

**February 11, 2018 • 10:00 a.m.**  
**Transfiguration Sunday**

# **Faith Seeking Understanding**



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## You Are Welcome Here



Some of us are lifelong Methodists, others from different traditions and some from no religious background at all. We believe each of us is growing into the person God created us to be. We value the examples of those who have gone before us (tradition and scripture), the use of our minds (reason) and hearts (experience) as we seek to understand God's intention for our lives. When faith is shared from a breadth of experiences and identities our community is richer.

Since 2011, First UMC has been a part of the Reconciling Ministries Network, a national group of United Methodists that intentionally welcomes all persons, regardless of sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, race, ethnicity, age, physical or mental capacity, and education, socio-economic or marital status.

## Following Worship Today

Join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee and lemonade before choosing an adult or youth learning opportunity at 11:15 a.m. We serve fair trade coffee which certifies that small coffee farmers receive a fair price.

- **Sunday Conversation:**

Rev. Sandra Olewine leads a conversation about the third leg of the Wesleyan Quadrilateral, "Reason." In room 205.



- **Youth Sunday School** (grade 7-12): Meets in room 207.

**New to First United Methodist Church? We are glad you're here! Text "Welcome" to 626.624.4157**

got  
kids?



### Nursery Care (Infant - 4 years old)

Nursery care is available in Wesley Hall every Sunday from 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

### Child Check In (PreK - 6th Grade)

Children in Pre-K through 6th grade who will participate in our Children's Program need to be signed in by a parent or guardian. If the worship service has not begun, please sign your child in at the Child Check-In Table at the west parking lot entrance. If the service has begun, you can sign your child in at any point in the children's schedule below.

### Children's Schedule (PreK - 6th Grade)

- 10:00 a.m. Worship - Children begin worship with their families in the Sanctuary
- 10:10 a.m. Time for Young Christians - Children are invited to come forward in the Sanctuary for a Children's Sermon
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School - Children's leaders walk the children to Sunday School in Room 201
- 11:00 a.m. Music & Snack - Children go from Sunday School to Music where they sing, play instruments, and get a snack.
- 12:00 p.m. Children will be brought to Fellowship Hall for a special Black History Month Reading by our librarian. to be signed out and to join their parents. We hope you will say for the Friends and Family Lunch.

Need help? Have Questions?

Go to the Children's Ministry Office on the south end of the building and a volunteer will be glad to help you!

## THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

To enhance the worship experience, please be sure to switch the ringer on cell phones or pagers to “silent” or “vibrate.”  
Portions said by all are printed in **bold type**. “+” indicates to stand in body or spirit as you choose.

### WE GATHER TOGETHER

PRELUDE

*Prelude in G Major*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)  
*Aaron Shows, organist*

TOLLING OF THE BELL

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

*Led by Mary Jane Lambert*

From seashore to mountaintop,  
from lonely place to hillside,  
from touching lepers to touching glory,  
this has been the reign of God.

**From baptism’s water to mountaintop glory,  
from calling disciples to the healing of many,  
from synagogue exorcism to transfiguration,  
we have moved in the glory of God.**

The revealing, the making known,  
the unfolding, the manifesting,  
the unveiling, the unmasking, of Jesus.

**From the Jordan to the present,  
from the beginning to here,  
from the Galilee to this place,  
let us gather in the transfigured light of God.**

+ OPENING HYMN

*Jesus Shall Reign*

1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun  
2. To Je - sus end - less prayer be made,  
3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue  
4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns;

does its suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;  
and end - less prais - es crown his head;  
dwell on his love with sweet - est song;  
all pris - oners leap and loose their chains;

his king - dom spread from shore to shore,  
his name like sweet per - fume shall rise  
and in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim  
the wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest,

till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
with eve - ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
and all who suf - fer want are blest.

