

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP

ONLINE Worship • Ascension • May 16, 2021



WE GATHER

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

WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero

PRELUDE Be Thou My Vision (arr. Gordon Young)

Ty Woodward, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rachel Snider, Lay Lector

God of majesty, you led the Messiah through suffering into risen life, and took him up into the glory of heaven.

Clothe us with the power promised from on high.

Send us forth to the ends of the earth living the way of love,

as heralds of repentance and witnesses of Jesus Christ,

who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit!

RESPONSE

Ty Woodward

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Witney Siebold, Lay Lector

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

Thanks be to God!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE GOSPEL Luke 24:44-53

Witney Siebold

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

SERMON "Living the Way of Love: Love Turns the World Upside Down"

Rev. Patricia Farris

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Ty Woodward

Hope of the World

Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion, speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent.

Save us, thy people, from consuming passion, who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.

Hope of the world, O Christ o'er death victorious, who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain,
we would be faithful to thy gospel glorious; thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign.

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.

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Witney Siebold

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

Ryan Brown, solo

How Can I Keep from Singing (American Folksong; arr. Richard Walters)

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation, I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails a new creation. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging. It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? What though the tempest round me rears, I know the truth, it liveth. What though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging. Since love is lord of Heav'n and earth, How can I keep from singing? When tyrants tremble, sick with fear, and hear their death knells ringing; when friends rejoice both far and near, How can I keep from singing? In prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging. When friends by shame are undefiled, How can I keep from singing? No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging. It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rachel Snider

O God, in Christ's ascension you withdraw from our sight that you may be made known by our love. As you have reached into our depths and drawn us to love you, so make us open, freely to let you go; that you may return in unexpected power to change the world through us. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

POSTLUDE If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee (J. S. Bach)

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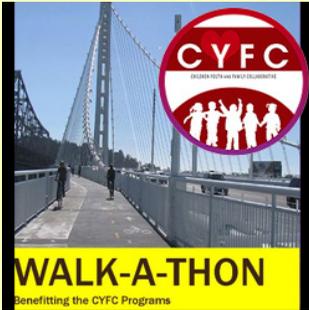
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God is real. God is love. ■ Together we can change the world.

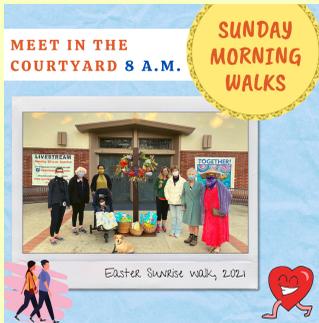
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Children, Youth & Family Collaborative

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!



Sunday Morning Walks

Sunday morning walks are back! You are invited to join with church friends for a 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

Every Sunday, 8 a.m., meet in the First UMC Courtyard



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: <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) by Fridays for the Sunday gathering.*

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