



October 29, 2017

**Fullerton First United Methodist
Church**

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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by proclaiming the good news of God's grace and by exemplifying Jesus' command to love God and neighbor, thus seeking the fulfillment of God's reign and realm in the world

Order of Service

**Indicates: Please stand if you are able.*

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude “Nun Bitten Wir Den Heiligen Geist”--Dietrich Buxtehude Anna Reiley, Organ

Welcome *You are welcome to fill out a prayer request card located on the back of each pew. Our Acolyte will pick up your prayer request during the Anthem. Your prayer request will be read during the Prayers of the People.*

***Greeting one another in the name of Jesus Christ**

***Opening Chorus** “Step by Step” See Screen

***Call to worship** John Lamkin, Liturgist

God is at work.

Light pierces the darkness.

Love calms fear.

Joy tickles sadness.

Hope lifts up despair.

Peace disarms anger.

Kindness dances around hostility.

Music sings away troubles.

God is at work!

Rejoice!

Hymn “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” (stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5) UM Hymnal No. 160

***Opening Prayer**

Gracious God, we come

desiring to know true joy.

We long to love and to be love;

to dare to hope again;

to feel our hearts quicken

with anticipation of truly living.

Lead us in your ways of love,

that we will bear the fruits of a life with you.

In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

***Gloria Patri** (UM Hymnal No. 70)

Children’s Time

A Moment of Happiness

Don and Becky McFarland
Kevin Jackson

A TIME OF PRAYER

Anthem "For the Beauty of the Earth"--John Rutter

Prayer of Opening to God (*unison*)

God of love, we confess that our silence is noisy,
our minds filled with distracting chatter,
our thoughts focused on problems
and our lives bombarded with temptations.
How hard we find it to be still and rest in your holy and healing presence.
God of love, teach us in this hour
the words to pray and the silences to keep.
Quiet the tempests within us
that we may hear you.
In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Come, Holy Spirit,
Fill our minds with your truth,
Fill our hearts with your love,
In the name of God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

Scripture

Nehemiah 8:10
Matthew 25:14-30

Response

This is the Good News of our Lord, Jesus Christ
Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"More Is Not the Answer-- Usually"

Pastor Paula Ferris

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory "Art Thou with Me?"--Johann Sebastian Bach

*Doxology (*UM Hymnal #94*)

*Prayer of dedication

*HYMN

"Rise Up, O Saints of God"

UM Hymnal No. 576

*BENEDICTION (*Congregation, please join hands.*)

*POSTLUDE. "Postlude"--Alexandre Boëly



The flowers on the Altar this morning are presented by
Tammy Scrivner and Brandon Scrivner
In memory of Tammy's Brother and Brandon's Uncle's birthday.
He would have been 57.
The 2017 and 2018 flower sign up calendars are available in the South Lounge.

Happiness 101

Our church-wide emphasis Happiness 101 is dancing its way into people's hearts.
Have you missed any of it? Don't miss another week!

Do you ever have the sneaking suspicion that you've been duped? That the things you were promised were never really possible? Or, worse, that the things they told you would make you happy, won't really make you happy? They'll just line someone's pockets?

Then you've experienced, "Lies From Zombies."

What are zombies doing in Pastor Paula's sermon next week? You'll have to come find out.

Next week come hear Kelly Jimenez share her passion for who we are at Fullerton First UMC and what makes us great!

Next week we will also be celebrating the lives of those whom we love who have died in the last 12 months. We will honor our church members. And, we want you to honor anyone you've lost this year, too. Bring a cut flower to worship this Sunday and you will have an opportunity to place it on the altar in memory of someone you lost this year.



Prayers for Stephen Ministers, **Tammy Scrivner, Barbara Giasone, Brandon Scrivner, and Viviane Kirk** as they continue their training in a new ministry in and for our congregation.

For continued healing:

Lois Reade, having surgery Nov. 1st; **Tammy Miller**, for healing; **Richard Mullard**, for healing; **Molly McClanahan**, recovering after a fall; **Dave Reger**, for healing after elbow surgery; **Danny Hernandez**, (Clara Hernandez's nephew) for healing; **Jack Dillard** (Diane Hargrave's father), receiving hospice care; **Nieves Garcia** (Lilia Milloy's mother) for healing; **Hyeyeon Kim**, for continued healing; **Bob Kearny** diagnosed with cancer; **Blake Smith** healing after a fall.

For those who are in care facilities:

Margaret McFarland Christensen at Park Vista; **Harry Musser** Richman Gardens in Fullerton; **Arceli Elman** at Anaheim Crest Nursing Home; **Alta Carter**, in Sunrise of Fullerton; **Edna Brown** at Above All Assisted Care. **Loren Grandy**, Park Vista

For those in the military and their families:

Zack Zarow is now stationed in Virginia ; **Jordan Hoffner** (grandson of Sandi Hoffner); **Philip Neisess** (grandson of Kendall & Sandy Neisess); **Andrew Stover, Norah Fuller**.

Last week to collect **Peanut Butter** for the Pathways of Hope Fullerton Food Bank
Please place donations in the buckets near each door.
Next week we will begin collecting **Dried Beans**

Please check our website for a calendar of events for this week.

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