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As the congregation sings, all children are invited to come forward.

**WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

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

**BENEDICTION**

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**POSTLUDE**

Hornpipe from Water Music Suite (G. F. Handel) Ty Woodward
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OPEN INVITATIONS

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Next meeting: Saturday, January 18, Room 300

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.

Tuesdays: 7 a.m., Fireside Room

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FOCUS ON

ARTIST TALK IN THE FIRESIDE ROOM

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Detail above from THE FISHERMEN
Serigraph - 1973 30 Color Printings
Let down your nets for a catch. Simon hesitated, for his men had toiled all night. They agreed to try again and let down their nets. They took a great quantity of fish.

This serigraph from 1973 is a very important artwork. I was exploring themes about not giving in to discouragement, working hard, and trusting in faith. At the time, I had never before printed such a complicated piece with so many color printings. I needed to believe in the art, and I continued to teach myself new techniques as I worked. It taught me many things about art, and about myself. It helped me to grow, and showed me the path to future artworks throughout my life.

2020 Home Run for Kids
Registration is now open for the 8th Annual Home Run for Kids Walk/Run in the Brentwood community of West Los Angeles. This year’s event—including a 5k/10k chip-timed course, and a stroller & pet friendly Kiddie K – expects to draw over 1,200 participants with all proceeds benefiting Upward Bound House. This is a great opportunity for kids and parents alike to work together to solve family homelessness, a growing crisis across Los Angeles.

Join the First UMC Team! To register go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/home-run-for-kids. (Team name: First UMC Santa Monica)

Before the race, First UMC will hold a brief on-site worship service complete with Communion at 8 a.m. Look for the white First UMC tent. Find out what it means to pray on your feet!

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Need to get your financial house in order in the New Year? Learn about renowned financial author Dave Ramsey’s tenets of eliminating debt, saving and security, and giving back. Join our 9-week Financial Peace University class led by Pastoral Associate Nathan Oney and pastor instructor Sarah Rold. *You may try the first lesson for free. Email: fpu@santamonicaumc.org to reserve a spot. To register for the class, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/fpu.
First class: Thursday, January 16, 6:30 p.m., in Room 301A

Walk the Labyrinth
The Labyrinth laid in the Simkins Hall floor of First UMC Santa Monica is a replica of the Chartres Labyrinth laid in the cathedral around 1220 CE. 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.
Sunday, January 19, 3 - 5 p.m. (last walk starts at 4:30 p.m., Simkins Hall)

Livestreaming Sunday Morning Worship
We now livestream 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) Go to the First UMC Facebook page: @santamonicaumc.

Family Place Community Meal
Going on its fourth year, simple church hosts the monthly potluck Community Meal with Upward Bound House’s Family Place. Upward Bound House provides homeless families with housing and supportive services to suit their specific needs. They empower parents and their children to obtain housing stability, build healthy relationships, and enjoy emotional and financial well-being. The Community Meal potluck is an opportunity to help feed about 30-40 adults & children, served buffet style. Invite your friends and join the next potluck for an evening of conversation, crafts/games with the kids, and a shared meal.
For more information, contact the Community Meal Volunteers by emailing: meal@santamonicaumc.org or call the church office (310) 393-8258.
Thursday, January 23, 5:30 p.m. Family Place (1020 12th St. Santa Monica)

Youth/Scout Sunday
Come enjoy the annual Youth/Scout Sunday service. The youth of First UMC have the opportunity to lead the Sunday service, from reading scripture to preaching the sermons they have written. This day also celebrates the Scouting Ministries (Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts) and their long-standing traditions of service to the community while transforming the lives of the youths. After worship, stay for the Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast (no charge) and Girl Scout Cookie Sales.
Sunday, January 26, Sanctuary Worship 10 a.m. Pancake Breakfast 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Simkins Hall