The United Methodist Hymnal, No. 157 Words: Isaac Watts, 1719 Tune: DUKE STREET by John Hatton, 1793. Public Domain

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY (unison)

**We worship you, O God, with songs of praise.  
We worship you with words of prayer  
and with ears that listen for you to speak  
your saving truth into our lives.  
We worship you in the silent spaces  
where we struggle for hope and for courage.  
We long for a glimpse of your glory:  
the glory that shines in the darkness  
and the darkness cannot overcome it;  
the glory that touches lives with a beauty so holy  
that it heals the wounded soul;  
the glory that gives strength to the weary.**

**Grant us grace  
to live every moment,  
daring to live with hope and courage and love  
reflecting the life of Jesus,  
through whom your glory shines. Amen.**

+ WELCOME AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ is here to stay. **Thanks be to God!**

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Rev. Sandra Olewine

*All children are invited to come forward for the Time for Young Christians.*

*As the children come forward and later as they depart for Sunday School, we sing together:*



This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon - na let it shine,  
this lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon - na let it shine,  
this lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon - na let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

The United Methodist Hymnal, No 585 Afro-American spiritual, Public Domain

## WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

### COMMON EPIPHANIES (Choral Reading)

#### ANTHEM

*The Heavens are Telling* (from *The Creation*) Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

Chancel Choir and Trio: Hannah Penzner,

Stephen Faulk and René Ruiz

The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
the wonder of his work displays the firmament.

To day that is coming, speaks it the day,  
the night that is gone, to following night.

In all the lands resounds the word,  
never unperceived, ever understood. –Gottfried van Swieten (1733-1809)

+ GOSPEL LESSON

*Mark 9:2-9*

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

HOMILY

*Don't Check Your Brain at the Door*

*Rev. Sandra Olewine*

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Rev. Gregory Norton*

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.**

SHARING OUR TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Almighty God is light. He lives in us as True Light.  
In the beginning, out of darkness,  
God created light.

*Solo:* Don't let the light that You've given me die,  
And don't desert my mind.  
But let the one who serves You  
Praise you again and again.

You are the one who judges right from wrong.  
Your glory excites no envy.  
But let the one who serves You  
Praise you again and again.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Everywhere I go, I want the world to know.  
God gave the world True Light.

## + PRESENTATION HYMN

*For the Life That You Have Given*

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in Christ made known,  
with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:  
here we of - fer, Lord, our prais - es; heart and mind and strength we bring;  
give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

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## + PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**WE GO INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE**

1. Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo - ry, heav - en's voice, the daz - ling light;  
 2. Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la - tion, they shall gain and keep its truth,  
 3. Lord, trans - fig - ure our per - cep - tion with the pur - est light that shines

Mo - ses and E - li - jah van - ish; Christ a - lone com - mands the height!  
 not by build - ing on the moun - tain an - y shrine or sa - cred booth,  
 and re - cast our life's in - ten - tions to the shape of your de - signs,

Pe - ter, James and John fall si - lent, turn - ing from the sum - mit's rise  
 but by fol - low - ing the Sav - ior through the val - ley to the cross  
 til we seek no oth - er glo - ry than what lies past Cal - vary's hill

down - ward toward the shad - owed val - ley where their Lord has fixed his eyes.  
 and by test - ing faith's re - sil - ience through be - tray - al, pain and loss.  
 and our liv - ing and our dy - ing and our ris - ing by your will.

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+ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow (Lasst Uns Erfreuen)* Aaron Shows (b. 1989)

**Call to Worship & Common Epiphanies:** Roddy Hamilton, (inspired by Matthew 17:1-8, Mark 9:2-9, Luke 9:28-36, 2 Peter 1:16-18), [www.nkchurch.org.uk/index.php/mucky-paws](http://www.nkchurch.org.uk/index.php/mucky-paws);

**Prayer of the Day:** adapted, Christine Jerrett, and posted on Christine Jerrett: Reflections on being the Church in God's new reation. <http://christinejerrett.wordpress.com/tag/prayer/>

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## THIS WEEK AT FUMC February 12 - 18, 2018

### Monday, February 12

- M&M's Study Group, 10:30 a.m. (Library)
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Empathetic Listening 7:00 p.m. (Room 205)
- Dulcet Singers Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m. (Chapel)

### Tuesday, February 13

- Social Service Office Hours, 10:00 a.m. (Great Hall)
- Catherine Wegener Memorial, 2:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)
- Mardi Gras: Pasadena Style, 6:30 p.m. ( Colorado Patio)
- Boy Scouts, 6:30 p.m. (Boy Scout Room)
- Young Adults, 6:30 p.m. (Aldersgate Room)
- Camp Committee, 7:00 p.m. (Church Lounge)

