

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# WORSHIP

ONLINE Worship • First Sunday in Lent • February 21, 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 Berceuse, op. 16 (Gabriel Fauré)

Kevan Torfeh, cello

### CENTERING ON GOD

Kyrie Eleison

Psalm 25:4-6

Kyrie Eleison

Glenda Martinez, Lay Lector

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Glenda Martinez

Journey with us, O God, as we begin our way to the cross.

**As we worship you today, we long for your Spirit to both comfort and challenge us, to help us become more holy and more loving.**

We pray to open our lives to new understanding, humility, patience and discipline.

**Turn us from sin, O God, and renew us to live for Christ.**

## OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Todd Erlandson, Lay Lector

Moments for Mission - Haiti: Pennies for Peanuts

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 1:9-15

Todd Erlandson

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

### SERMON "Opening Our Lives: Open Our Lives to Your Kingdom"

Rev. Patricia Farris

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## WE RESPOND

### INVITATION TO PRAYER

Ty Woodward, organ

Hearts Open Slowly

Hearts open slowly, so slowly, unfold like the flower, sing the songs of the dove. Hearts open surely, so surely, milk and honey will flow for the hungry to love. *(repeat)*

### LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Tricia Guerrero

### SILENT PRAYER & PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: **Open our hearts, O God.**

### 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

Glenda Martinez

*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

Panis Angelicus (César Franck)

Panis angelicus, fit panis hominum; Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum; O res mirabilis manducat Dominum Pauper, Pauper, servus et humilis.

*May the bread of Angels become bread for mankind: the bread of Heaven puts all foreshadowings to an end; Oh, thing miraculous! The body of the Lord will nourish the poor, the poor, the servile and the humble.*

## UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Glenda Martinez

**For all the riches you bestow, for all the good you supply, for the guidance you offer day by day, we give you thanks, gracious God. All that we give we owe to you and life itself is a gift from your hand. Use our gifts and open our lives to your glory, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

## BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

POSTLUDE Prelude and Fugue in G Minor (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. Be sure to check the church website for updates on worship and ministry opportunities: [www.santamonicaumc.org](http://www.santamonicaumc.org).

—**Flowers:** The flowers in worship last Sunday, February 14th, were given in thanks and gratitude to the church from Elizabeth Ann Marriott Lowrey and family.

—**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).

—**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.**
- **The Gospel of Mark Bible Study with Rev. Larry Young: 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

Here are some of our offerings for this Lenten Season. For more, go to:

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

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

A Lenten Bible study led by Rev. Larry Young continues on Tuesdays through Lent. 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 are held on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. for about an hour each. You may still sign up for

the class by emailing Larry at [lyoung@lyoung.net](mailto:lyoung@lyoung.net), he will send you the Zoom link.

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

### • Lenten Devotionals

The Spiritual Formation Council invites you to read your Lenten Devotional online, which began on 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).



### Haiti Mission: Pennies for Peanuts

Today during 10 a.m. worship, Haiti Team leader Todd Erlandson presents a Moment for Mission, kicking off the *Pennies for Peanuts* fundraiser. To donate, go to: [www.santamonicaumc.org/haiti](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/haiti), then click the Give Online link at the top of the page. Select "Haiti - Pennies for Peanuts" in the drop-down menu on the donation page. The fundraiser will run until Sunday March 7. Thank you for your support!

### Sunday Zoom Social Hour: with Todd Erlandson

After worship today, join Todd as he is a guest speaker at Sunday coffee hour. Bring your questions about Haiti, or just stop by and say "Hello!"

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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