

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany • Children's Church • February 16, 2020



For we are God's servants, working together;
you are God's field, God's building.
—1 Corinthians 3:9

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero

PRELUDE I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ (J. S. Bach)

Ty Woodward, Organ

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #539 United Methodist Hymnal — O Spirit of the Living God

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Jocelyn Hicks-Garner, Lay Lector

Gracious God, you chose life when you established your creation.

You called your people and made a covenant with them.

Come among us now in the power of your Holy Spirit,

that we your people may be transformed by your hospitality and sanctified by your grace.

* CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"Come holy spirit, heavenly dove, with light and comfort from above; be Thou our guardian, thou our guide, o'er ev'ry thought and step preside."

* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Tricia Guerrero

Please greet those worshipping near you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jamie Jones

#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!

ANTHEM

The Chancel Choir/Dr. James Smith, Music Director

More Love to Thee (Timothy Shaw)

More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee! Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee. This is my earnest plea; more love, O Christ, to Thee, more love to Thee! Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest; now Thee alone I seek, give what is best. This all my prayer shall be; more love, O Christ to Thee, more love to Thee! Then shall my latest breath whisper Thy praise; this be the parting cry my heart shall raise. This still its prayer shall be; more love, O Christ to Thee, more love to Thee, O Christ to Thee! Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE LESSON 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 (Pew Bible page 167, N.T.)

Jocelyn Hicks-Garner

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

SERMON "God Is Making All Things New"

Rev. Patricia Farris

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #543 UMH – O Breath of Life

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

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 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

If You Love Me (Philip Wilby)

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever. E'en the Spirit of Truth. And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Nathan Oney

**We sing to you, God, with thanksgiving, making melody to you with our praise.
Use these gifts to spread your gospel of love near and far, to bring life and health to all your children. Amen.**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN #577 UMH – God of Grace and God of Glory

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Minuet *from* Suite Gothique (Léon Boëllmann)

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.

—Please see an usher if you need information or assistance.

—Anne Premer has the day off.

—In case of an emergency, please direct your attention to one of the scheduled ushers, head usher, or Sunday coordinator David Penson.

—Flowers at the Reredos: “In honor of the birthday of Ria Peeples and her upcoming nuptials on Leap Day, from your CA Peeples family. We love you.” From Ruth Peeples.

—Flowers in the Narthex: “In honor of Ann Wilson, with love from a 90-year old family member.”

—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: Baptism; Rev. Patricia Farris will preach.

WORSHIP INFO

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.

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February 16, 2020

One Wednesday a year, sometime in February or March, you notice someone at work, school, or elsewhere with a smudge on her forehead. It looks as if she missed a spot when washing. Then you see another who looks as though he needs to glance in the mirror. By the time you see the third, you realize it is Ash Wednesday and these passersbys must have received the “imposition of ashes.” This practice we use to mark the first day of Lent may seem odd. People go to church mid-week to have a cleric place dirt on their foreheads. In the early days of the church, it was even more dramatic. Pastors did not dip their thumbs into the ashes to draw the shape of a cross on your forehead. Instead, they poured or sprinkled ashes over your head.

Why ashes?

In “A Service for Worship for Ash Wednesday” in the *United Methodist Book of Worship*, two suggestions of what worship leaders may say as they make the sign of the cross on another’s forehead are offered: “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return,” and “Repent, and believe the gospel.” Ashes were an ancient symbol of our humanity. In Genesis, we read that God formed human beings out of the dust of the earth (Genesis 2:7). The Hebrew word translated *dust*, is occasionally translated *ashes* elsewhere.

Receiving the imposition of ashes is a powerful way to confront our humanity and mortality. They remind us that we are not God, but God’s good creation. In them we recognize that our bodies will not last forever, and come face-to-face with the reality of our eventual death. But, it is not the end of the story! Lent leads to Easter, the day we celebrate that though our bodies are temporary and our lives are flawed, a day of resurrection will come when we will live in the presence of God forever.

Here at First UMC we offer two Ash Wednesday services in the Chapel. The ashes used for the services come from the burned palms of last year’s Palm Sunday Service. Javier Espinosa quietly performs his own ritual of carefully burning the palms that were saved from the previous year. We invite you to this intimate and reflective service that marks the beginning of the Lenten season.

Ash Wednesday Services: Wednesday, February 26, 12:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m., in the Chapel

The First UMC Lenten Devotional: Lent can be a deeply personal time for renewal and reflection. In the early church, it was the time when new converts prepared for baptism by prayer, study and fasting. This collection of writings is offered to you for your own Lenten meditations. It is the work of our members, sharing their faith and their stories. There is one devotional for each day of Lent, starting on Ash Wednesday, February 26. Our “theme” this year is **Be the Bridge**, and you will find some of these writings slanted to this kind of thinking.

Please join us in these readings and all our Lenten opportunities for worship, service, prayer and observance. Beginning on Sunday, February 23, you may pick up the Devotional booklet in the narthex, at the Hospitality Table, or in the church office. You may also sign up online for a daily Devotional email:

www.santamonicaumc.org/lentendevotionals2020.



