

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP

ONLINE Worship • In-Home Communion • May 3, 2020



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## WE GATHER

*Today's service is an Online service only. Go to [www.santamonicaumc.org/livestream](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/livestream), for more information.*

### WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero

### PRELUDE Sheep May Safely Graze (J. S. Bach)

Ty Woodward, organ

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Tricia Guerrero

Joyful is the sound we make this morning.

**Thankful is the song we sing.**

Jesus said, "Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Christ lives here and now.

**He is among us at this and every moment.**

### RESPONSE The Doxology

Ty Woodward

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Nathan Oney

We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship, for worship, and for service.

**Thanks be to God!**

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## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### THE PSALM *Psalm 23*

Nathan Oney

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters; he restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

### THE LESSON *Acts 2:42-47*

Rev. Patricia Farris

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

### HOMILY "See What Love Can Do: Many Wonders and Signs"

Rev. Farris

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## WE RESPOND

### 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](http://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

Vera Lugo, solo

A Simple Song *from* Mass (Leonard Bernstein)

Sing God a simple song: Lauda, Laude . . . Make it up as you go along: Lauda, Laude . . . Sing like you like to sing. God loves all simple things. For God is the simplest of all. I will sing the Lord a new song. . . To praise Him, to bless Him, to bless the Lord. I will sing His praises while I live all of my days. Blessed is the man who loves the Lord, blessed is the man who praises Him . . . Lauda, Lauda, Laude . . . And walks to His ways. I will lift up my eyes to the hills from whence comes my help. I will lift up my voice to the Lord singing Lauda, Laude. For the Lord is my shade, is the shade upon my right hand. And the sun shall not smite me by day nor the moon by night. Blessed is the man who loves the Lord, Lauda, Lauda, Laude. And walks in His ways. Lauda, Lauda, Laude, Lauda, Lauda di da di day, all of my days.

## UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Nathan Oney

**Good Shepherd, you spread a table before us. We offer you our gifts, signs of your gracious love and tokens of our grateful hearts. Nourish us at the feast of the Lamb, that we may proclaim to all the world your triumphant love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Farris

*I invite you to take the communion elements you have in your home—a piece of bread or cracker and a cup of water or juice. After I consecrate the elements at the altar table, I invite us to commune all together, receiving the bread and cup which make Christ present and real to us in our bodies, hearts, and souls.*

*We experience the presence of Christ in our hearts through the grace of God which knows no walls or boundaries, in which there is no distance or separating. We are always truly “one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world!”*

## HYMN One Bread, One Body

Ty Woodward

One bread, one body, one Lord of all. One cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.  
Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

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## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

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## UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Tricia Guerrero

**Nourished at this table, O God, may we know Christ’s redemptive love and live a new life in him. Help us who recognize our Lord in the breaking of bread to see and serve him in all whose lives are broken. Give us who are fed at his hand grace to share our bread with the hungry and with the hungry of heart. Keep us faithful in your service. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Tricia Guerrero

## 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.**

## BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

## POSTLUDE Tuba Tune (C. S. Lang)

Ty Woodward

—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 in support of their virtual food bank at: [www.westsidefoodbankca.org](http://www.westsidefoodbankca.org).
- 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](http://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 11:15 a.m.

All are welcome via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/160321402>

**Zoom ID: 160 321 402. Password: fumc.** This link will be used each week.

- **Men’s Breakfast via ZOOM: Tuesdays, 7 a.m.** Email Nathan Oney ([n.oney@santamonicaumc.org](mailto:n.oney@santamonicaumc.org)) if you would like to join this group.
- **Young Adults via Zoom: Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.** Contact Nathan Oney ([n.oney@santamonicaumc.org](mailto:n.oney@santamonicaumc.org)) for more info.
- **Sunday School Meetings: Sundays, 9:15 a.m.** via ZOOM Sign up for the Children and Family email for more info.
- **Youth Group Meetings via Zoom: Sundays, 4:30 - 6 p.m.** Email Tricia Guerrero ([t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org](mailto:t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org)) if you would like to join this group for youth in grades 6-12.
- **Children and Family Ministry:** Email Tricia Guerrero ([t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org](mailto:t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org)) for the Children and Family Ministry email, highlighting **Sunday School from Home.**

**See What Love Can Do** - Have you experienced or witnessed moments of love throughout our current situation? Perhaps you’d like to share it and thus inspire some of us who could use a smile. We’re looking for pictures, essays (500 words or less), poems, and everything in between. You may still submit entries to Shalimar ([s.carducci@santamonicaumc.org](mailto:s.carducci@santamonicaumc.org)).

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

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