE The Rejoicing *from* Royal Fireworks Suite (G. F. Handel)

Ty Woodward, Organ

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #715 United Methodist Hymnal — Rejoice, the Lord Is King

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Kaitlyn Plukas, Lay Lector

Blessing and glory and wisdom be to our God.

**We will bless God at all times; God's praise shall continually be in our mouths.**

Thanksgiving and honor be to our God forever.

**O magnify our God with me and let us exalt God's name forever.**

\*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice!"

\*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!**

## ANTHEM

The Chancel Choir / Dr. James Smith, Music Director

Not One Sparrow Is Forgotten (William Hawley)

Not one sparrow is forgotten, even the raven God will feed; and the lily of the valley from His bounty hath its need. Then shall I not trust Thee, Father, in Thy mercy have a share? And through faith and prayer, my Mother, merit Thy protecting care? (Luke 12:6)

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## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE PSALM Psalm 65:1-8 (Pew Bible pages 527-528, O.T.)

Kaitlyn Plukas

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

THE GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-11 (CEB translation)

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

SERMON "Five Marks of a Methodist: REJOICE IN GOD"

Rev. Patricia Farris

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## WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #644 UMH – Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring

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](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

Thou Gracious God, Whose Mercy Lends (arr. Mack Wilberg)

Thou gracious God, whose mercy lends the light of home, the smile of friends, our gathered flock Thine arms enfold, as in the peaceful days of old. Wilt Thou not hear us while we raise, in sweet accord of solemn praise, the voices that have mingled long in joyous flow of mirth and song? For all the blessings life has brought, for all the sorrowing hours have taught, for all we mourn, for all we keep, the hands we clasp, the loved that sleep. The noontide sunshine of the past, these brief, bright moments facing fast, the stars that gild our dark'ning years, the twilight ray from holier spheres. We thank Thee Father; let Thy grace our loving circle still embrace, Thy mercy shed its heav'nly store, Thy peace be with us evermore. Amen!

\*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

### \*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Tricia Guerrero

**Bountiful God, we bring our offerings with joy and singing. Bless us now to join in the happiness of all who share in your transforming work. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

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## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN #160 UMH – Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Litanies (Jehan Alain)

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.

—In case of an emergency, please direct your attention to one of the scheduled ushers, head usher, or this week’s Sunday coordinator Sarah Rold.

—Flowers: “To my loving family.” From Joan Humphreys.

—Today is the last day to view the artwork of First UMC members Joyce & David Landsverk in the Fireside Room.

—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 the third in a month-long sermon series, revisiting *Five Marks of a Methodist*.

MISSIONS

—We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. In September, please bring macaroni and cheese and packaged dinners. 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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The First UMC Prayer Quilt Ministry is part of Prayers & Squares, an interfaith outreach ministry that combines the gift of prayer with the gift of a hand-tied quilt. Volunteers may work from home and then meet monthly in Room 300 to work on the quilts together. First UMC members Maile Marquand and Sue Payne head the Ministry. About the quilts:

- The quilt is not just a gift of a quilt; it is a gift of love and prayer. It is an affirmation of our faith in God and our belief in God's power to comfort, strengthen and heal.
- A heavy thread is used to take stitches through the quilt layers with the ends left free to be tied. Members of the congregation say a prayer for the recipient as they tie these knots at Sunday Sanctuary worship service.
- Prayer quilts are for anyone of any age who is in special need of prayer, primarily due to serious illness, injury, sorrow, or challenging life circumstances.
- Anyone in the congregation or associated with First UMC can request or sponsor a prayer quilt.

The impact of a quilt can be far-reaching. First UMC member Joy Peterman sponsored a quilt for friend Maya Amoils. Her father told Joy, "Maya is very happy and appreciative of the prayers that the quilt represents. She LOVES the quilt and her medical staff has been tying knots on the quilt and praying for Maya too."

#### How to sponsor a quilt:

1. Get permission & prayer: Confirm that the person would like to receive the quilt and prayers. Then, consider the prayer with them. This will be shared with the congregation.
2. Contact the ministry: Maile Marquand or Sue Payne (see below) to go over details.
3. Come to church: Be present at the service when the quilt will be hung and available for the congregation to pray over. After, a member of the Prayer Quilt Ministry will take down the quilt to give to you or the recipient (if they are able to attend).

