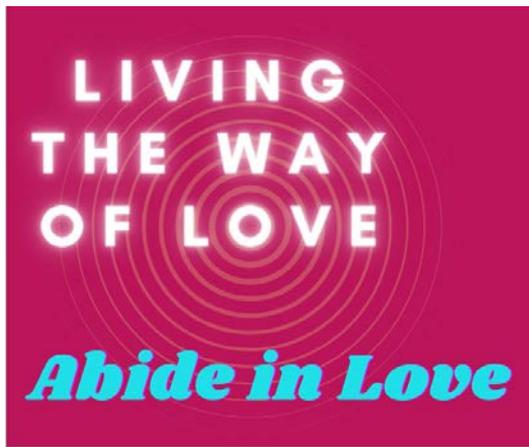


FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP

ONLINE Worship • Holy Communion • Fifth Sunday of Easter • May 2, 2021



WE GATHER

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

WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero

PRELUDE Adagio - Sonata No. 1 in F minor (Felix Mendelssohn)

Ty Woodward, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Melanie Hutsell, Lay Lector

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Let the peoples praise you, O God.

Let all the peoples praise you.

RESPONSE

Ty Woodward

Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia alleluia! Give thanks to the Risen Lord.

Alleluia alleluia! Give praise to His Name.

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Melanie Hutsell

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

Thanks be to God!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE LESSON | John 4:7-21

Larry Wilson, Lay Lector

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

HOMILY “Living the Way of Love: Abide in Love”

Rev. Patricia Farris

WE RESPOND

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Larry Wilson

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

Emma Crawford, oboe

Concerto in C Major for Oboe, KV 314 (W.A. Mozart)

II. Allegro non troppo

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Larry Wilson

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

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Tricia Guerrero

Holy God, giver of Life, we thank you for raising us up and joining us together as one people, your people in the body of Christ. As we seek to Live the Way of Love, use our lives to proclaim the good news of new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL 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.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

POSTLUDE A Mighty Fortress (Mathias Nagel)

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.

—**Flowers:** To donate to the Flower Fund or to send flowers to home-bound seniors, go to: 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, 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.

—**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!

—**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.

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.

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Methodist Foundation Scholarships

Attention students! An online application form for the annual Methodist Foundation Scholarships is available on the website. Please email Sarah Rold at s.rold@santamonicaumc.org, if you have any questions.

Application deadline (including essay) is Sunday, May 16.

Go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/methodistfoundation

SANCTUARY OPEN FOR PRAYER



Sanctuary Open 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 yet another way of nurturing our faith during these challenging times. For guidelines, go to:

www.santamonicaumc.org/sanctuary-open-for-prayer



TODAY: Coffee Hour Visit with Harvest Home

After worship today, Missions Council presents a Zoom Coffee Hour with **Harvest Home** in Santa Monica. Representative Ali will talk about their work, and invite all to **send Mother's Day and Welcome Baby cards to the mothers in their care**. The LA County Health Department reports that each year 5,000 women are homeless at some point during their pregnancy. Harvest Home transforms the lives of homeless pregnant women and their children by providing housing, support, and programs that equip women to become great mothers.

For instructions on where to send the Mother's Day cards, go to:

www.santamonicaumc.org/harvest-home/

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

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