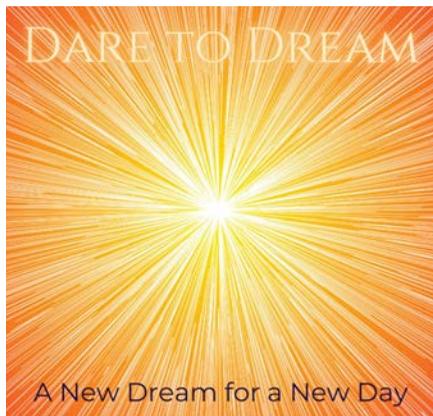


FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
WORSHIP

ONLINE Worship • 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany • January 17, 2021



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WE GATHER

*Today's service is an Online service only. Go to [www.santamonicaumc.org/livestream](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/livestream), for more information.*

WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero

PRELUDE Valse Sentimentale (Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky) Kevan Torfeh, cello; James Smith, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Larry Wilson, Lay Lector

We have come today to recognize and celebrate the presence of God.

**God is always present—creating and sustaining the good in every place.**

God is always calling forth new possibilities in every age, fashioning a people in Jesus Christ.

**We long to hear and heed God's mission in the places where we live and work.**

We come today in the hope that we might share in this creating work of God through Christ.

**Speak to us God and open our hearts to hear your call and dream your new dream.**

RESPONSE

Ty Woodward, organ

Lord, Let Your Kingdom Come

Let, your kingdom come. Your will be done. Let, your kingdom come. Alleluia. *(repeat)*

## OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Molly Smith, Lay Lector

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

**Thanks be to God!**

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## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### THE GOSPEL John 1:43-51

Molly Smith

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

### SERMON "Dare to Dream: A New Dream for A New Day"

Rev. Patricia Farris

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## WE RESPOND

### INVITATION TO PRAYER

Ty Woodward

Take, O Take Me As I Am

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

### 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

Larry Wilson

*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](http://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

Anand Darsie, solo

Will There Really Be A “Morning?” (Craig Hella Johnson)

Will there really be a “Morning?” Is there such a thing as “Day”? Could I see it from the mountains if I were as tall as they? Morning, Morning, where does morning lie? Has it feet like Water lilies? Has it feathers like a Bird? Is it brought from famous countries of which I have never heard? Morning, Morning, where does morning lie? Oh some Scholar! Oh some Sailor! Oh some Wise Men from the sky, please to tell a little Pilgrim where the place called “Morning” lies! Morning, Morning, where does morning lie? *(Text by Emily Dickinson)*

## UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Larry Wilson

**O God, you call us to participate in your work of extravagant mercy and compassionate justice. We offer ourselves to you and to the world, which is your own. Give us courage and conviction that we may joyfully follow you into new adventures of faithful service, led by the light that shines through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

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## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

## BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

## POSTLUDE

Ty Woodward

Symphony from Cantata No. 29. “We Thank Thee God” (J. S. Bach)

*This cantata was written for the occasion of the election of a new town council in Leipzig Germany and first performed in 1731.*

—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](http://www.santamonicaumc.org).

—**Flowers:** Thank you to Mike Eskridge for displaying 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](http://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](mailto: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. To request a Prayer Quilt for someone in need, go to: [www.santamonicaumc.org/prayerquiltministry](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/prayerquiltministry).

—**Stewardship:** It's not too late to turn in your 2021 pledge - you may pledge online at: [www.santamonicaumc.org/stewardship](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/stewardship), or mail in your pledge card. Thank you!

## 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 Rev. Keri Olsen Paget: Second and fourth Sundays, 4 p.m. (last session meets January 24 due to Rev. Keri's maternity leave.)**

**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** - Password: **fumc**

**For information on how to join any of these ongoing ministries, visit the website: [www.santamonicaumc.org](http://www.santamonicaumc.org).**

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### Community Blood Drives



*Healthy donors needed!*

[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

### Community Blood Drive Opportunities

The First UMC Health Ministry Council has let us know that blood donors are critically needed as COVID-19 cases rise. Take a look at the many blood drive sites available by the Red Cross during this time. Please make an appointment to ensure safe social distancing. *All donors will continue to be tested for COVID-19 Antibodies.* Sign up at [www.Redcrossblood.org](http://www.Redcrossblood.org)

### I Give Because...

You are my church wherever I go.

Out of outreach to the community,  
world, and each other.

I get so much more in return  
emotionally & spiritually

**Gratitude!!**

We want to support our church!

You have always been there for me.

I am so very grateful.

Ministry, music, friends

**We love you!**



### 2021 Pledge for Giving

Thank you to all who have generously pledged for 2021. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to commit to giving in 2021, now is the time! Support from each member is needed. Every Gift Matters.

[www.santamonicaumc.org/stewardship](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/stewardship)



### Listening Hearts

a women's group for  
all self-identifying women

1st and 3rd Thursdays  
6:30 p.m. via Zoom



with Tricia Guerrero

### Listening Hearts Women's Group with Tricia Guerrero

Listening Hearts is a group for women of all ages, grounded in the practices of sacred listening, prayer and reflection. Alongside one another, we share our stories, listen to one another, and grow in God's loving presence.

Meets the first and third Thursdays of the month, via Zoom.

To register, go to: [www.santamonicaumc.org/online-ministries-events](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/online-ministries-events).

Thursday, January 21, 6:30 pm. via Zoom

### 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](mailto:s.rolld@santamonicaumc.org)) by Fridays for how to join by phone.

**Sundays, 11 a.m., via Zoom**



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