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The Chancel Choir/Dr. James Smith, Music Director
Come Home (Craig Courtney) Emma Crawford, Oboe
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An ancient liturgy of Light, Word, and Communion

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**CHILDREN & YOUTH**

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Good Friday Labyrinth Walk 1 – 9 p.m., Simkins Hall. Walk in silence to look within.

APRIL 11: simple church EASTER VIGIL
7:30 p.m. Courtyard/Chapel
An ancient liturgy of Light, Word, and Communion

APRIL 12: EASTER SUNDAY
6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service
Palisades Park (Santa Monica Blvd. & Ocean Ave.)
Bring fresh flowers for the cross, and a lawn chair or blankets. Hot coffee served.
10 a.m. Easter Celebration Worship
First UMC Sanctuary
Family Service, Choir, Brass, Organ, Lilies, and Alleluias! (nursery care provided)

Holy Week 2020

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Sunday School’s
FAITH IN ACTION, Together!

APRIL 5
10 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
A family favorite, Palm Sunday is a day of celebration and festivities. Celebrate Jesus’ arrival into Jerusalem by waving palm leaves in the sanctuary. After service, enjoy a family brunch at no charge. Take a photo with the Easter Bunny, decorate some eggs, and bring your basket for the annual Egg Hunt! (nursery care provided)

APRIL 10
Prayer Vigil 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., First UMC Chapel
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APRIL 11:简单教堂复活节守夜
7:30 p.m. Courtyard/Chapel
一个古老的圣光、圣言与赞美。祈祷与冥想

APRIL 12: 复活节星期日
6:30 a.m. 复活节日出崇拜
Palisades Park (Santa Monica Blvd. & Ocean Ave.)
将新鲜的鲜花放在十字架上，还提供草坪椅或毯子。提供热咖啡。
10 a.m. 复活节庆典崇拜
First UMC Sanctuary
家庭崇拜，合唱团，长号，风琴，百合花，和阿列路亚！（提供幼儿园看护）