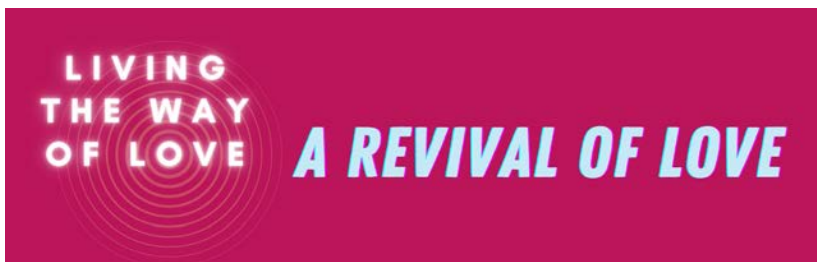


FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WORSHIP

ONLINE Worship • Mother's Day • Baptism • May 9, 2021



WE GATHER

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

WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero

PRELUDE Suite for Violin and Piano (William Grant Still)
II. Mother and Child

Anna Kostyuchek, violin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mira Pak, Lay Lector

We come together to praise God, who is the source of our life and our love.

We come to celebrate and support families who practice love in their homes and communities.

We come praying for families who feel no love for themselves or for others.

May God show us all the path to Live the Way of Love!

RESPONSE

Ty Woodward

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow. Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago. Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light. Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.

Oh how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways! To your name be glory, honor!

With our lives we worship, praise! We your people stand before you, water washed and Spirit born. By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!

BAPTISM Catherine Leona Sondecker (see insert)

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.

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Mira Pak

We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship, for worship, and for service.
Thanks be to God!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE GOSPEL John 15:9-17

Wilbur Fitzgerald, Lay Lector

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

HOMILY "Living the Way of Love: A Revival of Love"

Rev. Patricia Farris



SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM



Sunday, May 9, 2021

INTRODUCTION

Rev. Patricia Farris

PRESENTATION

Mira Pak

I am pleased to present to you **CATHERINE LEONA SONDECKER** for Baptism.

THOSE TO BE BAPTIZED *(Questions to the Parents)*

Rev. Farris

Do you believe in God the source, the fountain of life; and in Christ, the offspring of God, embodied in Jesus of Nazareth and in the church; and in the liberating Spirit of God, the wellspring of new life?

We do.

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you: Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you of new life in Christ, resisting evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

We do.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, striving for justice and peace among all people, and respecting the dignity of every human being?

We will.

Will you nurture Catherine in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

We will.

BAPTISM

Rev. Farris

CATHERINE LEONA

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

TO THE CONGREGATION

Michael Olsson, Lay Leadership Team

Members of the household of faith, I commend Catherine to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

We give thanks to God because you are a gift to us and we welcome you in Christian love. As members with you in the body of Christ and in this community of faith, we renew our promise 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 RESPOND

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Wilbur Fitzgerald

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 Octet

Beautiful Savior (F. Melius Christiansen)

Fair are the meadows, fairer the woodlands, robed in flowers of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirit sing. Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Wilbur Fitzgerald

Gracious God, you created all humankind and showed to us the importance of relationships with one another. We commend to your care all the families of this congregation, community, and world. Help the commandments of love for you and love for others be our goal for life together. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

POSTLUDE Minuet *from* Suite Gothique (Léon Boëllmann)

Ty Woodward

Chancel Choir Octet: Barbara Smith, JoAnne Bailey, Kathy Naylor, Vera Lugo, Anand Darsie, William Martinez, Ryan Brown, Michael McClish.

—**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.

—**Baptisms:** If you would like to learn more about baptism or inquire about baptism for your children, please call the church office.

—**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 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 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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Re-Gathering Task Force

Our Re-Gathering Task Force continues to meet. We monitor conditions in the community and consider CDC and health expert advice as we go forward. We are planning a variety of experiences to worship and connect this Summer—including outdoor worship/fellowship events in the Courtyard, Sunday Morning Walks, Wednesdays in the Sanctuary for prayer and reflection. Watch for further developments as we prayerfully look towards a possible resumption of in-person worship in the Sanctuary in the Fall.

To read the full update, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/task-force



May Online Mid-Week Recital

Tune in Wednesday, May 12, for the last Mid-Week Recital until the Fall, featuring **Rufus Choi, piano**. To read Rufus' biography, 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, May 12, 12:10 p.m.

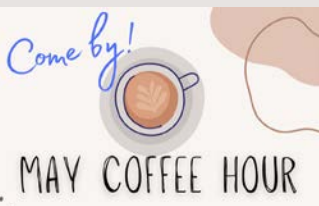


Messy Church in May

Join us for May's Messy Church on Zoom, where we'll celebrate *A Birthday Party for the Church!* Also known as Pentecost, it's the time each year when we hear the story about the Holy Spirit coming to be with the whole Church. We hope you'll join us for this fun birthday party with stories, songs, games and more!

Sign up for the Zoom link here: www.santamonicaumc.org/messychurch

Saturday, May 15, 4:30- 5:15 p.m. via Zoom



Sunday Zoom Social Hour

Catch up with the church community and chat about the topic of the day during after worship "Coffee Hour" **Sundays at 11 a.m.** All are welcome via Zoom:

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Academic Remediation



WALK-A-THON

Benefitting the CYFC Programs

We hope that you see the value in partnering with the children youth and family collaborative in support of the community's foster youth. Foster youth face many challenges in their daily lives, often struggling with academics and positive social development. Too often foster youth are shifted from foster home to foster home and do not have the opportunity to develop a sense of security.



Children Youth
And
Family Collaborative
Bay Bridge Treasure Island
Walk-a-thon

May 22, 2021

Walk: 8:00am - 11:00am

Please join us in providing a safe, secure environment where our youth can grow and thrive by sponsoring a Walker online at:

<http://cyfcla.org/support/>

All pledges payable online at:
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Children, Youth & Family Collaborative

by Rev. Larry Young

Most of the First UMC family is aware of the Children, Youth & Family Collaborative, the ministry to foster-care youth led by our covenant missionary, Lydia Templeton. Out of their belief in what CYFC is doing, four women in the S.F. Bay area have volunteered to do a walk-a-thon in support of CYFC across the Oakland Bay Bridge on **May 22**. They invite us to join them in support of their walk by our donations to CYFC. The easiest way to participate is to go to the CYFC website, www.cyfcla.org, and click on the Walk to Fund button. Here's an opportunity to give added support to one of our mission causes and make a difference in the lives of some youth who most need it!