Parents Date Night / Kids Fun Night
While parents enjoy an evening out, children are provided a safe and fun evening of games, activities and crafts, pizza dinner and a movie with the First UMC trained childcare team. Registration will be open January 13.
Friday, February 14, 5 p.m. 2nd FL Education Building

West District Training Conference
Hosted at Holman United Methodist Church in Los Angeles, California, the West District Training Conference is for both current and emerging leaders within local UMC churches. This day of practical ministry training includes a time of praise and worship as well as numerous workshops led by leaders throughout the West District and California-Pacific Conference. Please bring canned goods to benefit West District Food Ministries. Childcare is available only for those who pre-register online.
Online registration: www.westdistricttraining.com
(as of print time, online registration coming soon).
$15 per person before January 22, $25 after.
Saturday, February 8, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Holman United Methodist Church, (3320 West Adams Blvd., LA)

Now Online: Be The Hope! The Story of the First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica
First UMC is excited to announce the online release of Be The Hope! The Story of the First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica, written by First UMC member Jerry Brown. In 1975, Jerry wrote the Centennial History of First United Methodist Church in monthly installments, overviewsing 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. We are excited to offer a downloadable pdf of the book on our website. Go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/first-umc-history
If you would like to have a printed version of the book, they are available at the Sunday Hospitality Table, or in the church office.

Lay Leadership Team and “I See a New Church”
The lay leadership team of Michael Olsson, Jocelyn Hicks-Garner, Sherry Edelson and Todd Erlandson invite you to email your comments, questions and ideas to: leaders@santamonicaumc.org.
To read the I See a New Church Statement from the Lay Leadership team presented at Charge Conference, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/new/church, or pick up a copy at the Hospitality Table.
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January Theme: Jesus Leads the Community Today: Sunday School in Room 206

United Methodist Youth Fellowship
6 - 8 p.m. Youth meeting at Santa Monica ICE

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Need to get your financial house in order in the New Year? Learn about renowned financial author Dave Ramsey’s tenets of eliminating debt, saving and security, and giving back. Join our 9-week Financial Peace University class led by Pastoral Associate Nathan Oney and past instructor Sarah Rold. *You may try the first lesson for free. Email: fpu@santamonicaumc.org to reserve a spot. To register for the class, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/fpu.

First class: Thursday, January 16, 6:30 p.m., in Room 301A

Walk the Labyrinth
The Labyrinth laid in the Simkins Hall floor of First UMC Santa Monica is a replica of the Chartres Labyrinth laid in the cathedral around 1220 CE. 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.

Sunday, January 19, 3 - 5 p.m. (last walk starts at 4:30 p.m., Simkins Hall)

Livestreaming Sunday Morning Worship
We now livestream 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) Go to the First UMC Facebook page: @santamonicaumc.

**Family Place Community Meal**
Going on its fourth year, simple church hosts the monthly potluck Community Meal with Upward Bound House’s Family Place. Upward Bound House provides homeless families with housing and supportive services to suit their specific needs. They empower parents and their children to obtain housing stability, build healthy relationships, and enjoy emotional and financial well-being. The Community Meal potluck is an opportunity to help feed about 30-40 adults & children, served buffet style. Invite your friends and join the next potluck for an evening of conversation, crafts/games with the kids, and a shared meal.
For more information, contact the Community Meal Volunteers by emailing: meal@santamonicaumc.org or call the church office (310) 393-8258.