**Contact Maile Marquand ([maile@rugbooks.com](mailto:maile@rugbooks.com)), or Sue Payne, ([sue.f.payne@gmail.com](mailto:sue.f.payne@gmail.com)), to sponsor a quilt. For more information, visit: [santamonicaumc.org/prayerquiltministry](http://santamonicaumc.org/prayerquiltministry).**



*Maya and her dog, Honey*

**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. Acolyte & Crucifer Training, Sanctuary  
 11 a.m. Free Blood Pressure Screenings, SH  
 3 p.m. Walk the Labyrinth, SH

**Tuesday, September 17**

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, FR

**Wednesday, September 18**

9 a.m. UMW Workparty/Lunch, Workroom  
 4 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting, CR-A  
 7 p.m. Open Space Hymn & Brew, OS

**Friday, September 20** - Last day to submit artwork  
 for *Blessing of the Animals* art exhibit

**Saturday, September 21**

9:30 a.m. Prayer Quilt Workparty, Room 300  
 1 p.m. UMW Game Day, SH

**Sunday, September 22** - *Children's Church*

11:15 a.m. Messy Church leader meeting, Room 203  
 11:30 a.m. Book Study/Potluck, FR

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

September Theme: Communities Welcome  
 Sunday School today: Communities Accept

**United Methodist Youth Fellowship**

UMYF Tonight, 6 p.m., Youth Lounge

*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****Walk the Labyrinth**

The Labyrinth resumes walking times in the Fall. Enjoy a meditative Labyrinth walk, then stay for the contemplative simple church service in the Chapel at 5 p.m. Walking the Labyrinth is an ancient spiritual practice, a way to quiet our minds and open our spirits to the presence of the Holy. Every step a prayer.

**Today, 3 - 5 p.m. in Simkins Hall**

**UMW Game Day**

Calling all players of Bridge, Mah-Jong, Scrabble and other games, The United Methodist Women's Game Day is back! \$10 per person. Pie, coffee and tea will be served. Proceeds benefits UMW Mission Projects.

**Next Saturday, September 21, 1 p.m. in Simkins Hall**

*\*The UMW is looking for 2 more Bridge Players!  
 Contact Joy Williams: joy.williams9832@gmail.com*

**Loving God with Our Minds Book Study/Potluck**

The September book is *Holy Love: A Biblical Theology for Human Sexuality*, by Steve Harper. Author Steve Harper is a retired UM minister and retired seminary professor who taught for 32 years in the areas of spiritual formation and Wesleyan studies. This short and accessible book provides a very helpful framework for how to read Scripture as a Wesleyan/Methodist and how to embrace a theological framework for human sexuality that is compassionate, inclusive, and affirming. Bring a dish to share. Book available on Amazon, at the Sunday Hospitality Table, and in the church office.

**Next Sunday, September 22, 11:30 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)

### **NEW: Bible Study on John's Gospel**

Beginning Sunday September 29 after worship, a new Bible Study is open to all. The Gospel of John contains some of the most beloved passages in our Bible but also some of the most confounding and opaque. It was written for a particular culture at a particular time in Christian history different from our own. Rev. Larry Young with Nathan Oney will be leading a study of this distinctive gospel and what it has to offer our own faith. No advance sign-up needed—just come, and bring a Bible!

**Sunday, September 29, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the First UMC Library**

### **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](mailto:meal@santamonicaumc.org).

**Thursday, September 26, 5:30 p.m. Family Place (1020 12th St. SM)**

### **Animal Art Exhibit: Deadline to Submit next week**

First UMC is thrilled to bring back the Animal Art community exhibit in the Fireside Room this fall. Our theme this year: **Take Flight**. We are looking for paintings, sketches, photographs, carvings, etc. Artists will need to fill out a submission form for each art piece (form available online [www.santamonicaumc.org/firesideroomart](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/firesideroomart), or in the church office.) Selected submissions should be ready for hanging/displaying, brought to the church office no later than **Friday, September 20, 3 p.m.** Artists are invited to attend the opening which is right after the annual *Blessing of the Animals* service at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 5. Contact Tina Gage in the church office: 310-393.8258 x 110, or: [t.gage@santamonicaumc.org](mailto:t.gage@santamonicaumc.org) to sign up or for questions.

