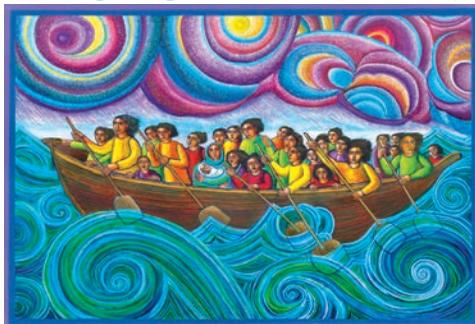


FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP

ONLINE Worship • Consecration/Thanksgiving Sunday • November 22, 2020

TOGETHER!



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WE GATHER

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

WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero

PRELUDE Rhosymedre (Ralph Vaughan Williams)

Ty Woodward, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lincoln Hughes, Lay Lector

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

We glorify our God with songs of thanksgiving and joy.

God has done great things for us, filling us with grace.

God fed our ancestors in the wilderness. God clothes us with hope.

We will offer our hearts to God, saying together, "Thank you!" to the One who loves us.

We ask your blessing, O God our Creator, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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

Witney Seibold, Lay Lector

Stewardship Moment

Paul Glenney

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

Thanks be to God!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE PSALM Psalm 65:1-2, 5-8 (NIV)

Witney Seibold

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

SERMON "Grateful"

Rev. Patricia Farris

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER Together We Serve

Ty Woodward

"Together, by grace, we witness and work, remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.

Together we serve in Spirit and truth, remembering love is the strength of our song."

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

Lincoln Hughes

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

William Martinez, solo

Grateful *from* Urban Myths (John Bucchino)

I've got a roof over my head
I've got a warm place to sleep
Some nights I lie awake counting gifts
Instead of counting sheep

I've got a heart that can hold love
I've got a mind that can think
There may be times when I lose the light
And let my spirits sink
But I can't stay depressed
When I remember how I'm blessed

Grateful, grateful
Truly grateful I am
Grateful, grateful
Truly blessed
And duly grateful

In a city of strangers
I've got a family of friends
No matter what rocks and brambles fill the way
I know that they will stay in the end

I feel a hand holding my hand
It's not a hand you can see
But on the road to the promised land
This hand will shepherd me
Through delight and despair
Holding tight and always there

Grateful, grateful
Truly grateful I am
Grateful, grateful
Truly blessed
And duly grateful

It's not that I don't want a lot
Or hope for more, or dream of more
But giving thanks for what I've got
Makes me so much happier than keeping score

In a world that can bring pain
I will still take each chance
For I believe that whatever the terrain
Our feet can learn to dance
Whatever stone life may sling
We can moan or we can sing

Grateful, grateful
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UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lincoln Hughes

**Gracious God, move our hearts to praise your goodness by sharing with others.
Make us bold in asking, tireless in seeking, joyful in finding, thankful in receiving,
and generous in giving, following Christ our Lord. Empower us, all together, to
"be the hope" for your church and for your world. Amen.**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

POSTLUDE God of Grace and God of Glory (arr. Paul Manz)

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. Be sure to 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.

—Prayer Quilts: If there is a prayer quilt during service, you may call or email Sarah in the church office to request a tie be made on the quilt for you; she will let you know the requested prayers: Sarah Rold (310.393.8258), or s.rolld@santamonicaumc.org, Prayers will be collected Tuesday – Friday of the following week, and the prayer knots will be tied by the church staff.

STAY CONNECTED ONLINE via ZOOM or Phone In

- **Men’s Breakfast/Bible Study: Tuesdays, 7 a.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**

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 Nov 29) Password: fumc

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

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Grief and Graces: a sacred space for weary souls - Meets Today
Join Rev. Keri Olsen 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.
2nd and 4th Sundays, 4 p.m. Meets today, via Zoom or Phone In



Sanctuary Open for Prayer
The sanctuary is 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. Sanctuary closed Wednesday, Nov 25 due to Thanksgiving, but will resume the following week.



Sunday Zoom Social Hour
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/95709897528>
Zoom ID: 957 0989 7528 Password: fumc
**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.
Sundays, 11 a.m., via Zoom



Prayer Requests
The Prayer Chain is a large network of persons who pray in response to prayer requests. Members of the Prayer Chain treat all requests as confidential. You may send a prayer request to the church at any time, and our Prayer Chain will be notified. Go to www.santamonicaumc.org/prayer-requests.

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The Annual Giving Stewardship Campaign invites us each and all to prayerfully consider our financial pledge to support the mission and ministries of First UMC. Pledge cards have been mailed out, and they are also found on our website. Today in worship we celebrate Consecration Sunday, as we give thanks to God and make our financial pledge to the church for 2021. Here are a few frequently asked questions:

Why is my financial support of First UMC important?

For the support of our ministries and mission, the financial giving from the

congregation of close to \$1 million annually is a key component in our planning.

What is a pledge?

A pledge is a commitment by you to give a stated amount to First UMC for the following year—usually in monthly payments (or weekly or quarterly, if that works better for you).

Why does the church prefer that I make a pledge rather than putting money in the plate each Sunday?

Quite simply, First UMC can rely on your pledge as predictable income—whether you are in worship that Sunday or not. This enables us to accurately budget for the coming year's expenses in all that we are called to do.

What is an appropriate pledge?

The amount of your pledge is between you and God. It is a Holy Habit of generosity that you cultivate over your lifetime. As a frame of reference, it may be helpful for you to know that in 2020, the average annual pledge was just over \$3,100.

What options are available for fulfilling my pledge?

We welcome cash, checks, credit cards via our secure on-line website, automatic checking drafts, and gifts of appreciated stock. The church business office is happy to assist you with any of these options.

When am I asked to pledge?

This year, we will consecrate (make holy) our giving today while worshipping online together. After prayerful consideration, you may pledge online at: www.santamonicaumc.org/stewardship, mail your pledge card, or stop by the church office on Wednesdays from 12 - 3 p.m. to drop it off in person.

Why is this important to me?

We believe and we belong! Generous giving opens our hearts to live in the awareness of the abundance of God's gifts lavished upon us.

For more information about giving, please visit our website at: www.santamonicaumc.org/stewardship.