

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP

ONLINE Worship • Easter Sunday • Holy Communion • Family Sunday • April 4, 2021



WE GATHER

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

WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero

PRELUDE Suite in D *Overture* (G. F. Handel, arr. E. H. Tarr)

David Searfoss, trumpet

CALL TO WORSHIP

Molly Smith, Lay Lector

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Alleluia! For the Lord God reigns. The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God who gives the victory!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Ann Wilson

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Michael Lamb, Lay Lector

We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship, for worship, and for service.

Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Chancel Choir Sextet

The Day of Resurrection (arr. Shelton Ridge Love)

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free, our Christ has brought us over, with hymns of victory. Let hearts be purged of evil, that we may see aright, the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; and list'ning to His accents, may hear, so calm and plain, "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain. Alleluia! Now let the heav'ns be joyful! Let earth the song begin! The round world keep high triumph, and all therein! Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend, for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end. Alleluia!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE GOSPEL Mark 16:1-8

Michael Lamb

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

HOMILY "Opening Our Lives: Opened by Love"

Rev. Patricia Farris

WE RESPOND

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Molly Smith

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

Chancel Choir Sextet

To the Lamb on the Throne (Dan Forrest)

Worthy the Lamb. Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad His wonderful name; the name all-victorious of Jesus extol; His kingdom is glorious and rules over all. Worthy the Lamb. "Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!" let all cry aloud, and honor the Son; the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb. Worthy the Lamb. God rules in the height, almighty to save; though hid from our sight, His presence we have, the great congregation His triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King. "Worthy the Lamb." Then let us adore and give Him His right, all glory and pow'r, all wisdom and might; all honor and blessing with angels above, and thanks never ceasing and infinite love. "Worthy the Lamb!"

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Molly Smith

**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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Farris

I invite you to take the communion elements you have in your home—a piece of bread or cracker and a cup of water or juice. After I consecrate the elements at the altar table, I invite us to commune all together, receiving the bread and cup which make Christ present and real to us in our bodies, hearts, and souls.

We experience the presence of Christ in our hearts through the grace of God which knows no walls or boundaries, in which there is no distance or separating. We are always truly “one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world!”

HYMN One Bread, One Body

Ty Woodward

One bread, one body, one Lord of all. One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.
Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Tricia Guerrero

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.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

POSTLUDE Toccata from Symphony No. 5 for Organ (Charles Marie Widor)

Ty Woodward

Chancel Choir Sextet: Barbara Smith, Janet Searfoss, Vera Lugo, Anand Darsie, William Martinez, Ryan Brown, with David Searfoss, trumpet

—**Message from Rev. Farris:** How our hearts long for the joy of Easter! Just as in Jesus' time, and in the experience of the women who went to the tomb that first Easter morning, have we not been feeling the weight of fear, anxiety, violence, and illness, even unto death? Have we not longed for someone to roll away the stone from the entrance to the tombs of this world? The Easter story proclaims that God has done it! The tomb that has held our worst fears and sorrows is empty. Life prevails! Love wins! Jesus is already going on ahead into a new future. Are you ready to be opened by love? Are you ready for all the tombs of this earth to be opened by love? Rejoice!

—**Welcome New Visitors!** We're happy you're here. You may fill out a New Visitor Sign-In form online to send us your prayer requests, questions, comments, and suggestions. Go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/im-new.

—**Flowers:** To donate to the Flower Fund or to send flowers to home-bound seniors, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/flower-fund.
This Sunday's flowers: "In loving memory of my mother, Gladys L. Youngman." From John Youngman.

—**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, To request a Prayer Quilt for someone in need, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/prayerquiltministry.

—**Prayer Requests:** The Prayer Chain is a large network of persons who pray in response to prayer requests, and treat all requests as confidential. You may send a prayer request at any time, and our Prayer Chain will be notified of your request. For more info, go to www.santamonicaumc.org/prayer-requests.

—**Congregation Care:** Feel free to leave a phone message anytime (310-393-8258) or email message for any of the church staff. Those messages will be forwarded to us and we will respond as promptly as possible. The Pastoral Care line (310-393-8258 and enter extension 1), will still be available for people to leave a message requesting care.

