

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# W O R S H I P

Second Sunday after Epiphany • Children's Church • January 19, 2020



When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day.

—John 1:38-39a

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## WE GATHER

### WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero

PRELUDE Nimrod *from* Enigma Variations (Edward Elgar)

Ty Woodward, Organ

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #140 United Methodist Hymnal — Great Is Thy Faithfulness

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Molly Smith, Lay Lector

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God.

**Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.**

If we love one another, God lives in us and God's love is perfected in us.

**God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.**

### \*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

“All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided; great is Thy faithfulness, O God!”

### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*Please greet those worshipping near you.*

Tricia Guerrero

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Tricia Guerrero

#2233 The Faith We Sing – Where Children Belong

**This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping 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!**

## ANTHEM

The Chancel Choir/Dr. James Smith, Music Director

Barbara Smith, soloist; Emma Crawford, oboe

Don't Be Weary, Traveler (arr. Karen Seals)

Don't be weary, traveler, come along home to Jesus. My head got wet with the midnight dew, angels bear me witness too. Where to go I did not know, ever since He freed my soul. I look at the world and the world looks new, come along home to Jesus. [*Virginia Slave Song*]

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## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE LESSON Isaiah 49:1-7 (Pew Bible page 679, O.T.)

Molly Smith

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

THE GOSPEL John 1:29-42 (Pew Bible page 92, N.T.)

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

SERMON "Where Is Jesus Staying"

Rev. Patricia Farris

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## WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #402 UMH – Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

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 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

Let All Things Now Living (Mark Carlson)

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the creator triumphantly raise, who fashion'd and made us, protected and stay'd us, who guideth us on to the end of our days. His banners are o'er us. His light goes before us, a pillar of fire showing forth in the night, till shadows have vanish'd and darkness is banish'd, as forward we travel from light into light! His law he enforces, the stars in their courses, the sun in his orbit obediently shine. The hills and mountains, rivers and fountains, the deeps of the oceans proclaim Him Divine. We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing, with glad adoration a song let us raise, till all things now living unite in thanksgiving to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

\*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

### \*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Tricia Guerrero

**We give you thanks, O God. May our offering honor you. May our lives reflect your mercy. May our hands bestow on others the blessings we have received. Amen.**

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## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN #2130 TFWS – The Summons

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE God of Grace and God of Glory (arr. Paul Manz)

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.

—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.

—Flowers: “In memory of Warren Elly for his birthday.” From Ruth Peeples.

—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.

—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.

—Next Sunday: Youth/Scout Sunday; the First UMC youth will lead the service.

MISSIONS

—We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. In January, please bring nutritional bars: protein, granola, energy or breakfast bars. 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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January 19, 2020

Through God's love, the **Health Ministry Council (HMC)** works with the First UMC staff to promote wellness in individuals, the church, and the community. The council supports the mission of First UMC, plans and implements programs and activities that promote physical, mental and spiritual well-being and healing, and serves as an advocate for health and safety concerns.



Some of these programs throughout the year include:

- **Public Health Department Flu Clinic** - In October 2019, 95 vaccinations were given in Simkins Hall, which was considered a success by the Public Health Nurse in charge of the clinic. The council looks forward to reaching more church and community members for the Flu Clinic to be scheduled next fall.
- **Red Cross Blood Drive** - In April 2019, 33 units were collected, which means up to 99 lives were saved! Mark your calendars for this year's Blood Drive, on Sunday, April 26.
- HMC supported **DanceFit!** in 2019, led by Whitney Hagan. Whitney is currently recovering from an injury but she is looking forward to returning to DanceFit sometime in 2020.
- The First UMC Wesley Walkers were glad to participate in the **American Cancer Society Relay for Life** cancer walk, held in May.
- The council has continued to be active in the support of the First UMC custodial staff members' efforts to improve the safety of food handling at First UMC, through coordination of the efforts of the **Kitchen Keepers Task Force**.
- Monthly **Blood Pressure Screenings** are held during Coffee Hour on the third Sunday of each month.
- The HMC continues to support Anne Premer, First UMC's first **Congregation Care Associate** as a council member with great sensitivity and expertise as we continue our efforts to help address the health needs of the congregation and our community.

Mark your calendars for an upcoming Seminar on **Sunday, March 1**, organized by Anne Premer and presented by Wise and Healthy Aging, entitled "When Did That Just Happen?" Topics include: Recognizing and Supporting the Role of a Caregiver; Reviewing the Range of Services WISE & Healthy Aging offers Caregivers and Care Receivers; and, Reviewing Advance Health Care Directives as a critical part of Legal Planning in Caregiving.

Thank you to the Health Ministry Council, for all that you do!

