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SERMON
“Blessed to Be a Blessing”

WE RESPOND

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BLESSING FOR BACK TO SCHOOL
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OFFERTORY

Trio Sonata in G Major (Pergolesi)
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ONLINE Worship · School Blessing Sunday · August 16, 2020

WE GATHER

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

WELCOME
Rev. Patricia Farris

PRELUDE
Trio Sonata in G Major (Giovanni Battista Pergolesi)

Moderato

Dan Ness, The Toul Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP
Come and hear the good news.

Our God is a God of blessing.

God’s love is for all people and all of creation.

Our God is a God of compassion and justice.

No matter who you are or what is happening in your life.

Our God is a God of wisdom and truth.

We are called to lives of faithfulness in beloved community.

We have been blessed to be a blessing.

RESPONSE
The Doxology

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!
UMC Town Hall With Rev. Lawson
Two new interactive town hall discussions are planned as part of the “Dismantling Racism: Pressing on to Freedom” initiative’s series on anti-racism to explore both old and new approaches to organizing for racial justice in church and community. In the first of the two discussions, participants will hear from a panel of seasoned leaders, including Rev. James Lawson, on August 19, 10 a.m. PST, followed by a discussion featuring a panel of emerging leaders on August 26 at 12 p.m. CST (10 a.m. PST). The webinar will be available at UMC.org/EndRacismTownHall, as well as a live airing on The UMC Facebook page.

Donations Needed for Upward Bound House School Supplies
During the month of August, First UMC will continue its tradition of taking donations that will enable us to supply 60 backpacks and school supplies for Family Place, the transitional housing program at UBH for families with young children. This year we are ONLY accepting money donations (not supplies) towards the purchase of supplies in bulk. To donate, go to www.santamonicaumc.org/give, click Give Online, then select “School Supplies for UBH” in the dropdown menu. You may also send in a check made to First UMC, notate UBH in the memo.

Prayer Requests
The Prayer Chain is a large network of persons who pray in response to prayer requests. Members of the Prayer Chain treat all requests as confidential. You may send a prayer request to the church at any time, and our Prayer Chain will be notified. Go to www.santamonicaumc.org/prayer-requests.

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