

—We know that “social distancing” only means physical distancing out of concern for one another. It really means that nurturing spiritual, mental, emotional, social and relational connectedness is vital to our overall health and vitality. We’re all challenged, to be sure, but we are also enlivened and empowered by the everlasting power of God’s rainbow of love and light. This is a moment to grow in generosity and joyful hearts. Let’s stay steady, and be faithful and creative, offering all the gifts with which we have been blessed to hold one another through these times.

- Continue to give generously.
- Sign up to purchase Easter flowers to send flowers to some of our homebound members.
- You may also continue to earmark gifts for our various mission projects, including Pennies for Haiti.
- You may choose to give an extra gift to our Nicodemus Fund which is a small fund set up to provide emergency financial support to members in need.
- Donations to the Westside Food Bank, so important especially to families whose kids aren’t getting breakfast or lunch at school, may be made at their main location or at their drop-off sites.
- Take care. Wash your hands. Do everything in your power to help stop the spread of the virus.
- Deepen the bonds of love amongst family, friends and neighbors in our new-found extra time together.
- Be creative. Reach out to one another with love and care.
- Check the church website for updates on Easter worship opportunities. www.santamonicaumc.org

—Lenten Yoga Online: The experts say that practicing mindfulness and getting some exercise can help us maintain a healthy self while we practice social distancing for the good of the community. We are bringing Lenten Yoga into your homes via FaceBook (@openspacesm). Lenten Yoga will be live-streamed at 7 p.m. each Wednesday, and should be available for the following 24 hours.

—Men’s Breakfast via ZOOM: Men’s Breakfast will meet at their usual time of Tuesdays, 7 a.m. via ZOOM. Email Nathan Oney (n.oney@santamonicaumc.org) if you would like to join this group.

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WE GATHER

Today’s service is an Online service only. Go to www.santamonicaumc.org/livestream, for more information.

WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero

PRELUDE Rhosymedre (R. Vaughan Williams)

Ty Woodward, Organ

CENTERING ON GOD

#484 United Methodist Hymnal — Kyrie Eleison

From Psalm 130:1-6

Nathan Oney

#484 UMH — Kyrie Eleison

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tricia Guerrero

O mortal, can these bones live?

Only the Lord God knows.

O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!

The Spirit of God will be our life and the grace of God our righteousness.

O people, hope in the Lord.

With the Lord there is steadfast love. God who raised Jesus from the dead gives life to our mortal bodies also. Praise be to God!

God is real. God is love. ■ Every person matters. You matter. ■ Together we can change the world.

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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 John 9:1-7

Tricia Guerrero

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

HOMILY "Category-Defying Bridge"

Rev. Patricia Farris

WE RESPOND

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Tricia Guerrero

SILENT PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: **Lord, have mercy.**

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.

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Nathan Oney

Your continued financial support of the church is now more important than ever. You may mail your gift to the church or drop it into the mail slot of our offices any day of the week. You may also give online at www.santamonicaumc.org/give, or mail checks through your online banking programs. You may continue to earmark gifts for our various mission projects. May God grow in us generous and joyful hearts. Thank you.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ty Woodward

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (J.S. Bach)

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Nathan Oney

Holy God, giver of Life, we thank you for raising us up and joining us together as one people, your people, flesh and bone in the body of Christ. As you have delivered us from death, use our lives to proclaim the good news of new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

POSTLUDE Hope of the World (V. Earle Copes)

Ty Woodward