

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP

World Communion Sunday • October 6, 2019



While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it.

—Mark 14:22-23

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Nathan Oney

PRELUDE Brother James' Air (Searle Wright)

Ty Woodward, Organ

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #2221 The Faith We Sing – In Unity We Lift Our Song

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Larry Wilson, Lay Lector

Almighty God, from the ends of the earth you have gathered us around Christ's holy table.

We come to feast together.

We praise you, O God, you whom the heavens cannot contain.

We give you thanks for the gifts of those who built this house of prayer to your glory.

We praise you for the fellowship of those who by their use have made it holy.

We pray that all who seek you here may find you and be filled with your joy and peace.

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"Almighty God, God of our father's immortal. Mighty art Thou, the Lord of Lords!"

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Nathan Oney

Please greet those worshipping near you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Dot Plukas

#2233 TFWS – 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 Children's Church in Room 206.

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 GOSPEL Mark 14:22-25 (Pew Bible page 52, N.T.)

Larry Wilson

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

HOMILY "Five Marks of a Methodist: GIVE THANKS"

Rev. Patricia Farris

WE RESPOND

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

Kyrie *from* Memorial (René Clausen)

Lord have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy on my soul. Amen.

*RESPONSE #94 United Methodist Hymnal – The Doxology

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Nathan Oney

God of grace, Spirit of truth, we join with all the church everywhere in the world in giving thanks for all the gifts you entrust to our care. Through our giving, we present ourselves to be useful to one another and to you, ready to “be the hope” for the transformation of the world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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:

#618 UMH – Let Us Break Bread Together

#620 UMH – One Bread, One Body

#120 UMH – Your Love, O God

#431 UMH – Let There Be Peace on Earth

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Farris

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son. Look with compassion on the whole human family; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through us to accomplish your purposes on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN #670 UMH – Go Forth for God

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Toccata in D minor (Gordon Balch Nevin)

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 Sunday coordinator David Penson.

—Tricia Guerrero is on vacation today.

—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 memory of Lois Moore.” From the family of Dr. Robert A. Moore M.D.

—Stop by the Fireside Room to see *Big & Small: Take Flight*, featuring art work by the congregation and local community, promoting love for all God’s flying creatures, in all sizes.

—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: Children’s Sabbath; Tricia Guerrero will preach.

MISSIONS

—We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. In October, please bring instant soups. 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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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; or call (310) 393-8258. You must register in advance in order to attend. Space is limited, \$20 fee (*breakfast included*).

Saturday, October 12, 9 a.m. - 1 p.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 - World Communion Sunday
 11 a.m. Third World Handarts, SH
 11:30 a.m. Bible Study on John's Gospel, Library
Tuesday, October 8
 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, FR
Wednesday, October 9
 9 a.m. UMW Workparty/Lunch, Workroom
 7 p.m. Open Space Game Night, Youth Lounge
Friday, October 11
 7 p.m. Shareringer Monthly Meeting, FR
Saturday, October 12
 9 a.m. Spiritual Formation Council Retreat with David Bremer, FR
 10 a.m. DanceFit, Room 300
 4:30 p.m. Messy Church, Chapel/SH
Sunday, October 13 - Children's Sabbath •
Presentation of 4th Grade Bibles
 11:30 a.m. Bible Study on John's Gospel, Library
 6 p.m. simple supper, FR

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Children's Ministry
 October Theme: Community Foundations
 Sunday School today: Children's Church, Room 206
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

Today - 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 today after worship.

Today, 11 a.m. in Simkins Hall

Bible Study on John's Gospel

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 are leading a study of this distinctive gospel and what it has to offer our own faith. No advance signup needed—just come, and bring a Bible! (*There are extra Bibles to borrow*).

Today, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the First UMC Library

DanceFit

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, October 12, 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)

October Messy Church

A monthly opportunity for families to be together in worship without the worry of being too silly or “messy” because, let’s face it, life can be messy! *October’s Theme: Esther’s Bravery* - We will tell the story of Esther and her bravery to speak up with courage and wisdom when her people’s voices couldn’t be heard. As we explore how God worked with Esther to rescue God’s people, we will also consider how God gives us gifts and wisdom we need to speak up for others in our world today.

Saturday, October 12, 4:30 - 6 p.m. Simkins Hall/Chapel

Fourth Grade Bibles

Fourth grade Bibles will be presented next **Sunday, October 13** to any fourth grader who would like to receive one. Receiving a Bible is an important step in the faith journey of our children. We rejoice as a community and with our families as our children grow in their love for God and one another. Contact Tricia: t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org, if your fourth grader will be able to attend worship that Sunday, or if they cannot attend and would still like to receive a Bible.

simple supper

simple supper is a simple church monthly potluck. Sharing a meal has always been a holy act of hospitality and of fellowship, and there is no reason to make it complicated; bring a dish to share, eat, and enjoy. There is no need to RSVP, all are welcome, and we will celebrate with those who are present.

Sunday, October 13, 6 p.m. (after simple church) in the Fireside Room

NEW: Livestreaming Sunday Morning Worship

We are now livestreaming Sunday morning Sanctuary worship at 10 a.m. via our Facebook page. If you’re out of town or unable to make it into church, you can still watch the service in real time, or later at your convenience. *(Barring any technical difficulties.)*
Facebook: [@santamonicaumc](https://www.facebook.com/santamonicaumc)

Free Flu Vaccination Clinic

First UMC and the Health Ministry Council has the privilege of hosting one of the first free flu vaccination clinics this season to be provided by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. *Any seniors who have been told to get the ‘SENIOR Flu Shot’ dose should contact their healthcare provider or pharmacy; the public health nurses are not given this special dose to administer at the clinics. No appointments necessary.*

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

I See A New Church: Round Table Discussion

Let’s eat, talk, pray, and dream together! On Sunday, October 20, we’ll gather around tables in Simkins Hall following worship for a time of discussion and discernment. Led by our pastors, Lay Leadership Team, and Church Council, this will be a special time together to consider such things as:

- where we see new life emerging in our congregation
- how we dream a future for our United Methodist Church
- opportunities for mission and outreach in our community, nation and world
- how God might be calling you and me into new ministries of love and service

Make plans now to stay after worship October 20 for this wonderful, enlivening time with one another!

Sunday, October 20, 11:30 - 1 p.m. in Simkins Hall

Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser

The Habitat for Humanity Westside Coalition is sponsoring a **Day at Marie Callender’s**. Marie Callender’s will donate 20% of food and beverage purchases to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles (including whole pie purchases and take-out). To participate you must present a copy of the flyer when you order. Flyers are found at the Sunday Hospitality Table and in the church office.

Monday, October 21, 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.

(Marie Calendar’s 11324 National Blvd. 310.478.0347)

Save the Date: Church Charge Conference

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.

LOOKING FORWARD



Preschool Fall Festival

Stay after church Sunday, October 27 as the First UMC Preschool kicks off their new school year! At the Fall Festival look for a bounce house, slide, photo booth, a Chili Cook-Off & bake sale, and more. We look forward to the coming year of educating youth and building community. Come celebrate with us! Visit the website: www.santamonicaumc.org/preschool.

Sunday, October 27, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the First UMC Courtyard/Simkins Hall