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.


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.rold@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.

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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: June 17
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PRESENTATION

I am pleased to present to you Stella PreScilla Hovey for Baptism.

THOSE TO BE BAPTIZED

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?

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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.

BAPTISM

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

TO THE CONGREGATION

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

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Will you nurture Stella 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?
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**PRELUDE**

Rhosymedre (R. Vaughan Williams) Ty Woodward, organ

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Gracious God, eternal God, you have led us to curiosity about our creation, ourselves, and all things unknown. Let us never lose our sense of wonder about the world you have given us. Everlasting, Ever-Creating God, teacher, giver of knowledge and freedom, fear and courage, doubt and faith, Grant that we might always use your gifts to build a world where peace, justice, love, and hope reign in wisdom and in truth.

**RESPONSE**

O Spirit of the Living God

Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow until our minds are free from mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee. Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal, to preach to all thy great good news, God’s glorious commonwealth.
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