

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP

Youth/Scout Sunday • Faith in Action • January 26, 2020



Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down.
- Philippians 4:7

COMING TOGETHER FOR GOOD

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Cassy Williams

PRELUDE Fantasiestucke (C. Nielsen) Emma Crawford, Oboe/Mary Crawford, Accompanist

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Emily Plukas

As we grow in faith, we discover God who is abundant love;

And we seek to share God's love in all ways.

We love with authenticity;

And we bridge that which separates us.

We hold onto what is right;

And we love each other like family.

We contribute to the needs of God's people;

And we show hospitality to strangers.

Above all we rejoice in hope, are patient in suffering, and persevere in prayer.

This is how we share God's love

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Helia Esmaeili

Please greet those worshipping near you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Megan Crawford, Amelie Hughes

#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 to work on the Faith in Action project, making Valentine cards for home-bound congregation members.

SCOUT RECOGNITION

Dan Stirling

Scout Troop 67

Venture Scout Crew 67

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Annika Dodd

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

Thanks be to God!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE LESSON Philippians 4:4-9, The Message

Kate Beckerman

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

SERMONS

Emily Payne, Jack McHugh, Adam Guerrero

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #162 UMH – Alleluia, Alleluia (verses 1,2)

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Lincoln Hughes

SILENT PRAYER & CONGREGATIONAL 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.

CONGREGATION RESPONSE #162 UMH – Alleluia, Alleluia (verses 3,4)

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Amelie Hughes

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 accepted at the Sunday Hospitality Table during Coffee Fellowship. Thank you. May God grow in us generous and joyful hearts.

THE OFFERTORY Sketch in D Flat (R. Schumann)

Ty Woodward, Organ

*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Ethan Crawford

O Holy God, we give you these offerings with our thanks and praise. Remind us of your way of love each day. We pray you will show us the way to cultivate a life in common, to care for others, and to share your love beyond these church walls and into the world. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN #593 UMH – Here I Am, Lord

*UMYF BENEDICTION

Emily Payne

**May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace. Amen.**

POSTLUDE Trumpet Voluntary in D (Jeremiah Clarke)

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: Given by Rev. Patricia Farris to celebrate First UMC’s long support of ministry and mission with our youth, and with thanksgiving for our youth and their families, our youth counselors, and for the leadership of our Pastoral Associate, Tricia Guerrero.

—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: Holy Communion; Rev. Patricia Farris will preach.

MISSIONS

—We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. In February, please bring canned tuna. 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.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of SANTA MONICA

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January 26, 2020

This Sunday we celebrate and worship our wonderful God, while being led by our youth, those in grades 6-12. Our youth ministry at First United Methodist Church is an important part of the life of our church community. Our youth continue to inspire us and lead us all in their discipleship of Jesus Christ. We hope you are inspired during our worship to go forth in God's love to share your gifts and spirit in your life as well!

About Youth Ministry

- Youth Ministry is a community of youth and adult volunteers who gather weekly to explore and grow in faith together. We nurture relationships with God, with other youth and with our adult counselors and mentors. We believe that being a follower of Jesus is a lifelong process of growth and formation that must be journeyed with others in community. We welcome all youth who would like to join us, whether members of this church or not.
- On Sundays, the youth participate in the 10 a.m. Sanctuary Worship by serving as Acolytes, Crucifers and Lay Lectors. Sunday evenings we meet for United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) from 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. for various activities, conversation and a shared meal. Additionally, there is the Youth Service Project every summer when we serve by rebuilding or repairing homes across the nation.

Examples of Youth Activities:

- Annual Youth Retreat in January (this year we went skiing at Mountain High)
- Work to end homelessness at Home Run for Kids
- Intergenerational Game Night with the Sharingers group
- Halloween Overnighter
- Raise money and awareness for a chosen cause each year through Cakes for a Cause
- Christmas caroling to our homebound church members
- Spiritual growth through youth chapels, music, prayer stations, and Bible study
- Game nights to get messy, have fun, and build teamwork and problem-solving skills

Today we also celebrate 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.

Pancake Breakfast 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Simkins Hall / Girl Scout Cookie Sales, 11 a.m. in the Alcove



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 - 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
Tuesday, January 28
 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, FR
Wednesday, January 29
 9 a.m. UMW Workparty/Lunch, Workroom
Thursday, January 30
 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University, Room 301A
Sunday, February 2 - Holy Communion
 11:15 a.m. Changes in the Voting Process Seminar, FR
 11:30 a.m. Bible Study on John's Gospel - canceled

CHILDREN & YOUTH**Children's Ministry**

January Theme: Jesus Leads the Community
 Today: Faith in Action in Room 206
For today's Faith in Action we will be making Valentine's Day cards for our home-bound members to let them know we care about them. We believe that faith is more than a belief, it is a loving action. Faith in Action is a day when our children and youth work together to perform a gracious act of service for the community.

United Methodist Youth Fellowship

No Youth meeting tonight
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**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

West District Training Conference 2020

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. Cost: \$15 by January 28, \$25 January 29 - February 2 (no on-site registration) Please bring canned goods and/or single food items for West District Food Ministries. To register go to: www.westdistricttraining.com.

Saturday, February 8, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Holman UMC (3320 W Adams Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90018)

February Messy Church

This month at Messy Church our theme is *Bible Roads*. We will talk about faith journeys and how they are like a road, sometimes bumpy or uphill and other times smooth and easy. No matter the course, road signs can help us find our way. Our family, community and faith are road signs that guide us on our messy journey. We hope you will join us Saturday, February 8 as we gather for games and crafts, story and prayer, food and fun, and most of all, a time to be with one another in a community of loving support.

Saturday, February 8, 4:30 pm. - 6 p.m. in the Chapel/ Simkins Hall

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)

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. (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**

February Mid-Week Recital

February's Mid-Week Recital features Susan Greenberg, *flute*; Christina Mantes Mateo, *harp*. Presented by Dr. James E. Smith, Music Director, the Mid-Week Recital Series is held January – May on the second Wednesdays of the month. These monthly concerts are free and open to the public and perfect for your lunch break. Recitals begin promptly at 12:10 p.m. and are followed by a reception with the artists. To see the complete list of 2020 recitals, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/mid-week-recital-series.

Wednesday, February 12, 12:10 - 12:40 p.m., in the Sanctuary, reception in the Fireside Room

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.

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 p.m. in the Fireside Room

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.

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.

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

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 - Puerto Rican Disaster Response

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

www.umcmmission.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 February we are collecting canned tuna.

For more information, or to learn about our ministries and missions, go to 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 All Support Our 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

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

