

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP

First Sunday in Lent • Holy Communion • March 1, 2020

BE THE BRIDGE



Then the devil left him, and suddenly
angels came and waited on him.
—Matthew 4:11

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Nathan Oney

PRELUDE Romance No. 1 for Violin and Piano (Clara Schumann)

Anna Kostyuchek, Violin

*CENTERING ON GOD

Please stand and turn toward the cross in the center aisle.

#484 United Methodist Hymnal — Kyrie Eleison

Psalm 32:6-8

#484 UMH — Kyrie Eleison

Larry Wilson, Lay Lector

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#269 UMH — Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the cross of Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself,
and entrusted to us the message of reconciliation.

Give us the courage to take up our cross and follow him,
**that through his grace we may accept the cost of faithful discipleship
and receive the joy of everlasting life.**

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sacred story gather round
its head sublime."

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

*** SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Please greet those worshipping near you.

Tricia Guerrero

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Tricia Guerrero

#191 UMH - Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

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.

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Nathan Oney

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

Thanks be to God!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE GOSPEL Matthew 4:1-11 (Pew Bible page 3, N.T.)

Larry Wilson

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

HOMILY "Be the Bridge"

Rev. Patricia Farris

WE RESPOND

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/Dr. James Smith, Music Director

It Is Well with My Soul (Craig Courtney)

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul. My sin, O the joy of this glorious thought, my sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more: praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll: the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend, "even so," it is well with my soul!

*RESPONSE #95 UMH – The Doxology

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Nathan Oney

God of abundance and mercy, we dedicate our hearts and lives to you this day. Guide us in keeping a holy Lent. Renew our faith from the depth of your heart, where justice and mercy meet. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

We will use the Musical Setting D beginning on pages 23-24 in The United Methodist hymnal. Gluten-free vegan wafers are available from the servers upon request. The Ushers will guide you in coming forward to receive the communion elements. You may pause at the kneeler to pray or be in silent prayer at your seat. The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns:

#618 UMH – Let Us Break Bread Together

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

#432 UMH – Jesu, Jesu

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Farris

Holy God, Jesus called disciples to share in the ministry of reconciliation and love. Keep us on the way of the cross and lead us to the joy of Easter. Amen.

*HYMN #338 UMH – Where He Leads Me

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Cortège and Litany (Marcel Dupré)

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.

—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.

—We welcome guest violinist Anna Kostyuchek.

—After today's service, members of the Communion Server Ministry will be taking the communion elements to those who were unable to worship with us.

—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: Dried floral arrangements at the reredos help to remind us of our Lenten Discipline during the season of Lent.

—Now is the time to donate toward the purchase of Easter Flowers for Easter Sunday morning worship in celebration of a loved one, an event, a joy, or a remembrance. Stop by the Sunday Hospitality Table or call, email or mail your dedication (please print clearly) along with \$12 per plant to the church office. Deadline to order is April 5.

—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.

—Next Sunday: Second Sunday in Lent; Rev. Patricia Farris will preach.

—We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. In March, please bring canned fruits and vegetables. You may leave items in the bin located outside the Sanctuary.

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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, light refreshments served.

Ask / Listen / Share:

What are your biggest challenges as a parent?

What are your greatest joys as a parent?

What do you wish you had more time for?

Where in your faith experience do you feel dry or parched?

In what ways can this church support you with your family and as parents?

Sundays, March 8 & March 29, 11:15 a.m. in Room 203

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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 - Holy Communion • First Sunday in Lent

11 a.m. Preschool Book Fair, Library
 11:15 a.m. Caregiver Seminar, FR
 11:30 a.m. Bible Study on John's Gospel, Room 101

Tuesday, March 3

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, FR
 7 p.m. Open Space Monthly Gathering, OS

Wednesday, March 4

9 a.m. UMW Workparty/Lunch, Workroom
 7 p.m. Lenten Yoga begins, FR

Thursday, March 5

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

Sunday, March 8 - Second Sunday in Lent • Daylight

Saving Time begins: set clocks FORWARD one hour
 11 a.m. Pennies for Haiti, Alcove
 11:15 a.m. Village Parent Group, Room 203
 11:30 a.m. Bible Study on John's Gospel, Room 101
 6 p.m. simple supper (*after simple church*), FR

CHILDREN & YOUTH**Children's Ministry**

March Theme: Observing Lent in Community
 Today: Jesus Teaches Matthew 5:1-9
Our curriculum, Deep Blue Adventures, goes with the Deep Blue Bibles so that our children enter into a journey that combines exciting stories, arts and crafts, and interactive games into a living-faith experience that will help them discover what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ today.

United Methodist Youth Fellowship

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

FELLOWSHIP /COMMUNITY**Today: 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 today 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. *Childcare provided, light refreshments served.*

Today, 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., in the Fireside Room

Preschool Book Fair

The First UMC Preschool's annual Book Fair is open today in the Library for the congregation to enjoy. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to purchase some outstanding children's books for your family! Book Fair runs through Thursday, March 5.

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

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. *Bring your mat if you have one.*

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

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)

Pennies for Haiti is back!

Starting Sunday, March 8, and running for three Sundays, bring your loose change (or cash) to church, as First UMC resumes fundraising efforts to benefit the people of Haiti. Next Sunday during worship service, Todd Erlandson, past Haiti Team leader, will speak with an update on the events in Haiti.

Sundays, March 8, 15 & 22, in Simkins Hall



Goats purchased in 2017, with funds from Pennies for Haiti, have made a tangible difference in the life of the Haitians.

March Mid-Week Recital

The March Mid-Week Recital features Sergey Kosemyan, *cello*; Anna Markosyan, *piano*; Vladimir Khonyakov, *piano*. All three musicians have had international careers as chamber musicians and soloists. 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, March 11, 12:10 - 12:40 p.m., in the Sanctuary, reception in the Fireside Room

March Messy Church

The March Messy Church theme is “Messy Lent.” Lent is a season for growing in God’s love, and all of us, whether children or adults, still have a lot of growing up to do! That’s why many people choose to give something up this time of year, and it is also why we gather together. Playing games, making crafts, praying together, listening to Bible stories, and sharing a meal all help us to learn and grow toward a faith that embraces the messiness of life. We hope you will join us for an evening of fun as we grow together in God’s love.

Saturday, March 14, 4:30 - 6 p.m. Chapel/Simkins Hall

Buy Tickets Today: 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. Ticket sales begin today after worship next to the Hospitality Table. 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

Lay Leadership Team and “I See a New Church” Contact Info

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.

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

If you missed buying a water bottle last Sunday at the UMYF Fundraiser, they are **still available at the Sunday Hospitality Table!** The bottles are a sturdy, 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 for the trip. Get one while supplies last!

