

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP

Charge Conference Sunday • November 10, 2019



Pursue love...
- 1 Corinthians 14:1

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Nathan Oney

PRELUDE All Praise to Jesus' Hallowed Name (J. S. Bach)

Ty Woodward, Organ

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #89 United Methodist Hymnal – Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Michael Lamb, Lay Lector

Almighty God, you have raised up servants to proclaim the gift of redemption and a life of holiness.

For all our spiritual forebears, Susanna, John, and Charles Wesley and all who joined the early Methodist movement, inspired by your Spirit, we give thanks.

In their lives and their service, through their difficulties, and in spite of their weaknesses, you were their hope and their salvation.

You led them and their followers to create the heritage that is ours.

We praise you for the women and men, young and old, who followed them, who gave themselves unselfishly for the welfare of the Church, whose commitment and vision encouraged and supported the Church. Their talents, enthusiasm, idealism, and dedication infused the Church with energy.

Their outstanding gifts and witness shaped our thought and life.

Today we give you thanks for 144 years of faithful witness in and through the First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica.

With your church in every place, give us a new vision, new love, new wisdom and fresh understanding, that we may serve you faithfully with joyful hearts and limitless hope.

**Asterisks indicate standing if you are able. As a courtesy to others, please silence all cell phones/sound-making devices.*

* CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"We cherish the past, rejoice in today, and challenge the future's broad'ning way. With Kingdom hope we rise to claim Your promised grace in Jesus' name. Amen."

(From The Centennial Hymn, words by Donald Shelby)

* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Please greet those worshipping near you.

Tricia Guerrero

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#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 in Room 206.

Tricia Guerrero

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Stewardship Moment

We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship, for worship, and for service.

Thanks be to God!

Nathan Oney

Michael Lamb

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision (arr. Matthew Compton)

Mark Twain Ringers/Ron Theile, Director

THE LESSON 1 Corinthians 13:1-8a, 13, 14:1a (Pew Bible page 175, N.T.)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God!**

Michael Lamb

SERMON "School of Love: I See a New Church"

Rev. Patricia Farris

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #393 UMH – Spirit of the Living God

(Sing twice, the second time replacing "me" with "us.")

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
Barbara Smith & William Martinez, soloists

I Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray (Hall Johnson)

Lord I couldn't hear nobody pray, couldn't hear nobody pray. Oh, way down yonder by myself, an' I couldn't hear nobody pray. In the valley, on my knees, with my burden, and my Saviour. Chilly waters, in the Jordan, crossin' over, into Canaan. Oh, all by myself, Hallelujah! Trouble's over, in the Kingdom, with my Jesus! An' I couldn't hear nobody pray.

* RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

* UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Nathan Oney

O God of constancy, you are our home and dwelling place forever. Open our hearts to see the new church you are bringing forth in our midst. For all that you are and all that you do, we give you thanks, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. We offer our gifts in gratitude to further your kingdom on earth. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* HYMN #733 UMH – Marching to Zion

* BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Allegro Moderato (G. F. Handel, arr. Michael R. Keller)

Mark Twain Ringers

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.

—Nursery Care is available at 9 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.

—We are now welcoming you to also use the parking garage pedestrian entrance/exit on Washington. The doors will remain unlocked for convenience on Sundays between the hours of 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

—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.

—If you would like an electronic copy of the Charge Conference reports, please email: info@santamonicaumc.org and we will email you a copy.

—We welcome guest musicians The Mark Twain Ringers, with director and First UMC member, Ron Theile.

—Flowers: "In honor of all our veterans, past and present." From The Roper Family.

—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 Fireside Room for the final day of the exhibit *Big & Small: Take Flight*, featuring artwork by the congregation and local community, promoting love for all God's flying creatures, in all sizes.

—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.

—We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. In November, please bring hot and cold cereals. 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 Annual Giving Stewardship Campaign invites us each and all to prayerfully consider our financial pledge to support the mission and ministries of First UMC. Pledge cards have been mailed out, and they are also found in the pews. Fill yours in and bring it to worship on Sunday, November 24, Consecration Sunday. As the campaign begins, here are a few frequently asked questions:

Why is my financial support of First UMC important?

For the support of our ministries and mission, the financial giving from the congregation of close to \$1 million annually is a key component in our planning.

What is a pledge?

A pledge is a commitment by you to give a stated amount to First UMC for the following year—usually in monthly payments (or weekly or quarterly, if that works better for you).

Why does the church prefer that I make a pledge rather than putting money in the plate each Sunday?

Quite simply, First UMC can rely on your pledge as predictable income—whether you are in worship that Sunday or not. This enables us to accurately budget for the coming year's expenses in all that we are called to do.

What is an appropriate pledge?

The amount of your pledge is between you and God. It is a Holy Habit of generosity that you cultivate over your lifetime. As a frame of reference, it may be helpful for you to know that in 2019, the average annual pledge was just over \$3,100.

What options are available for fulfilling my pledge?

We welcome cash, checks, credit cards via our secure on-line website, automatic checking drafts, and gifts of appreciated stock. The church business office is happy to assist you with any of these options.

When am I asked to pledge?

This year, we will consecrate (make holy) our giving in worship on Consecration Sunday, November 24. Bring your completed pledge card to worship with you. You may also pledge at any time during the year.

Why is this important to me?

We believe and we belong! Generous giving opens our hearts to live in the awareness of the abundance of God's gifts lavished upon us.

For more information about giving, please visit our website at: www.santamonicaumc.org/give.

