

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP

ONLINE Worship • Second Sunday in Lent • February 28, 2021



WE GATHER

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

WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero

PRELUDE O Man, Bewail Thy Greivous Sin (J. S. Bach)

Ty Woodward, organ

CENTERING ON GOD

Kyrie Eleison

Psalm 22:25-27

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Witney Seibold, Lay Lector

CALL TO WORSHIP

Witney Seibold

Christ bore the cross for our salvation

And was raised from the dead for the redemption of the world.

Give us the courage to take up our cross and follow him,

That through his grace we may open our lives to the path of faithful discipleship

And receive the joy of everlasting life.

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Gavin Eddy, 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 GOSPEL Mark 8:31-38

Gavin Eddy

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

SERMON "Opening Our Lives: Losing and Saving"

Rev. Patricia Farris

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Ty Woodward

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

Witney Seibold

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

All Good Gifts *from* "Godspell" (Stephen Schwartz)

We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand. He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain. *(Refrain)* All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above. So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord, for all his love. We thank thee then, oh Father, for all things bright and good: the seed time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food. No gifts have we to offer for all Thy love imparts, but that which Thou desirest: our humble, thankful hearts. *(Refrain)* I really want to thank you Lord, I want to thank you, Lord, thank you for all of your love.

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Witney Seibold

**No gift of ours can match the gift you have given us in Christ, giving God.
But our offerings are an expression of our need to know you and to serve you,
faithfully and humbly. Come to us, we pray, open our lives and lead us. Amen.**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

POSTLUDE March in C (Felix Mendelssohn)

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.

—**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.

—**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, 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.

—**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, 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.

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LENT 2021

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

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, 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.



Haiti Mission: Pennies for Peanuts

Last Sunday, Haiti Team leader Todd Erlandson presented a Moment for Mission, kicking off the *Pennies for Peanuts* fundraiser. We continue the fundraiser until March 7. To donate, go to: 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. Thank you for your support!



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*

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