

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP

ONLINE Worship • 145th Anniversary of First UMC • October 11, 2020

**Celebrating
145 Years**



BE THE HOPE

WE GATHER

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

WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero

PRELUDE

David Searfoss and Stephen Billington, trumpets

Intrada - St. Anne, for Two Trumpets and Organ (June Nixon)

Ty Woodward, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jojo Beckerman, Lay Lector

Ever-creating God, today we give you thanks for 145 years of faithful witness in and through the First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica.

For all our spiritual forebears, Susanna, John, and Charles Wesley, and all who joined the early Methodist movement, inspired by your Spirit, we give thanks.

We praise you for all who followed them, who gave themselves unselfishly for the welfare of the Church, whose commitment and vision encouraged and supported the Church.

With your church in every place, give us a new vision, new love, new wisdom and fresh understanding, that we may serve you faithfully with joyful hearts and limitless hope.

RESPONSE The Centennial Hymn

Eternal God, we sing your praise, within whose love we live our days; in burning bush, through darkest night, Your Presence comes as Truth and Light.

We cherish the past, rejoice in today, and challenge the future's broad'ning way. With kingdom hope we rise to claim Your promised Grace in Jesus' name.

Lord of the years, we humbly ask, For strength that is equal to our task. O spirit come, descend with pow'r, And make us ready for this hour.

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Michael Lamb, 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 Romans 12:9-13

Michael Lamb

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

HOMILY "Be the Hope!"

Rev. Patricia Farris

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER ○ Breath of Life

Ty Woodward

"○ Breath of Life, come sweeping through us, revive your church with life and power.

○ Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us, and fit your church to meet this hour."

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Tricia Guerrero

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL 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

Jojo 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

Chancel Choir Quartet, Trumpet and Organ

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah, for Choir, Trumpet and Organ (arr. Mark Hayes)

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but Thou art mighty, hold me with Thy pow'rful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield, be Thou still my strength and shield. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; bear me through, the swelling current, lead me safe on Canaan's side; songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee, I will ever give to Thee.

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jojo Beckerman

Praise to you, Holy Giver of all gifts. In you there are always more blessings than we can imagine. By the grace of Christ, let our gifts be multiplied in ways we cannot measure, for the welfare of all your people and the glory of your name. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

POSTLUDE

David Searfoss, Stephen Billington & Ty Woodward

My Spirit Be Joyful *from* Cantata No. 146 for Two Trumpets and Organ
(J. S. Bach, arr. Christina Harmon)

—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.

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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 via ZOOM or Phone In

- **Men’s Breakfast/Bible Study: Tuesdays, 7 a.m.**
- **Difficult Sayings of Jesus Online Bible Study with Rev. Larry Young: Tuesdays, 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.**
- **Young Adults/Open Space: Wednesdays, 7 p.m.**
- **Listening Hearts: a women’s group for all self-identifying women, with Tricia Guerrero: First and third Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.**
- **Children and Family Ministry:**
 - **Sunday School for Kids: Sundays, 9:15 a.m.**
- **Youth Group Meeting: Sundays, 4 p.m.**
- **Grief and Graces: a sacred space for weary souls with Keri Olsen Paget: Second and fourth Sundays, 4 p.m.**

For information on how to join any of these ongoing ministries, visit the website: www.santamonicaumc.org.

After Worship 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 thru Oct 25) Password: fumc

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

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October Online Mid-Week Recital

Tune in Wednesday, October 14 for the October Mid-Week Recital, featuring **Nancy Roth, violin, and Lorenzo Sanchez, piano**. To read about the musicians and view the program go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/mid-week-recital-series
How to watch: Facebook - search @santamonicaumc. • YouTube Channel - Search "Santa Monica UMC." • Website - View the recital on the Livestream page: www.santamonicaumc.org/livestream.

ONLINE Mid-Week Recital: Wednesday, October 14, 12:10 p.m.



Grief and Graces: a sacred space for weary souls - Meets Today

In this time of collective loss and upheaval, Rev. Keri Olsen offers an 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., Oct. 11 (today) & Oct. 25, via Zoom or Phone In



Sanctuary Re-Open for Prayer

The sanctuary is now open for prayer and quiet reflection Wednesdays from 12 noon-2 p.m. While continuing to follow the latest health and safety guidelines, we know that this sacred space holds a special place in our hearts, and offer this as yet another way of nurturing our faith during these challenging times. To review guidelines before your visit, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/sanctuary-open-for-prayer. May God bless us with strength, comfort, and peace.



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. Stop by and say Hello!

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

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