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

WORSHIP

WELCOME
Tricia Guerrero

PRELUDE
Suite for Violin and Piano (William Grant Still)
Anna Kostyuchek, violin

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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!

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.”
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For information on how to join any of these ongoing ministries, visit the website: www.santamonicaumc.org.

God is real. God is love. Together we can change the world.
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
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WE HEAR GOD’S WORD  Wilbur Fitzgerald, Lay Lector
THE GOSPEL  John 15:9-17
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

WE RESPOND  Wilbur Fitzgerald

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES
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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  Rev. Farris

BENEDICTION

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.
INTRODUCTION
Rev. Patricia Farris

PRESENTATION
Mira Pak

I am pleased to present to you CATHRINE 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

CATHRINE 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.
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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!
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