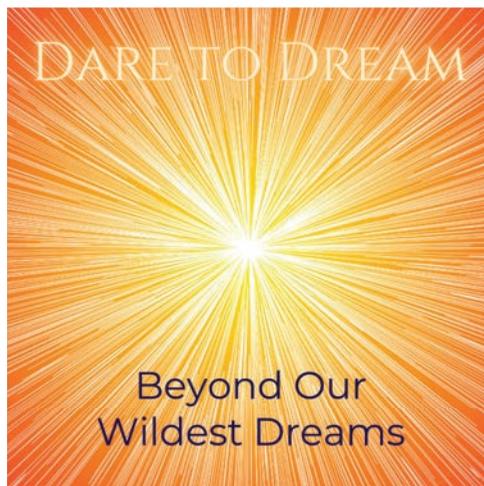


FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# WORSHIP

ONLINE Worship • Transfiguration Sunday • February 14, 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 *Andante tranquillo from Sonata No. 3 (Felix Mendelssohn)*

Ty Woodward, organ

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Jocelyn Hicks-Garner, Lay Lector

The Lord shines forth in glory. Our Lord, the God of all, has spoken.

**God will come and not keep silent; the heavens reveal the glory of the Lord.**

God calls heaven and earth to bear witness.

**Let the heavens declare God's justice, and let the people give honor to the Lord.**

RESPONSE *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

Ty Woodward

From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise;

let the Redeemer's name be sung, through every land by every tongue.

## OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Rev. Larry Young, 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 Mark 9:2-9

Rev. Young

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON "Dare to Dream: Beyond Our Wildest Dreams"

Rev. Patricia Farris

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## WE RESPOND

### INVITATION TO PRAYER

Ty Woodward

Open My Eyes, That I May See

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 & 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

Jocelyn Hicks-Garner

*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

Chancel Choir Quartet

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Mary McDonald)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, praise to the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is Thy health and salvation! Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things, praise Him who wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near, praise Him in glad adoration. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with His love He befriend thee. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee. Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Let the Amen, sound from His people again! Praise to the Lord, O let all things, all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath come with praises before Him. We adore Him!

## UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jocelyn Hicks-Garner

**Radiant God, may these offerings awaken those who give and those who receive to your glorious presence. Turn us from our desire to have you serve us to a joyous willingness to serve wherever you send us. So fill us with your Spirit that we may know the freedom you alone provide. Extend these gifts beyond our reach to touch and change lives by your light. Amen.**

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## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

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## BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

POSTLUDE Praise to the Lord (arr. Paul Manz)

Ty Woodward

*Chancel Choir Quartet: Barbara Smith, Vera Lugo, William Martinez, Ryan Brown*

—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.rold@santamonicaumc.org](mailto:s.rold@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).

—**Give Online:** Thank you everyone for all of your support during these uncertain times. The Finance office continues to receive your support securely online at [www.santamonicaumc.org/give](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/give), via mail, or onsite through the office mail slot. No gift is too small. 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.**
- **NEW! The Gospel of Mark Bible Study with Rev. Larry Young: Begins Tuesday Feb 16: Tuesdays, 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. (same class)**
- **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.**

**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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## LENT 2021

February 17 marks the beginning of the 40-day Lenten season of prayer, repentance, service and reflection. It is a time to prepare ourselves for the joy and promise of the Resurrection on Easter. Here are some of our offerings for this Lenten Season. For more, go to: [www.santamonicaumc.org/lent](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/lent)

### • Ash Wednesday

Our worship service will be **online** this year. It will be a simple service of Scripture, prayer, and music. To prepare, you might want to gather some ashes in a small bowl, or you may use olive oil or dirt to trace a cross on your forehead. *You may also stop by the church office from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. on February 16 and 17, to pick up a small cup of ashes individually packaged.* Our service will air on Facebook, our

website and our YouTube channel beginning Wednesday, February 17 at 10 a.m. It will be available for you all through the day so that you may worship at a time that best fits your schedule.

How to watch: Facebook: [www.facebook.com/santamonicaumc](https://www.facebook.com/santamonicaumc) • YouTube Channel [www.youtube.com/c/santamonicaumc](https://www.youtube.com/c/santamonicaumc) • Website [www.santamonicaumc.org/livestream](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/livestream).

**Ash Wednesday Service, Wednesday, February 17, 10 a.m. online**

### • Gospel of Mark Bible Study with Rev. Larry Young

A Lenten Bible study led by Rev. Larry Young begins Tuesday, February 16. Mark's Gospel is the earliest record of Jesus' life and teachings, so it is the nearest in time to Jesus' lifetime. While much of Mark is repeated in Matthew and Luke, Mark has his own distinctive emphasis and perspectives. It is the Gospel most likely to be used in worship through most of 2021. All are welcome to this study, including friends of members. Duplicate sessions will be held on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. for about an hour each. You may sign up for the class by emailing Larry at [lyoung@lyoung.net](mailto:lyoung@lyoung.net).

**Gospel of Mark Bible Study: Tuesdays through Lent, begins February 16, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., via Zoom**

### • Lenten Devotionals

The Spiritual Formation Council invites you to read your Lenten Devotional online, which starts on the first day in Lent – Ash Wednesday, February 17. The devotional is written by the First UMC community and provides a wonderful opportunity to share Lent with family and friends. This year we focus on the theme "Opening Our Lives." To subscribe, go to: [www.santamonicaumc.org/lenten-devotionals](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/lenten-devotionals).

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

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