

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# WORSHIP

23rd Sunday after Pentecost • November 17, 2019



So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!  
– 2 Corinthians 5:17

## WE GATHER

WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero

PRELUDE Sarabande (Seth Bingham)

Ty Woodward, Organ

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #64 United Methodist Hymnal – Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Melanie Hutsell, Lay Lector

We give thanks to the living God for all the gifts we enjoy:

**For the beauty and wonder of creation in earth, and sky, and sea,**

For all that is gracious in the lives of women and men, revealing the image of Christ,

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

**For health and strength to work and leisure to rest and play,**

For challenges that call forth new strength and for encouragement to persevere,

**For all who have gone before us, for those who walk beside us, and for all children,**

**precious unto you, we give you thanks and praise, O God!**

\*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

“Almighty God, God of our Fathers immortal. Mighty art Thou, the Lord of Lords!”

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Tricia Guerrero

*Please greet those worshipping near you.*

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

## 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 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!**

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## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 65:17-25 (Pew Bible page 696, O.T.)

Melanie Hutsell

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

THE SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:16-17 (Pew Bible page 181, N.T.)

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SERMON "School of Love: Students One and All"

Rev. Patricia Farris

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## WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #2133 TFWS – Give Me a Clean Heart

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 / Dr. James Smith, Music Director

The Lord Bless You and Keep You (John Rutter)

The Lord bless you and keep you: the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

\*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Tricia Guerrero

**Our gracious and generous Creator, you have blessed us with abundance—this beautiful earth and all we enjoy, health and strength, family and friends, work and rest, home and belongings. And now we joyfully give—to support this congregation, to help those in need and extend our mission—in proportion to what we have earned and saved. Give us generous and grateful hearts, we pray. Amen.**

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## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN #384 UMH – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Rigaudon *from* Idoménée (André Campra)

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 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 gate will remain unlocked for convenience on Sundays between the hours of 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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.

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

—Flowers at the Reredos: "In loving memory of my husband Wendall's passing." From Karen Furnas.

—Flowers in the Narthex: "In loving memory of Marilyn Hedges." From Bob & Patty Hedges, and Kathy & Russ Loftman.

—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 to see a selection of artwork by John August Swanson from the collection of First UMC member Meg Flanders, held in her memory.

—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: Consecration Sunday; Rev. Patricia Farris will preach.

MISSIONS

—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 next Sunday, November 24, Consecration Sunday. As the campaign is underway, 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?**

We will consecrate (make holy) our giving in worship **next Sunday—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](http://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**

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

**Tuesday, November 19**

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, FR

**Wednesday, November 20**

9 a.m. UMW Workparty, Workroom  
 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting, CR-A  
 7 p.m. Open Space Hymn & Brew, OS

**Saturday, November 23**

9:30 a.m. Prayer Quilt Workparty, Room 300

**Sunday, November 24 - Consecration Sunday, Faith in Action**

11 a.m. Angel Tree Project begins, Alcove  
 11 a.m. UMW Mini Bazaar, UMW Workroom  
 11:15 a.m. Boy Scout Wreath Sales, Alcove  
 11:30 a.m. Bible Study on John's Gospel, Library

**CHILDREN & YOUTH**

**Children's Ministry** - November Theme: Stories That Shape our Faith Community

Today: Children's Church in Room 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**

**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 today to see the new exhibit, held in her memory. Look for upcoming details for an artist talk with John Swanson in January 2020.

**Today, 11 a.m. after worship**

**Bible Study on John's Gospel**

The Gospel of John contains some of the most beloved passages in our Bible but also some of the most confounding and opaque. 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 sign-up needed—just come, and bring a Bible, or borrow one!

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

**Boy Scout Wreath Sales**

Boy Scout Troop 67 will be back this year to sell wreaths and greenery. Orders will be taken:

**Next Sunday, November 24, 11 a.m. in the Alcove**

**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 next Sunday, November 24 after worship in the Alcove**

**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)

### 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:

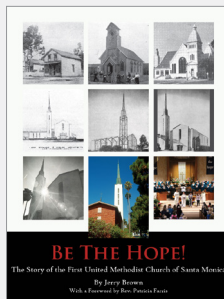
• **Donate Silent Auction items** - Contact Joyce Landsverk: [jlandsve@verizon.net](mailto:jlandsve@verizon.net), or Carmen Herrera: [piano90403@yahoo.com](mailto:piano90403@yahoo.com). We are collecting silent auction items now.

• **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**

### Be The Hope! The Story of the First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica

If you did not pick up your copy last Sunday of the book *Be The Hope! The Story of the First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica*, written by First UMC member Jerry Brown, it's not too late! In 1975, Jerry wrote the Centennial History of First United Methodist Church in monthly installments, overviewing each decade of the church up to the 100th Anniversary. In this book, Jerry recounts the span of 144 years, starting from 1875 to the present, with historical photos and documents illustrating each era. Stop by the Hospitality Table during coffee hour to pick up a copy. (One per family.)



### Alternative Christmas

Missions Council has the antidote for "Black Friday" – the Alternative Christmas Fair. Each year, Missions Council prayerfully selects local and global mission projects. You may make a donation to any of the projects as a gift to a friend or loved one, and send a card announcing your gift. The dates for Alternative Christmas are:

**Sundays, December 1, 8 & 15 after worship in Simkins Hall**

### UMC Giving Tuesday

On **December 3**, United Methodists will once again come together to support the work of Advance missionaries and projects on UMC #GivingTuesday. Consider supporting a project in an area you care about, such as disaster response and relief, food and agriculture, church development, education, health, and more. For a complete list of projects, visit: [www.umcmision.org/Give-to-Mission](http://www.umcmision.org/Give-to-Mission)

### First UMC Christmas Concert

First UMC's Music Ministry Director Dr. James E. Smith conducts *A Christmas Celebration*, featuring Gerald Finzi's *In Terra Pax*, and Franz Schubert's *Magnificat*, for Choir and Chamber Orchestra, and the annual *An Evening of Carols, Etc.* with audience participation. Ty Woodward, organist, will be joined by the Mark Twain Ringers directed by Ron Theile, and spoken words will be read by Rev. Patricia Farris. Suggested donation at the door is \$20, seniors and children under 12, \$10. Don't miss this yearly event which, for many, sets the mood for the coming Christmas season.

*\*For those who can't attend Sunday night, you may observe the Concert rehearsal Saturday morning (December 7) at 9 a.m. at no charge. Carols and readings rehearsal begins at 11 a.m. Out of courtesy to the musicians please no cell phones; families with babies/small children may listen from the Narthex.*

**Sunday, December 8, 7:30 p.m., in the Sanctuary, reception to follow in Simkins Hall.**

### 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](http://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](http://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

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