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SERMON

“Opening Our Lives: God’s Love Opens the World”

Rev. Patricia Farris

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Ty Woodward, organ

Hearts Open Slowly

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LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Tricia Guerrero

SILENT PRAYER & PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: Open our hearts, O God.

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Mercy (Craig Courtney)

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David Penson

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BENEDICTION

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• 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:
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SUNDAY INSERT
MARCH 14, 2021

How to Keep a Holy Lent: Spiritual Practice Guide
You may still download the Lenten guide called “How to Keep a Holy Lent: Spiritual Practice Guide.” Print it out at home, or save it to your desktop or phone for easy reference. Each day includes a suggested tip for observing Lent. Some examples include: Day 11: Call an old friend; Day 22: Tell someone what you are grateful for; Day 39: Pray for peace.
www.santamonicaumc.org/lent

Confirmation 2021: Pray for the Confirmands
This spring, eight youth are making their way through Confirmation class. This journey is a communal journey and each person in this church community is invited to pray for the Confirmands along the way. A favorite First UMC tradition is for each Confirmand to receive a prayer square that has been made by our Prayer Quilt Ministry and prayed over by the community during worship. This year we will feature the prayer squares in online worship today and next Sunday. To email your prayer for all of the Confirmands, go to:
www.santamonicaumc.org/confirmation

Sunday Zoom Social Hour - St. Patrick’s Day Celebration Today!
Join Linda Diane Anderson and the Women of Action today after worship, to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day! While we’ll miss being in Simkins Hall this year, you can still celebrate in community with some rousing Irish songs and games.

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