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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 - Charge Conference Sunday, Mark Twain
Ringers in worship

9 a.m. Staff-Parish Relations Committee Meeting, CR-A

11 a.m. Church Charge Conference, SH

11 a.m. UMYF Cakes for a Cause, Alcove

6 p.m. simple supper, FR

Monday, November 11 - Veterans Day

Tuesday, November 12

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, FR

Wednesday, November 13

9 a.m. UMW Workparty, Workroom

Saturday, November 16

10 a.m. Marilyn Hedges Memorial/Reception,
 Sanctuary/SH

4:30 p.m. Messy Church, Chapel/SH

Sunday, November 17

11 a.m. Free Blood Pressure Screenings, Alcove

11 a.m. John August Swanson in the Fireside Room

11:30 a.m. Bible Study on John's Gospel, Library

11:30 a.m. CPR Training Class, SH

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Children's Ministry - November Theme: Stories

That Shape our Faith Community

Sunday School today: Rooms 205/206

United Methodist Youth Fellowship

6 p.m. UMYF meets, 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**Church Charge Conference - Today**

Join First UMC for the annual Church Charge Conference as we engage in a joyful and worshipful celebration of this year's accomplishments. The agenda includes reports on the ministries and missions of First UMC, financial items, membership matters, and election of officers and council members for the coming year. We will also hear a recap of some of the thoughts gathered by Church Council at the *I See a New Church Round Table Conversations*, held in Simkins Hall on Sunday, October 20. West District Superintendent Rev. Mark M. Nakagawa will preside. Lunch will be served, and child care will be provided. No charge.

Today after worship, 11 a.m. in Simkins Hall

Cakes for a Cause Fundraiser - Today

While you're attending the Church Charge Conference, be sure to support our youth as they sell Cakes for a Cause. This annual event was started by the youth eight years ago to raise money for a mission project serving the poor in different parts of the world. The youth bake and decorate delicious cakes and cupcakes available for purchase, with all of the funds raised going to support a cause. This year, the youth are raising money to support **UMCOR Disaster Relief**.

Today, 11 a.m. in the Alcove

simple supper

simple supper is a potluck gathering of the simple church community, held after simple church on the second Sunday of the month. 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.

Today, 6 p.m. after simple church, 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)

November Messy Church

At Messy Church, we grow in our relationship with God and with one another through crafts, activities, music, and stories of God's love. *November's Theme: "Money Matters."* Our attitudes toward money matters, and sometimes we only see money as a burden or a worry. We will look at the story of the widow who gave her whole treasure to God, showing us a different way. We are invited into the practice of generosity, which helps us to grow in God's love.

Saturday, November 16, 4:30 - 6 p.m. in the Chapel/ Simkins Hall (note: held on the 3rd Saturday this month)

John August Swanson in the Fireside Room

First UMC is pleased to host a selection of artwork by John August Swanson from the collection of First UMC member Meg Flanders. Meg was one of John's first collectors, and several of the pieces date back to the early 1970s. Stop by the Fireside Room next Sunday to see the new exhibit in her memory. Look for upcoming details for an artist talk with John Swanson in January 2020.

Next Sunday, November 17, 11 a.m. after worship

CPR Training at First UMC

First UMC is pleased to offer Safety Net CPR Training to members of the congregation and community. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn CPR for free. Please sign up at the Hospitality Table, or email Sarah at: s.roid@santamonicaumc.org, for more information and to sign up. *You must register to attend.*

Next Sunday, November 17, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in Simkins Hall

Angel Tree Project

First UMC church member Chris Ruud is organizing her 17th year of the Angel Tree Project - a community effort to provide homeless families at Upward Bound House with much-needed household items. Stop by the Angel Tree table during Coffee Fellowship on Sunday mornings beginning Sunday November 24 in Simkins Hall to sponsor a gift. Then return the wrapped gift back to the church office by Sunday December 15. For questions, contact Chris Ruud: chr10is@yahoo.com.

Beginning November 24 after worship in the Alcove

UMW 2019 Mini Bazaar

It's that season again! The United Methodist Women have been busy planning the 2019 Mini Bazaar. Don't miss the UMW's famous peanut brittle, baby and toddler blankets, fine jewelry, ornaments, handcraft items, sachets, dilly dips, delicious casseroles and more, sold in the UMW Workroom. All proceeds benefit the missions and ministries supported by the UMW.

The UMW ladies need your help:

- **Donate Silent Auction items** - Contact Joyce Landsverk: jlandsve@verizon.net, or Carmen Herrera: piano90403@yahoo.com. We will begin collecting silent auction items in November.
- **Donate casseroles** - Go to Carol Reich's sign-up table after worship, next to the Hospitality Table.

UMW Mini Bazaar: Sundays: November 24, December 1, 8, and 15, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the UMW Workroom



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)

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

UMCOR - Responding to the Southern California Fires

The California-Pacific Conference Disaster Response Task Force is monitoring the current and recent fires in the Southern California area and offers suggestions to frequently asked questions in responding to the fires.

Go to: www.calpacumc.org/announcement/responding-to-the-southern-california-fires-oct-2019.

West Side 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 November we are collecting hot and cold cereals.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 7:30 PM



An Evening of Carols, Etc.

FEATURING

IN TERRA PAX

by Gerald Finzi

MAGNIFICAT

by Franz Schubert

featuring:

The Chancel Choir

Ty Woodward, organ

The Mark Twain Ringers

Chamber Orchestra

Rev. Patricia Farris, spoken words

James E. Smith, conductor

Don't miss this yearly event which, for many, sets the mood for the coming Christmas season.

Suggested donation at the door: \$20

Seniors and Children under 12: \$10