—We are 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.
- Donations to the Westside Food Bank 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 worship and ministry opportunities. www.santamonicaumc.org

STAY CONNECTED ONLINE:

Sunday Zoom Social Hour: Sundays, 11:15 a.m. via ZOOM
Get your coffee and donut (or whatever snacks you might have on hand) ready for a post-worship virtual “Coffee Hour” Sundays at 11 a.m. All are welcome via Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/160321402 Zoom ID: 160 321 402. Password: func. This link will be used each week.

- Men’s Breakfast via ZOOM: Tuesdays, 7 a.m. Email Nathan Oney (noney@santamonicaumc.org) if you would like to join this group.
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- Sunday School Meetings: Sundays, 9:15 a.m. via ZOOM
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ONLINE Worship • 3rd Sunday in Easter • April 26, 2020

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SERMON

“Jesus Himself Comes Near...and Stays”

WE RESPOND

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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.

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

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Benediction

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