Thursday, January 23, 5:30 p.m. Family Place (1020 12th St. Santa Monica)

**Youth/Scout Sunday**
Come enjoy the annual Youth/Scout Sunday service. The youth of First UMC have the opportunity to lead the Sunday service, from reading scripture to preaching the sermons they have written. This day also celebrates the Scouting Ministries (Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts) and their long-standing traditions of service to the community while transforming the lives of the youths. After worship, stay for the Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast (no charge) and Girl Scout Cookie Sales.
Sunday, January 26, Sanctuary Worship 10 a.m.
Pancake Breakfast 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Simkins Hall

**Parents Date Night / Kids Fun Night**
While parents enjoy an evening out, children are provided a safe and fun evening of games, activities and crafts, pizza dinner and a movie with the First UMC trained childcare team. Registration will be open January 13.
Friday, February 14, 5 p.m. 2nd Fl. Education Building

**West District Training Conference**
Hosted at Holman United Methodist Church in Los Angeles, California, the West District Training Conference is for both current and emerging leaders within local UMC churches. This day of practical ministry training includes a time of praise and worship as well as numerous workshops led by leaders throughout the West District and California-Pacific Conference. Please bring canned goods to benefit West District Food Ministries. Childcare is available only for those who pre-register online.
Online registration: www.westdistricttraining.org
(as of print time, online registration coming soon).
$15 per person before January 22, $25 after.

Saturday, February 8, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Holman United Methodist Church, (3320 West Adams Blvd., LA)

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**Lay Leadership Team and “I See a New Church”**
The lay leadership team of Michael Olsson, Jocelyn Hicks-Garner, Sherry Edelson and Todd Erlandson invite you to email your comments, questions and ideas to: leadership@santamonicaumc.org.
To read the I See a New Church Statement from the Lay Leadership team presented at Charge Conference, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/first-umc-history

If you would like to have a printed version of the book, they are available at the Sunday Hospitality Table, or in the church office.
MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

UMCOR - Disaster Response
As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Committee on Relief assists United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need. To find out more about U.S. and International Disaster Responses, go to: www.umcmission.org/umcor

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For more information, or to learn about our ministries and missions, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org.

OPEN INVITATIONS

Prayer Quilt Ministry
The Prayer Quilt Ministry is an outreach ministry that combines the gift of prayer with the gift of a hand-tied quilt. There are a number of ways to be involved:
When a prayer quilt is hanging in the Sanctuary come tie a knot and say a prayer. Remember the recipients in your prayers in the following days. And join the ministry for work and fellowship on the third Saturday of each month in Room 300 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. You don’t have to know how to sew to help.
Next meeting: Saturday, January 18, Room 300

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.
Tuesdays: 7 a.m., Fireside Room

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LOOKING FORWARD

2020 Home Run for Kids
Registration is now open for the 8th Annual Home Run for Kids Walk/Run in the Brentwood community of West Los Angeles. This year’s event—including a 5k/10k chip-timed course, and a stroller & pet friendly Kiddie K—expects to draw over 1,200 participants with all proceeds benefiting Upward Bound House. This is a great opportunity for kids and parents alike to work together to solve family homelessness, a growing crisis across Los Angeles.

Join the First UMC Team! To register, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/home-run-for-kids. (Team name: First UMC Santa Monica)
Before the race, First UMC will hold a brief on-site worship service complete with Communion at 8 a.m. Look for the white First UMC tent. Find out what it means to pray on your feet!

Sunday, February 9, 8 a.m. Darlington Ave., 11645 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA

Artistic Talk with John August Swanson - Today
First UMC is pleased to host an artist talk with John August Swanson in the Fireside Room, today after worship. John will talk about his artwork that is currently being displayed from the collection of First UMC member Meg Flanders, and held in her memory. Meg was one of John’s first collectors, and several of the pieces displayed date back to the 1970s. Light refreshments served.
Today, 11:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room

Detail above from
THE FISHERMEN
Serigraph - 1973  30 Color Printings
Let down your nets for a catch. Simon hesitated, for his men had toiled all night. They agreed to try again and let down their nets. They took a great quantity of fish.
This serigraph from 1973 is a very important artwork. I was exploring themes about not giving in to discouragement, working hard, and trusting in faith. At the time, I had never before printed such a complicated piece with so many color printings. I needed to believe in the art, and I continued to teach myself new techniques as I worked. It taught me many things about art, and about myself. It helped me to grow, and showed me the path to future artworks throughout my life.