**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  
 11:30 a.m. Bible Study on John's Gospel, Room 101  
 3 p.m. Walk the Labyrinth, SH

**Monday, January 20** - *Martin Luther King Jr., Day, church campus closed*

**Tuesday, January 21**

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, FR

**Wednesday, January 22**

9 a.m. UMW Workparty/Lunch, Workroom  
 7 p.m. SPRC Meeting, CR-A

**Thursday, January 23**

5:30 p.m. Family Place Community Meal, OS  
 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University, Room 301A

**Friday, January 24**

2 p.m. Shirley Svenson Memorial/Reception, S/  
 Alcove

**Saturday, January 25**

10 a.m. Lay Leadership Team Meeting, Room 203

**Sunday, January 26** - *Youth/Scout Sunday • Faith in Action*

11 a.m. Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast, SH

11 a.m. Girl Scout Cookie Sales, Alcove

11:30 a.m. Bible Study on John's Gospel, Room 101

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

January Theme: Jesus Leads the Community  
 Today: Children's Church in Room 206

**United Methodist Youth Fellowship**

6 - 8:30 p.m. Youth meeting, Youth Lounge

**FELLOWSHIP /COMMUNITY****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. The Community Meal potluck is an opportunity to help feed about 30-40 adults & children, served buffet style. 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)**

**Financial Peace University - Last Chance to Enroll**

FPU is underway, but you may still come to the second class to sign up. Learn about renowned financial author Dave Ramsey's tenets of eliminating debt, saving and security, and giving back. The 9-week Financial Peace University class is led by Pastoral Associate Nathan Oney and past instructor Sarah Rold. To register for the class, go to: [www.santamonicaumc.org/fpu](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/fpu).

**Thursday, January 23, 6:30 p.m., in Room 301A**

**Youth/Scout Sunday**

Come enjoy the annual Youth/Scout Sunday service. The youth of First UMC have the opportunity to lead the Sunday service. 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 Girl Scout Cookie Sales, 11 a.m. 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)

### Changes in the Voting Process Seminar

This year the voting process has been overhauled in the state California. In-person voters will be using new ballot marking machines, involving tablet computers similar to an iPad, instead of the old InkaVote system. To review this process, First UMC is hosting a representative from the L.A. County Registrar Office of Elections that will be here with a voting machine, demonstrating the new system that we will be using in the upcoming primary in March.

**Sunday, February 2, 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room**

### 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 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](http://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**

### Parents Date Night / Kids Fun Night

While parents enjoy an evening out for Valentine's Day, 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. \$25 per child, \$10 for additional sibling.

Registration is open now:

[www.santamonicaumc.org/date-night](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/date-night).

**Friday, February 14, 5 - 8 p.m. 2nd Fl. Education Bldg.**

### General Conference Report-Back

You may have recently read or heard about the separation proposal being presented at the upcoming General Conference. Not all of the media coverage has been accurate. Do you want to learn more or have questions? Then mark your calendar now and join Rev. Patricia Farris for a General Conference Report-Back.

**Sunday, February 16, 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room**

### Now Online: *Be The Hope! The Story of the First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica*

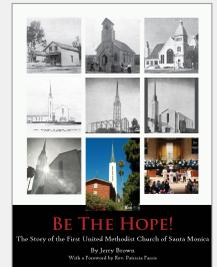
First UMC is excited to announce the online release of *Be The Hope! The Story of the First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica*, written by First UMC member Jerry Brown.

In 1975, Jerry wrote the Centennial History of First United Methodist Church in monthly installments, 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.

We are excited to offer a downloadable pdf of the book on our website. Go to:

**[www.santamonicaumc.org/first-umc-history](http://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 Erlandson and Todd Erlandson invite you to email your comments, questions and ideas to: [leadership@santamonicaumc.org](mailto: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/new-church](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/new-church), or pick up a copy at the Hospitality Table.

## MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

### UMCOR - Puerto Rican Disaster Response

Give now to support the immediate needs of Puerto Ricans impacted by a devastating string of earthquakes.

[www.umcmision.org/umcor](http://www.umcmision.org/umcor)

### 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 January we are collecting nutritional bars: protein, granola, energy or breakfast bars.

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

## OPEN INVITATIONS

### Lectionary Scripture Discussion

A lectionary is a collection of readings or selections from the Scriptures, arranged and intended for proclamation during the worship of the people of God. The lectionary provides a guide to those who wish to read, study, and pray the Bible in tune with the church's prayer and preaching. Center your mind by joining the conversation! The coffee is hot and the discussion is engaging. Come and go as you need – and prepare for worship with deeper insight and understanding.

**Sundays: 9 a.m. – 9:45 a.m., in the Fireside Room**

### 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**

## LOOKING FORWARD



## YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT 2020

In June the First UMC Youth will be going to spend a week working with an organization called the **Appalachia Service Project**. They have been active in the Appalachian Mountains doing home repair for over 40 years. The Appalachian Mountain Region is one of the poorest parts of our country. Through their service they will help to repair the homes of some folks who really need the assistance. This way they can have a safe, warm and dry home to live.

### Let's help the Youth!

• Send a tax-deductible contribution, payable to: First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica (you can write First UMC) 1008 11th St., Santa Monica, CA 90403

*In memo line, write: Youth Service Project*

• OR Donate online through our website: [www.santamonicaumc.org/ysp](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/ysp)

Keep the youth in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare for and carry out this project from June 20-28, 2020.

