

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
WORSHIP

ONLINE Worship • Confirmation • April 25, 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 Sketch in D-flat (Robert Schumann)

Ty Woodward, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leigh Erlandson, Lay Lector

We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

**Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.**

God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

**That we may share God's love and life, may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.**

The living Christ is with us.

**Praise the Lord!**

RESPONSE

Ty Woodward

Praise to the Lord

Praise to the Lord, all of you, God's servants. Blessed be the name of our God now and ever.

From the rising up of the sun may the Lord be praised. Praise to the name of the Lord!

## OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Leigh Erlandson

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

### CONFIRMATION INTRODUCTION

Michael Olsson

### HOMILY

“Living the Way of Love: Do Justice, Love Kindness, Walk Humbly with God” Rev. Patricia Farris

### SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION *(see insert)*

Rev. Farris, Tricia Guerrero, Michael Olsson, Leigh Erlandson

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## WE RESPOND

### INVITATION TO PRAYER

Ty Woodward

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. *Chorus:* Here am I, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

### LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Tricia Guerrero

### SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

### 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.**



# SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION



April 25, 2021

## PRESENTATION

Confirmands: Josephine Marie Beckerman, Kate Charlotte Beckerman, Ethan Matthew Crawford, Bryce William Eddy, Gavin James Eddy, Rowan Kirsten Kenefick, Bailey Harper Nessel, Simona Jane Snider

## TO THOSE BEING CONFIRMED

Rev. Patricia Farris

Do you desire to affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

**Yes.**

Do you profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

**Yes.**

Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best as you are able?

**Yes.**

Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world?

**Yes.**

*(over)*

## CONFIRMATION

Rev. Farris

O God, in the grace of Jesus Christ you have accepted this your servant (*Name*) through the water of baptism. Nourish in him/her the power of your Holy Spirit that he/she may serve you in the world. Amen.

## TO THE CONGREGATION

Leigh Erlandson

Members of the household of God, I commend these people to your love and care.  
Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant to participate faithfully in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

## WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Michael Olsson

*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

Anand Darsie, solo

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (arr. Mark Hayes)

Make me a channel of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love, where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt true faith in You. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope, where there is darkness only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy. Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love, with all my soul. Make me a channel of Your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.  
*Prayer of St. Francis*

## UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Michael Olsson

**Great and eternal God, we bring forth gifts of thanksgiving offered for a world in need. We praise you for your church and its witness. Breathe new life into each of us today. May our gifts and our lives be strengthened by your Spirit and further the ministries of your church. Teach us to Live in the Way of Love. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.**

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## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

## BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

POSTLUDE Trumpet Voluntary in E-flat (David N. Johnson)

Ty Woodward

—**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](http://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](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!

—**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](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/prayer-requests).

## 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.**
- **Listening Hearts: a women's group for all self-identifying women, with Tricia Guerrero: 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.: May 6 & 20**
- **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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God is real. God is love. ■ Together we can change the world.

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### Home Run for Kids - Thank You!!

We give thanks for opportunities to serve in our community. Last weekend we “prayed on our feet” through Home Run for Kids, a community effort to end homelessness through the work of Upward Bound House. We had people participating, praying and giving from all over the world as part of the First UMC team. We give thanks to God for bringing us together to make our community better for everyone!



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### Sanctuary Opened for Prayer

The sanctuary is open for prayer and quiet reflection Wednesdays from 12 noon-2 p.m. While continuing to follow the latest health and safety guidelines, we know that this sacred space holds a special place in our hearts and offer this as another way of nurturing our faith during these challenging times. Guidelines: [www.santamonicaumc.org/sanctuary-open-for-prayer](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/sanctuary-open-for-prayer)



### Sunday Zoom Social Hour

#### Topic: Share your favorite recipe

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/96578397184>

**Zoom ID: 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.*

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