

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# WORSHIP

ONLINE Worship • Palm Sunday • March 28, 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 Prelude in G minor (J. S. Bach)

Ty Woodward, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Whitney Hagan, Lay Lector

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

**Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven.**

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!

**Let those who trust the Lord say, "God's steadfast love endures forever."**

HYMN Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Ty Woodward

## OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Whitney Hagan

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 11:1-11

Ron Theile, Lay Lector

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

### SERMON "Opening Our Lives: Step By Step"

Rev. Patricia Farris

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## 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

Ron Theile

*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

Ryan Brown, solo; David Searfoss, trumpet

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty, and All Glory Laud and Honor (arranged by Michael McClish)  
Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes Hosanna cry; O Saviour meek, pursue thy road with palms and scattered garments strowed. Ride on, ride on in majesty the winged squadrons of the sky look down with sad and wond'ring eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die! O Christ, thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.

All glory, laud and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet Hosanas ring. The company of angels are praising thee on high, and we with all creation in chorus make reply. All glory, laud and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet Hosanas ring.

## UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Ron Theile

**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

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## BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

POSTLUDE 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:** 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.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 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. (Class concludes April 6)**
- **Listening Hearts: a women’s group for all self-identifying women, with Tricia Guerrero: \*For April, 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. (April 8 & 22)**
- **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>

**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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### Food Drive for the Westside Food Bank

Missions Council will be hosting a food drive for the Westside Food Bank on Tuesday, March 30 thru Saturday, April 3. Food bins will be located on the First UMC campus. If you can't make it during the week, bring your cans and dry goods to donate while you're enjoying the Easter Hop-By festivities on Saturday, April 3!

March 30 - April 3: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the First UMC Courtyard



### Coffee Hour after Worship: Chat with Tricia Guerrero and Jamie Jones about the Easter Hop-By!

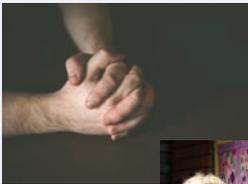
Stop by Zoom Coffee Hour today at 11 a.m., to say "Hello" and chat with **Tricia Guerrero and Jamie Jones**, as they talk about the Easter Hop-By event, for Saturday, April 3. Discussion followed by Community time.

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

**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**



### Prayer Requests

The Prayer Chain is a large network of persons who pray in response to prayer requests. Members of the Prayer Chain treat all requests as confidential. You may send a prayer request to the church at any time, and our Prayer Chain will be notified. Go to [www.santamonicaumc.org/prayer-requests](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/prayer-requests).

### Prayer Quilts

To learn how to request a quilt for someone in need, visit the website: [www.santamonicaumc.org/prayerquiltministry](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/prayerquiltministry)

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### APRIL 1: Maundy Thursday - 6:30 p.m. ONLINE Worship

In the Christian tradition, Maundy Thursday is the day to imitate Christ as servant, living into our call to serve one another and remembering Jesus in the celebration of Holy Communion. This online service will be led by Open Space.

Followed by: **7 p.m. After Worship Zoom Gathering:** Join us in community to celebrate Maundy Thursday post-worship. <https://zoom.us/j/96578397184>, Password: fumc



### April 2: Good Friday: Labyrinth Open for Prayer (In-Person) 10 a.m.- 2 p.m., in Simkins Hall

The Labyrinth will be open during Good Friday. Stop by to walk in meditation and prayer to look within and find peace. While continuing to follow the latest health and safety guidelines, we offer this sacred space as a way of nurturing our faith during these challenging times. (See guidelines on the website: [www.santamonicaumc.org/lent](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/lent).)

### APRIL 3: Holy Saturday EASTER HOP-BY (In-Person) Come anytime between 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the First UMC Courtyard

All are welcome to attend our Hop-By Easter event, hosted by First UMC Children and Family Ministries. Walk through stations in the First UMC Courtyard for fun and physically-distanced activities for Easter lovers of all ages. • Featuring crafts bags, a single household family photo, a chalk mural and even a visit from the Easter Bunny. • Drive by to pick up your bag, or park in the church parking lot and walk through the event to fully participate in each activity. *Remember to wear your mask.* • Missions Council will also be hosting a **food drive for the Westside Food Bank**, so bring cans and dry goods to donate. We look forward to seeing you there!



### APRIL 4: Easter Sunday

#### 7 a.m. Easter Sunrise Walk

Join Jocelyn Hicks-Garner at 7 a.m. Easter morning for a physically-distanced walk, starting at the First UMC Courtyard. The group will make their way towards Ocean Avenue and back.

#### 10 a.m. ONLINE Sanctuary Worship

Our celebration of Christ's Resurrection, featuring a vocal sextet from the Chancel Choir, singing two anthems: "The Day of Resurrection," and "To the Lamb on the Throne," with David Searfoss on trumpet.

All online events can be found: Facebook Live: [www.facebook.com/santamonicaumc/live](https://www.facebook.com/santamonicaumc/live)

First UMC website: [www.santamonicaumc.org/livestream](https://www.santamonicaumc.org/livestream) Youtube: [www.youtube.com/c/SantaMonicaUMC](https://www.youtube.com/c/SantaMonicaUMC)