

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# WORSHIP

ONLINE Worship • Fourth Sunday in Lent • March 14, 2021



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## WE GATHER

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

### WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero

### PRELUDE

Anna Kostyuchek, violin, James Smith, piano

Melodie (Christopf Willibald Gluck, arr. Fritz Kreisler)

### CENTERING ON GOD

Kyrie Eleison

Psalm 107: 19-22

Dan Nessel, Lay Lector

Kyrie Eleison

### CALL TO WORSHIP

David Penson, Lay Lector

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

**Strengthen our faith by your Spirit.**

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**God's mercy endures forever.**

## OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Dan Nessel

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 3:14-21

Dan Nessel

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

### SERMON "Opening Our Lives: God's Love Opens the World"

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

David Penson

*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 Sextet

Mercy (Craig Courtney)

I dare not lift my guilty eyes. I hide my lips in trembling shame. And in the darkness of my soul, I shrink from Your rekindling flame. Kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison, have mercy. In mercy cover me with grace and blot out my iniquity. Renew my heart and wash me clean; grant with Your pardon, purity. Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, have mercy. In equal measure of Your love, You promise mercy, tender compassion to the one who seeks your face. A broken heart, a fainting soul, a contrite spirit, together cry for Your forgiveness and Your grace. Against You only have I sinned. My deeds are evil in Your sight. Of Your forgiveness let me sing, and in my singing take delight. Kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison, have mercy.

## UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

David Penson

**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.**

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## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

## BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

POSTLUDE Chaconne (François Couperin)

Ty Woodward

*Chancel Choir Sextet: Barbara Smith, Karen Ing, Vera Lugo, Anand Darsie,  
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:** To donate to the Flower Fund or to send flowers 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).

—**Give Online:** Thank you everyone for all your support during these uncertain times. The Finance office continues to receive your gifts 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/96578397184>

**NEW Zoom ID: 965 7839 7184 - 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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### 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](http://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](http://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.

All are welcome via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/96578397184>

**NEW ID INFO: 965 7839 7184 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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