—**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, via mail, or onsite through the office mail slot. No gift is too small. Thank you!

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God is real. God is love. ■ Together we can change the world.

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KEVAN TORFEH & Friends:
Kevan Torfeh, cello
Tomasz Golka and Anna Kostyuchek, violins
James Smith, organ and piano
Linda Muggeridge, oboe

April Online Mid-Week Recital

Tune in Wednesday, April 14, for the April Mid-Week Recital featuring: Kevan Torfeh, cello; Tomasz Golka and Anna Kostyuchek, violins; James Smith, organ and piano; and Linda Muggeridge, oboe. Tune in for a lunchtime performance of beautiful music!

For more info, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/mid-week-recital-series.

View the performance: Facebook Live: www.facebook.com/santamonicaumc/live, YouTube Channel www.youtube.com/c/santamonicaumc

Website : www.santamonicaumc.org/livestream.

ONLINE Mid-Week Recital: Wednesday, April 14, 12:10 p.m.



Upward Bound House Home Run for Kids Online - April 18

Walk or run to help end family homelessness! This year's annual Upward Bound House Home Run for Kids will be online. This new format will allow for people to participate from anywhere in the world. Each runner will be able to run the race on their own schedule, or, they can chose to participate virtually with the online group on **Sunday, April 18**. Sign up now with Team First UMC:

www.santamonicaumc.org/home-run-for-kids



**SUNDAY A.M.
WALKING**

Sunday Morning Walks with Jocelyn Hicks-Garner - back April 11

Sunday morning walks are back! You are invited to join Jocelyn Hicks-Garner, Lay Leader, for a brisk walk in person on Sunday mornings, following social distancing protocols. Meet in the church courtyard at 9 a.m. and the group will make their way towards Ocean Avenue and back. *Masks please.*

www.santamonicaumc.org/sunday-morning-walks

Returning Sunday, April 11, 9 a.m., meet in the First UMC Courtyard

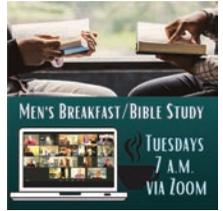
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April Ongoing Ministries

• Men's Breakfast/Bible Study: Tuesdays, 7 a.m. via Zoom

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study is a weekly meeting where men of all ages and generations gather to ground themselves in the Holy Scripture with a breakfast potluck. As men try to navigate the stresses and complexities of this modern world and daily life, Men's Breakfast is a place for community, prayer and fellowship through the sharing of God's Holy word. Go to

www.santamonicaumc.org/biblestudy, to join.



• Open Space Young Adults Soul Care: Wednesdays, 7 p.m. via Zoom

Open Space is a young adult ministry that offers community for young adults to journey alongside one another in spiritual discovery, growth, and belonging. They gather each Wednesday at 7 p.m. on Zoom for conversations on faith and life, engaging in prayer and study.

For more information: www.santamonicaumc.org/open-space



• Listening Hearts Women's Group, with Tricia Guerrero:

For April, 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. (April 8 & 22), via Zoom

Led by Tricia Guerrero, Listening Hearts is a group for women of all ages, grounded in the practices of sacred listening, prayer and reflection. Contact Tricia Guerrero (t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org) to join.



• Children and Youth Ministries:

There are many ways for children, youth and families to connect online and we invite you to join any time.

Email Tricia Guerrero: t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org to get connected or for more info.

Youth Group for Teens: Sundays, 4:00-5:30 p.m. via Zoom

Sunday School for Kids: Sundays, 9:15-9:45 a.m. via Zoom

NEW! Science and Faith: Children are invited to join Ms. Jamie on an adventure to explore faith through a science activity and Bible story together! Appropriate for kids of all ages.

Things may get a little messy, but you are sure to have a blast and learn something new!

Sign up: www.santamonicaumc.org/science-faith

Wednesday, April 21, 4 - 5 p.m. on Zoom



• First UMC Preschool

It's been a challenging year, but the First UMC Preschool kids are learning and growing and bringing joy to our world. Formal registration for the new school year (Fall 2021) is taking place now! Please contact Dee Menzies directly at d.menzies@santamonicaumc.org for more information and a tour.



For more information on all of these programs and more, go to www.santamonicaumc.org