

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WORSHIP

ONLINE Worship • Jim Smith Sunday • September 13, 2020



WE GATHER

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

WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero

PRELUDE Meditation (Cécile Chaminade)

James Smith, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kate Beckerman, Lay Lector

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 The Doxology

Ty Woodward, organ

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

Michael Olsson, 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 6:1-13

Michael Olsson

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

SERMON "More Than Meets the Eye: Accepting the Gift"

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

Kate Beckerman

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

Barbara Smith, solo

The Lord Is My Light (Francis Allitsen)

The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom, then shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life. Of whom then shall I be afraid?

Though a host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid;

And tho' there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in Him.

For in the time of trouble, He shall hide me in His tabernacle.

Yea, in the secret places of His dwelling shall He hide me,

And set me up upon a rock of stone.

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Kate Beckerman

How grateful we are, O God, that you call us to serve with the Holy Spirit, who fills us with patience, power, generosity, and genuine love. We pray that all we return to you will be used faithfully in ministry to the world. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

POSTLUDE Fugue in G Minor "The Little" (J. S. Bach)

Ty Woodward

—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 return today, Sept 13, at 4 p.m.** 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: Sundays, 9:15 a.m.** via ZOOM 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. (Sept. 13 and Sept. 27)** Register at: www.santamonicaumc.org/grief-graces-registration.
- Sunday Zoom Social Hour: Sundays, 11 a.m. via ZOOM**
All are welcome via Zoom for a post-worship virtual “Coffee Hour.”
<https://zoom.us/j/95709897528>
Zoom ID: 957 0989 7528 (ID valid Sept 6 - Oct 25) Password: fumc

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

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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.

www.santamonicaumc.org/youth-ministry



Today after Worship: Town Hall Coffee Hour with Rev. Farris

Join the Zoom Coffee Hour today at 11 a.m., for a Town Hall question and answer session with Rev. Patricia Farris. Rev. Farris will talk about the work of the Regathering Task Force and answer any other questions you might have.

All are welcome via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/95709897528>

Zoom ID: **957 0989 7528** (ID valid Sept 6 - Oct 25) Password: **fumc**

Today at 11 a.m., via Zoom

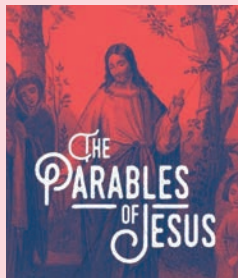


Grief and Graces: a sacred space for weary souls

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.

Sundays, 4 p.m., Sept. 13 (*today*) & 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@lyoung.net or call 310-376-9494, to participate.

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

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