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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 - Children's Church

11 a.m. Free Blood Pressure Screenings, SH
 11:15 a.m. General Conference Report-Back, FR
 11:30 a.m. Bible Study on John's Gospel, canceled
 3 p.m. Walk the Labyrinth, SH

Monday, February 17 - Presidents Day, church campus closed

Tuesday, February 18

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, FR
 6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting, OS

Wednesday, February 19

9 a.m. UMW Workparty/Lunch, Workroom

Thursday, February 20

6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University, Room 301A

Sunday, February 23 - Baptism • Faith in Action

11 a.m. UMYF Water Bottle Fundraiser, Alcove
 11:30 a.m. Bible Study on John's Gospel, Room 101

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Children's Ministry

February Theme: Leaders of the Community
 Today: Children's Church in Room 206
(Music and Movement)

United Methodist Youth Fellowship

6 - 8:30 p.m. Youth Meeting, 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

General Conference Report-Back

You may have recently read or heard about the separation proposal being presented at the upcoming General Conference. Do you want to learn more or have questions? Stay after worship today and join Rev. Patricia Farris for a General Conference Report-Back. Child care provided - 2nd Fl. Edu. Bldg. *Light refreshments served.*

Today, 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. in the Fireside Room

Walk the Labyrinth

The Labyrinth is open from 3 - 5 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month, with the last walk at 4:30 p.m. Enjoy the meditative Labyrinth, then stay for the contemplative simple church service in the Chapel at 5 p.m. Walking the Labyrinth is an ancient spiritual practice, a way to quiet our minds and open our spirits to the presence of the Holy. If you've never been before, there are printed instructions to help with your walking meditation. Take an hour for yourself in this "device-free" zone. Every step a prayer.

Today, 3 - 5 p.m. in Simkins Hall

UMYF Water Bottle Fundraiser

Support the Youth as they raise money for their ASP Service Project coming up this summer. Stop by their table after worship next Sunday to pick up a reusable metal water bottle, custom designed with the church logo and *Be the Hope* message. \$20 per bottle, all proceeds go towards building supplies needed for home repairs, travel expenses and accommodations.

Sunday, February 23, 11 a.m. in 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)

Family Place Community Meal

For four years simple church has hosted 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, February 27, 5:30 p.m. Family Place (1020 12th St., SM)

When Did That Happen?! Recognizing & Supporting Your Role as a Caregiver

Have you (perhaps unexpectedly) discovered that you are a caregiver to an older adult relative or spouse? Have you been struggling to balance your own life with caregiving responsibilities and are wondering what resources might be available to help in the local Santa Monica area? Have you heard of an Advance Health Care Directive, but just haven't gotten around to learning more about it yet? If so, then this is the seminar for YOU! Join us as we converse with Anya Kaufman, LCSW, from WISE & Healthy Aging. We'll explore the realities of being thrust into the Caregiving role and how to seek out and accept support to enhance your life and that of your Care Recipient. Stop by our well-stocked Resource Table to fill-up on educational materials, brochures and pamphlets. Contact Anne Premer with questions: a.premer@santamonicaumc.org. *Childcare provided.*

Sunday, March 1, 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., in the Fireside Room

Lenten Yoga Series

In this coming season of spiritual dedication, Open Space will be inviting people of all ages to add the spiritual discipline of yoga to your Lenten practice. Led by Kristia Oney, the series will incorporate gentle, restorative, and energizing physical movement (with modifications for all mobility and flexibility levels) along with guidance through scripture, connecting body, mind, and spirit to help us settle into this season with intention.

Begins Wednesday, March 4, 7 p.m. in the Fireside Room

Village

You've asked and we listened! Introducing *Village*, a new parent group at First UMC - a monthly space for parents raising young children to simply be in community. It is well understood that happy parents make happy homes and this church community wants just that and is here for you. Much of your time is spent nurturing your children and your family making it very easy to forget to set aside time to nurture yourselves as parents. So come and refresh your overstretched mind, heart, body, relationships, and perhaps even your faith. Feel free to bring other parent friends who might be interested.

Childcare will be provided.

First meeting: Sunday, March 8, 11:15 a.m. in Room 203

Time for Wearin' of the Green

Mark your calendars for the 21st Annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon. Includes lunch and a robust and rousing sing-along led by Carol Reich, with the gaily Gaelic piano stylings of Laura Farrand. Children are welcome and will be provided seasonal crafting materials. Tickets are \$8.50 each, children under 5 will be admitted for free. Don't forget to wear green!

Sunday, March 15, 11:15 a.m. in Simkins Hall

Faith in Action, Together

All are invited on March 22 as Faith in Action Sunday will be extended to the entire First UMC community for the first ever all-church Faith in Action Together project! The children and youth will lead the congregation in assembling 100 lunch sacks and care cards for *The People Concern*. *The People Concern* is a local organization that believes everyone should be housed, healthy, and safe and strives to empower the most vulnerable and traumatized members of the community – those who are chronically homeless, dealing with severe mental or physical illness or substance addiction, victims of domestic violence and challenged youth. So, bring the whole family and invite your friends and let's put our faith in action together as one community.

Check out: santamonicaumc.org/faith-in-action

Sunday, March 22, 11 a.m. in Simkins Hall

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

UMCOR joins coronavirus fight

Working to support the efforts of local partners in China dealing with the coronavirus crisis, the United Methodist Committee on Relief is sending an emergency grant to Amity Foundation in Nanjing, China. The grant will immediately enable infection, prevention and control measures to limit the spread of respiratory diseases such as the new virus.

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

As part of their fundraising efforts for the trip, **the Youth will be selling reusable metal water bottles after worship next Sunday, February 23.** Stop by their table after worship to get yours!

**Sunday, February 23,
11 a.m. in Simkins Hall**