### Wednesday, February 14

- Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 a.m. (Chapel)
- Prayer Quilt Ministry, 9:30 a.m. (Church Lounge)
- Ash Wednesday Service, 12:00 p.m. (Chapel)
- Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 p.m. (Chapel)

### Thursday, February 15

- Pastor Sandy's Lectionary Study, 12:00 p.m. (Church Lounge)
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m. (Choir Room)

### Friday, February 16

- Islamic Center of So. Cal. Prayer Service, 12:30 p.m. (Church Lounge)

### Saturday, February 17

- Karen Hayes Memorial, 11:00 a.m. (Chapel)
- Third@First Concert, 4:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)

### Sunday, February 18

- SpiritSeekers, 8:55 a.m. (Church Lounge)
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 9:15 a.m. (Sanctuary)
- Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)
- Coffee & Conversation, 11:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Agape Fellowship, 11:15 a.m. (Aldersgate)
- Turn-A-Page Book Group, 11:15 a.m. (Church Lounge)
- Youth Sunday School, 11:15 a.m. (Youth Lounge)
- Sunday Conversation, 11:15 a.m. (Room 205)
- Youth Bell Choir Rehearsal, 12:00 p.m. (Bell Room)
- Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal, 12:45 p.m. (Bell Room)
- Questers Fellowship, 5:30 p.m. (Church Lounge)
- Youth Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
- Youth Dinner & Program, 6:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

The Church office will be closed on Monday, February 19 in observance of President's Day.

# News at First

## GROW IN FAITH

- **Ash Wednesday:** The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Throughout the day, we gather in the Chapel for prayerful reflection, acknowledging our need to repent, to change direction, seeking God's gracious forgiveness and mercy. At 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., thirty-minute prayer services will be held and will include the Imposition of Ashes. At 7:00 p.m. there will be a service of prayer, confession, reflection, the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. Ken Chikonzo, our Fuller Seminary intern, will bring the evening meditation.
- **Lenten Study Groups:** Rowan Williams' book, *Meeting God in Mark: Reflections for the Season of Lent*, will be the source for FUMC's 2018 Lenten study which begins the week of February 18 and continues through the week of March 25. Studies will be offered on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., Monday nights from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. facilitated by Pastor Sandy, and Tuesday nights from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., facilitated by Rev. Jennifer Chapman.  
Books are available in Fellowship Hall on Sundays and in the church office during the week. The suggested donation is \$10. Please sign up by calling the church office or stopping by the table in Fellowship Hall today.
- **Romance on Piano:** The Third@First Concerts continue on Saturday, February 17, at 4:00 p.m. with a piano concert offered by First UMC's own Junko Ueno Garrett. Her program, entitled "Romance on Piano," includes music of some of the greatest European composers of the 19th century. Admission is free.
- **Soul What? Children's Camp: Registration and Payment due TODAY!** February 17 - 18, children in grades 1- 6 (and younger children accompanied by a parent) are invited to Camp Sky Meadows for a weekend in the mountains. In addition to playing, singing campfire songs and enjoying the mountain air, we will spend time exploring the practices of Lent and learning to answer John Wesley's question, "How is it with your soul?" The cost for camp is \$55 per child, \$45 for parents serving as counselors.
- **Lenten Family Tuesdays:** Families and children are invited to our special Tuesday nights this Lent. February 20 - March 27, these weekly classes will begin with light dinner at 6:15 p.m. followed by the making crafts and food to support Heifer, art activities and drama fun, which will include performing in a skit during Sunday worship. We end each evening at 7:30 p.m. On March 27, we'll have a special family night celebration for Holy Week. An adult Lenten Bible study is available to parents on *Meeting God in Mark*. Childcare will be available for younger children.