### **Blessing of the Animals**

All pets large and small are welcome for the annual Blessing of the Animals. Come early at 9:30 a.m. for refreshments. Blessings begin at 10 a.m. Pick up a pet tag, and be sure to visit the photo booth to take a picture with your pet! You may bring a photo for the *In Loving Memory* board to honor your pet. You may also bring new pet food and supplies to donate to local animal shelters.

**Saturday, October 5, 10 a.m., in the Courtyard**

### **Third World Handarts**

Missions Council and First UMC welcomes back *Third World Handarts (Gifts that Give Twice)*, a non-profit organization that was founded in Anaheim in 1975 to serve the economic needs of the destitute people in the United States, and in developing nations worldwide. Their principal mission is to support the self-employment of thousands of artisans by marketing the beautiful and useful items they craft as a means of supporting themselves and their families. All are welcome to come and shop these wonderful artisan crafts in Simkins Hall after worship.

**Sunday, October 6, 11 a.m. in Simkins Hall**

### **Health Ministry Council's Flu Clinic**

First UMC has the privilege of hosting one of the first flu vaccination clinics this season to be provided by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. This gives us the opportunity to help keep both ourselves and our community healthy. So, mark your calendar, tell your friends and neighbors, and join us in Simkins Hall to get your free flu vaccine! No appointments necessary.

**Wednesday, October 16, 9 - 11 a.m. in Simkins Hall**

### **Save the Date: Church Charge Conference**

Join First UMC for the annual Church Charge Conference as we engage in a joyful and worshipful celebration of this year's accomplishments. West District Superintendent Rev. Mark M. Nakagawa will preside. Lunch will be served, and child care will be provided. No charge.

**Sunday, November 10, 11 a.m. in Simkins Hall**

## MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

### Register Now: Westside Food Bank's 29th Annual 5k Hunger Walk

Join First UMC member Russ Whittenburg as he walks to help the Westside Food Bank celebrate their 29th year of walking for a hunger-free community. There's no registration fee, and anyone can walk as an individual or gather as a group to create a team.

**Sunday, November 10, 12 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Santa Monica Ocean View Park**  
(2701 Barnard Way, SM 90405)

To register and for more info, go to:  
<https://my.wsfb.org/team/251521>.

### UMCOR - Hurricane Dorian

As Hurricane Dorian continued to threaten the U.S. east coast, United Methodists were connecting with Methodists in the Bahamas to start relief efforts.

Go to: <https://www.umnews.org/en/category/mission-and-ministry>.

## OPEN INVITATIONS

### First UMC Membership

Membership is a celebration of the fact that someone belongs to our faith community in connection and commitment. Our belonging promotes service to and with each other, values mutual care, and develops meaningful and supportive relationships. Becoming a member of First UMC is an act of publicly entering into a relationship with our faith community. The church offers thanks and welcome in the spirit of belonging to one another. At First UMC, we belong to God and to one another.

If you have questions on becoming a member of First UMC, please contact one of our Pastors.

For a list of the pastors' email addresses, refer to the back of the Order of Worship, go to the Sunday Hospitality Table, or call the church office.

*For more information, or to learn about our ministries and missions, go to [www.santamonicaumc.org](http://www.santamonicaumc.org).*

## LOOKING FORWARD

FIRST UMC SPIRITUAL FORMATION  
COUNCIL PRESENTS:

### NEW EYES AND MORE STORIES

**Saturday, October 12, 2019**  
**9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Fireside Room**

**NEW EYES AND MORE STORIES** is an upcoming half-day retreat led by David Bremer and hosted by the Spiritual Formation Council. It will include presentations and story-related exercises which will suggest new ways of seeing and understanding yourself and your world(s), particularly, but not exclusively, from a spiritual perspective.

**David Bremer** is a professor of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the Otis College of Art and Design in Los Angeles and also serves as the faculty Ombudsperson there. He is deeply experienced in curriculum design and contextual learning, and is a lover of literature and the arts. He has also served on the staff of the University of Delaware, director of both the Southern California Ecumenical Council and the University Religious Conference at UCLA, and led month-long creative renewal workshops for the Mattel Corporation. He is a graduate of the Harvard Divinity School and Wittenberg University.

To register for the retreat, sign up at the Hospitality Table; email: [info@santamonicaumc.org](mailto:info@santamonicaumc.org); or call (310) 393-8258. You must register in advance in order to attend. *Space is limited, \$20 fee (lunch included).*

**Saturday, October 12, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Fireside Room**