

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP

ONLINE Worship • Celebrating Graduates • June 14, 2020



WE GATHER

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

WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero

PRELUDE

Ty Woodward, organ

Andante Tranquillo *from* Sonata No. 3 in A (Felix Mendelssohn)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alejandro Quintana

Gracious God, eternal God, you have led us to curiosity about our creation, ourselves, and all things unknown.

Let us never lose our sense of wonder about the world you have given us.

Everlasting, ever-loving God, teacher, creator, giver of knowledge and freedom, fear and courage, doubt and faith,

Grant that we might always use your gifts to build a world where peace, justice, love, and hope reign in wisdom and in truth.

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

Lauryn Wilson

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

Thanks be to God!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE LESSON Proverbs 4:4b-13

Alejandro Quintana

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

SERMON "Wisdom"

Rev. Patricia Farris

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER Amazing Grace

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now am found. Was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;

'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Tricia Guerrero

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL 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.

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Frances Erlandson

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

Mary Crawford, handbells

Ave Maria (Charles Gounod/J.S. Bach)

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Frances Erlandson

God of truth and knowledge, by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth. Bless our graduates as they finish their course of study. We thank you for those who taught and worked beside them, and all who supported them along the way. Walk with these graduates as they move forward in life. Take away their anxiety. Strengthen their many talents and skills, and instill in them a confidence in the future you plan, where energies may be gathered up and used for the good of all people; for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

POSTLUDE

Ty Woodward

Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1 in D - Edward Elgar (arr. Edwin Lemare)

Video: Presenting the First UMC 2020 Graduates

—Today we celebrate the First UMC 2020 Graduates: Christian Dodd, Alyssa de Leon, Frances Erlandson, Willa Frierson, David Grothe, Jake Guyette, Sam Guyette, Colin Heffner, Alejandro Quintana, Raphael Rosalen, Lauryn Wilson, Haylie Wollitz.

—Thank you to Mike Eskridge for the beautiful flowers in the Sanctuary. To donate to the flower fund, or to send flowers to go to home-bound seniors, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/flower-fund.

—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. • 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.

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STAY CONNECTED ONLINE:

- **Men's Breakfast via ZOOM: Tuesdays, 7 a.m.** Email info@santamonicaumc.org, if you would like to join this group.
- **Young Adults/Open Space via Zoom: Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.** Email: openspacesantamonica@gmail.com, if you would like to join this group.
- **Youth Group Meetings via Zoom: Sundays, 4:30 - 6 p.m.** Email Tricia Guerrero (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) for the Children and Family Ministry email, highlighting **Sunday School from Home**.
 - **Sunday School Meetings: Sundays, 9:15 a.m.** via ZOOM Sign up for the Children and Family email for more info.

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/86071918466>

Zoom ID: 860 7191 8466. Password: **fumc**.

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God is real. God is love. ■ Together we can change the world.

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**UPWARD
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Upward Bound House

While no one is safe from COVID-19, homeless families are among the most vulnerable to the health and financial impacts of this crisis. During these incredibly challenging times, the demand for UBH's services has grown and they anticipate it will continue to do so. The effects of this pandemic will not be short lived for any of us, but especially for families experiencing homelessness. Upward Bound House has created a Family Emergency Fund. To read more and to donate, go to: www.upwardboundhouse.org.



June Messy Church at Home

In place of gathering, we are sharing this fun and easy resource for doing "Messy Church at Home" with your family. Our theme is based on the story of Pentecost and 1 Corinthians 12:13. The activities, stories, songs and prayer provide you with ways to explore the story of the Holy Spirit coming to be with us and to celebrate the birthday of the Church. We encourage your family to choose a day that works for you to try the activities, read the story and pray together. To read the Messy Church at Home newsletter, and to sign up for future emails, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/messy-church.



Prayer Requests

Let us be in prayer together. You may fill out an online form and leave your name and contact information so that we may follow up with you. Our Prayer Chain will be notified of your request, and treats all requests as confidential. To fill out a Prayer Request form go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/prayer-requests.



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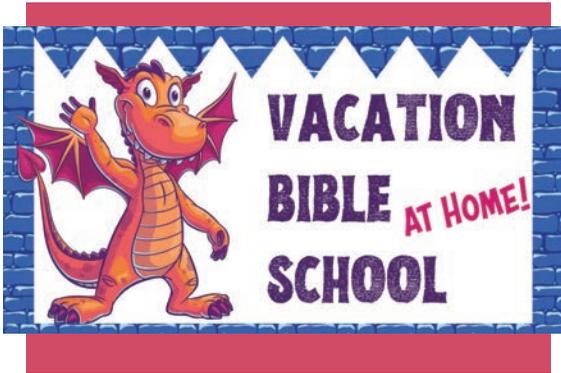
**Have a computer but no camera? No problem! You can still attend.*

Contact Sarah Rold (s.rolld@santamonicaumc.org) by Fridays for how to join by phone.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



We are saddened to announce that VBS will not be held in-person this summer. Our top priority during this time is the safety of the community, church staff and volunteers, and especially you, the families and kids who enjoy VBS each year. However, we are resourceful, resilient, dedicated and faithful people. So we are excited to offer you an alternative: **VBS at Home!** We know this isn't the same as VBS in person. The volunteers and I will certainly miss seeing all of the kids but we do hope your family will still be able to benefit from and enjoy this at-home VBS summer adventure!

- Tricia Guerrero, *Pastoral Associate for Family Ministries*

How it works:

Once you fill out the online registration form, we will send you a VBS Box complete with one week's worth of crafts and science fun, Bible stories and reflections, a mission project, daily prayers and snacks. In addition to the Box, you will receive a Daily Guide by email that will make the VBS experience come alive for your kids. Each Guide includes a 30-minute interactive video with a Bible story, songs your kids can dance and sing along to, our favorite VBS puppet, and more!

When can we register?

Registration is now open and will remain open throughout the summer.

When do we receive our Box & Daily Guide emails?

Volunteers will begin shipping out the VBS Boxes around June 30 and thereafter as registrations are received. The Daily Guide emails will be released the week of July 6 (our official VBS week) however all families will have access to the Guides once registration is received, even if you sign up after the week of July 6.

How much is VBS?

\$20 per family to help cover the cost of supplies and shipping. Scholarships are available – please contact us for details. Interested in sponsoring a VBS Box? Make an online donation (www.santamonicaumc.org/give, select VBS 2020 in the drop-down menu) or send a check by mail to the church office.

More questions?

Contact Tricia Guerrero, Pastoral Associate for Family Ministries, t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org. (310) 393-8258, ext. 104

To register, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/vbs.

