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WELCOME

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PRELUDE Meditation (Cécile Chaminade)

James Smith, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

The good news is this: grace is poured out like water! Mercy flows like a never-ending stream.

God’s grace and mercy refresh us with goodness and love.

Let us live as those who have received new life.

RESPONSE

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!

WE GATHER

Today’s service is an Online service only. Go to www.santamonicaumc.org/livestream, for more information.
United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF)
First UMC is excited to share that Youth Group will be starting back with their weekly gatherings on Zoom today at 4 p.m.! This group is a place for teens in 6-12 grades to connect through fun, games and a weekly program.
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Today after Worship: Town Hall Coffee Hour with Rev. Farris
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