

—We welcome today's guest instrumentalists: Anna Kostyuchek, violin; and Kevan Torfeh, cello.

—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.
- 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

Stay Connected Online:

- **Men's Breakfast via ZOOM: Tuesdays, 7 a.m.** Email Nathan Oney (n.oney@santamonicaumc.org) if you would like to join this group.
- **Lenten Yoga via FaceBook (@openspacesm): Wednesdays, 7 p.m.** Lenten Yoga will be live-streamed Wednesday nights, and should be available for the following 24 hours.
- **Youth Group Meetings via Zoom: Sundays, 6:30 p.m.** Email Tricia Guerrero (t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org) if you would like to join this group for youth in grades 6-12.
- **Young Adults via Zoom: Fridays, 6 p.m.** Contact Nathan Oney (n.oney@santamonicaumc.org) for more info.
- **Children and Family Ministry:** Email Tricia Guerrero (t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org) for the Children and Family Ministry email, highlighting **Sunday School from Home** as a way for the children to continue learning and exploring their faith.

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP

ONLINE Worship • Lessons and Anthems • March 29, 2020

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

BE THE BRIDGE



This service is an annual First UMC tradition, designed to prepare us for the events of Holy Week in deep prayer and reflection. May the Spirit of God quiet and open your heart, mind and soul, as together we consider God's great gift of Christ Jesus.

WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero

PRELUDE The Peace (Dan Lochlair)

Ty Woodward, Organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tricia Guerrero

Brother Christ, help us to follow you deep into the waters of baptism, to break the chain of past wrongs, to become fit to face your coming age.

Jesus, our Brother, help us to follow you.

Help us to follow you on the road to Jerusalem, to set our faces firmly against friendly suggestions to live a safe, expedient life, to embrace boldly the way of self-offering.

Jesus, our Brother, help us to follow you.

Help us to follow you even to the cross, to see our hope in your self-spending love and mercy, to die to all within us not born of your love.

Jesus, our Brother, help us to follow you.

UNISON PRAYER

Tricia Guerrero

Almighty God, through love you have made us, and for love you call us to repentance. Grant that we who need to mend our sinful ways may find strength in your compassion and forgiveness. Restore to us the joy of your salvation; give us your Holy Spirit that we may serve you with willing hearts, bearing witness to your abundant mercy in all the world; through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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

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SILENT PRAYER

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.

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Nathan Oney

We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship, for worship, and for service.
Thanks be to God!

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Anna Kostyuchek, violin; James Smith, piano

Opus 22, No. 1, Andante Molto for violin and piano (Clara Schumann)

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Nathan Oney

O God, you who reveal your power above all in your mercy and forgiveness, open up for us the treasures of your mercy. Continue to fill us with your gifts of love, that we may share in the eternal life you promise and in the joys of your kingdom. Amen.

The Agony of Gethsemane

HYMN What Wondrous Love Is This

Ty Woodward

FIRST LESSON Mark 14:32-38

The Betrayal & Arrest

SECOND LESSON Mark 14:43-50

HYMN Ah, Holy Jesus

Ty Woodward

The Trial Before Religious Authorities

THIRD LESSON Matthew 26:57-66

The Denial of Peter

FOURTH LESSON Mark 14:66-72

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Sarabande from Sixth Cello Suite (J.S. Bach)

The Trial Before Pontius Pilate & The Journey to Calvary

FIFTH LESSON Mark 15:1-15

The Cross

SIXTH LESSON Mark 15:16-20

HYMN What Wondrous Love Is This

Ty Woodward

SEVENTH LESSON Romans 6:1-11

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Cortège and Litany (Marcel Dupré)

Ty Woodward