## NOTEWORTHY ITEMS

- **Friends and Family:** luncheon is on today at 12:00 p.m. following morning education. This month it will be sponsored by the United Methodist Women. Proceeds will go toward helping two of our members attend the UMW Assembly in May in Columbus, Ohio.
- **Black History Month:** Beginning Sunday, February 11, we begin an observance of Black History Month, honoring the vision of Carter Woodson who founded this annual event. Woodson worked to educate people about how African Americans have been integral in creating the American cultural experience. If you would like to help with the preparation of these weekly displays, please contact Yvonne LaRose, [vivavoce.geo@yahoo.com](mailto:vivavoce.geo@yahoo.com). In order to take in more of the content offered in the displays, also visit the virtual site, "In Honor of Black History Month" which can be found at [forums.delphiforums.com/entrances/messages/4286/1](http://forums.delphiforums.com/entrances/messages/4286/1)
- **Mardi Gras Pasadena Style:** On February 13 we celebrate Fat Tuesday on the Colorado Blvd. Patio from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Wear bright colors! Bring exuberant spirits! Invite family and friends. There will be music, pancakes, and crafts. Prepare for the season of Lent by joining in this wonderful intergenerational event in the life of our congregation! There will also be a performance by the Marshall Fundamental School Jazz Band.
- **Cabaret:** enjoy an evening of songs from the movies at this year's youth cabaret, Friday, February 23 and Saturday, February 24. At 6:30 p.m. there will be a silent auction over appetizers. During dinner, the youth will offer a program of solos and small ensemble pieces alongside selections for the full choir and the handbell choir. Proceeds support the annual youth choir mission tour in June. Tickets go on sale today after worship. \$20 - Adults with dinner, \$10 - Children ten years and younger, \$10 - Show without dinner.
- **United Methodist Women:** On Monday, February 26, 1 – 2:30 p.m. join UMW for "The Bishop's Stew." In the spirit of shared church dinners, Bishop Beverly Shamana will bring a potluck program of humor and fun to church tradition both old and new, plus a dessert surprise: The Ladies Aid Rap (not the one from CVS). So bring your fork and pass the salsa and be prepared for lots of giggles and insights galore.

## PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

*We lift up to God these prayers...*

newly added: Bertha Garrett, Pat Mann, Joan Reid, Tim Sun

for healing: Daniel Aksten, Les Atkinson, Vanessa Bales, Elwood Beach, Susan Beckett, Rochelle Bender, Binder Family, Lynette Black, Brent Bowers, David Brooks, Clara Chang, Mary Davis, Steve & Sherry Dedecker, Juliet DeGuzman, Luci DeLeon, Ted Dineros, Joyce Dorn, Judy Doyel, John Duda, John Edell, Penny Eiker, Edna Farris, Cameron & Wendy Fernandez, Alisa Fishbach, Bertha Garrett, C. Samuel Gladwin, Diego Gomez, Ann Hasagawa, Brett Hain, Sofia Hain, Julie Hara, Helen Jerdasiak, Soledad Joco, June Koese, Meredith Lyon, Viola Mallory, Rev. George Mann, Pat Mann, Fred Niemann, Lucy Patrick, Carmen Patrino, Rahn family, Joan Reid, Anita Ruiz, Ethan Sandoval, Mary Sands, Solloman Sedacy, Jean St. Pierre, Tim Sun, Jane Tognazzini, Howard Underwood, Jeff Vernon, Geneva Walker, Lily Whitaker, Eric Wolf, Juliet Wolf

in loving memory: Karen Hayes, Catherine Wegener

for our district: Ventura: College UMC, Santa Paula: El Buen Pastor UMC

for the community: prayers for the poor, homeless, incarcerated, for those seeking employment, and for those suffering from mental illness and addiction, for young people who are “dreamers” and are fearful for their future

for refugees the world over who are the victims of war, terror and disaster. Help us respond in love.

for victims of human trafficking and those living with sexual assault and abuse.

for the just resolution of conflict for the people of Afghanistan, Congo, Darfur, Egypt, Georgia, Haiti, Iran, Iraq, Kenya, Lebanon, Libya, Mexico, Native Americans, North Korea, Pakistan, Southern Sudan, Syria, Tibet, Yemen, Zimbabwe, Israel & Palestine

*To ensure that those in need of prayers get them when they are needed most, names will be posted on the prayer list for one month after receiving a prayer request. Names can be added again by contacting the church office if prayers are still desired*

## CLERGY AND LAY LEADERSHIP

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