—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.westsidefoodbank.ca.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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—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@llyoung.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.
- 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
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- Grief and Graces: a sacred space for weary souls with Keri Olsen Paget: Second and fourth Sundays, 4 p.m. (Today, Aug 23)
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OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

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Thanks be to God!

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

THE LESSON 2 Corinthians 4:6-11

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;
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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

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WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Wilbur Fitzgerald

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OFFERTORY

Vera Lugo, solo

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

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

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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

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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@ljyoung.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

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