

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WORSHIP

ONLINE Worship • 12th Sunday after Pentecost • August 23, 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 sostenuto *from* Symphonie Gothique (Charles Marie Widor)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Wilbur Fitzgerald, Lay Lector

Here, in our worship, God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the doubters:

here, the worriers and wanderers can call on God by name.

Here, in this time, we can remember all the ways God has graced us:

here, in these moments, we are reminded that God is with us, always!

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

Molly Smith, Lay Lector

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

Thanks be to God!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE LESSON 2 Corinthians 4:6-11

Molly Smith

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

SERMON "More Than Meets the Eye: Something Within Me"

Rev. Patricia Farris

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER Open My Eyes, That I May See

Ty Woodward

Open my eyes, that I may see, Glimpses of truth thou hast for me;

Place in my hands the wonderful key, That shall unclasp and set me free

Silently now I wait for thee, Ready, my God, thy will to see

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Tricia Guerrero

SILENT PRAYER & PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our 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

Wilbur Fitzgerald

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

Vera Lugo, solo

Come Sunday (Duke Ellington) *Dedicated to the memory of Ralph Hedges*

Come Sunday, oh, come Sunday, that's the day.

Refrain: Lord, dear Lord above, God Almighty, God of love, please look down and see my people through.

I believe that God put sun and moon up in the sky. I don't mind the gray skies, cause they're just clouds passing by. *Refrain.*

I believe God is now, was then, and always will be. With God's blessing we can make it through eternity. *Refrain.*

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Wilbur Fitzgerald

You who have created us and sustain us: we come with thanksgiving for these moments when we can ease the pace of our lives and listen for your voice. Create a spirit within us that truly draws us toward you and toward our brothers and sisters; a spirit deep, perceptive, gentle and bold. Clear our minds, open our hearts and touch us with your presence and your power. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

POSTLUDE

Ty Woodward

Prelude in C *from Eight Little Preludes and Fugues* (J. S. Bach)

—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.

www.santamonicaumc.org

—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.

STAY CONNECTED ONLINE:

- **Men’s Breakfast via ZOOM: Tuesdays, 7 a.m.** Email info@santamonicaumc.org, if you would like to join this group.
- **Parables of Jesus Online Bible Study with Rev. Larry Young: Tuesdays, 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.,** Zoom or Phone In, Email Rev. Larry Young: lyoung@lyoung.net or call 310-376-9494.
- **Young Adults/Open Space via Zoom: Wednesdays, 7 p.m.** Email: openspacesantamonica@gmail.com, if you would like to join this group.
- **Youth Group Meetings via Zoom: The Youth are on Summer Break.** Email Tricia Guerrero (t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org) if you would like to join this group for youth in grades 6-12 in the Fall.
- **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: No Sunday School today**
Sign up for the Children and Family email for more info.
- **Grief and Graces: a sacred space for weary souls with Keri Olsen Paget:** Second and fourth Sundays, 4 p.m. (Today, Aug 23)
Register at: www.santamonicaumc.org/grief-graces-registration.

Sunday Zoom Social Hour: Sundays, 11 a.m. via ZOOM (note new earlier time!) All are welcome via Zoom for a post-worship virtual “Coffee Hour.” Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/99620023368>

Zoom ID: **996 2002 3368. Password: fumc (ID valid until August 30)**

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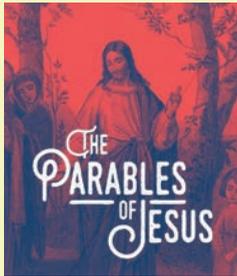
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Grief and Graces: a sacred space for weary souls

In this time of collective loss and upheaval, Rev. Keri Olsen offers a new online gathering, "Grief and Graces, a sacred space for weary souls." Meeting on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, come for a time of reflection, to name the challenges and gifts of this time, listen for God's invitation, and close with prayer. It is a drop-in group, as needed. All are welcome, invite a friend. To register, go to www.santamonicaumc.org/grief-graces-registration.

Today, 4 p.m., and Sept. 13 & Sept. 27, via Zoom or Phone In



Parables of Jesus Online Class with Rev. Larry Young

Rev. Larry Young offers a weekly Bible study class: *Parables of Jesus*. Jesus' parables are familiar to most, but they often contain more meaning than first meets the eye. Let's go deeper in our understanding of them and share insights with one another. Contact Rev. Larry Young: lyoung@lryoung.net or call 310-376-9494, to participate.

Class meets Tuesdays, 2 p.m. & 7 p.m., participate Via Zoom or Phone

Both classes are the same, pick your best time.



Open Space is our church's young adult ministry that offers community and a place to journey alongside one another in spiritual discovery, growth, and belonging. Gatherings are each **Wednesday at 7 p.m. on Zoom** for conversations on faith and life, engaging in prayer and study. Instead of one leader for the group, they have chosen to have a leadership team model consisting of the following group members: Mia Staraci, Brandon Searfoss, Molly Smith, Spencer Dewald, Lindsay Crossan, and Lauren Foxwell.

Open Space: www.santamonicaumc.org/open-space



Sunday Zoom Social Hour: Sundays, 11 a.m. (*note new time)

Get your coffee and donut (or what ever 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/99620023368>

Zoom ID: 996 2002 3368. Password: fumc (ID valid until August 30)

**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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