We gather

Worship

Online Worship • 7th Sunday after Pentecost • July 11, 2021

We stand in the presence of God, ministering to the spiritual needs of our community and the world. We gather together in faith, affirmed by the living presence of Jesus Christ, who is our center and guiding force.

Today's worship will be held online. Please check www.santamonicaumc.org/livestream for more information.

Welcome

Tricia Guerrero

Prelude

Amazing Grace (arr. George Shearing)

Ty Woodward, organ

Call to Worship

Molly Smith, Lay Lector

Steadfast God, preserve us in your love, that we might speak your praise and bless you forever. You who provide every good thing, uphold your people. Open your hands wide and satisfy the needs of every living thing. God of hope, we trust in your righteousness and depend on your love. Fulfill our longings for wholeness, healing, and new life.

Response

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Ty Woodward

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!
OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

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

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE LESSON Ephesians 1:3-14
The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!

SERMON “God's Creating Spirit: A New People” Rev. Patricia Farris

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER Amazing Grace Ty Woodward
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LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

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.

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OFFERTORY Chancel Choir Quartet

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (Latin Hymn, c. VII Century - arr. Dale Wood)
Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Head and Cornerstone; chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one; Holy Zion’s help forever, and her confidence alone. To the temple, where we call Thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today; with Thy wonted loving kindness hear Thy servants as they pray, and Thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway. Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One, One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION David Bremer
Renew us by your love, O God, that we might embrace with thanksgiving and singleness of heart all your good gifts of love. May our lips declare and our lives display genuine gratitude and unwavering confidence that your love for us will never fail; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

BENEDICTION Rev. Farris
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STAY CONNECTED ONLINE via ZOOM or Phone In

• Men's Breakfast/Bible Study: Tuesdays, 7 a.m.
• Visio Divina Bible Study: Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. July 21
• 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: July 15, Aug 5
• Children and Family Ministry: Sunday School for Kids: Sundays, 9:15 a.m. No meeting today.
• Youth Ministry: On break for the summer.
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.
TONIGHT! Outdoor Summer Worship - Church on the Lawn
Come gather on the church lawn for worship and community, for the second in a three part summer series of Church on the Lawn. Led by Tricia Guerrero, the series topic is “I’ve Been Meaning to Ask: A Series for Curiosity, Courage, & Connection.” Worship activity bags will be available to help children participate. Chairs are provided, or you may bring a lawn chair or blanket. Masks please. We look forward to time together in community as we worship, pray, serve and grow in God’s love!
Tonight, 5 – 6 p.m., First UMC Courtyard
(arrive at 5 p.m., church starts at 5:15 p.m.)

Sunday Morning Walks
You are invited to join with church friends for a walk in person on Sunday mornings! Meet in the church courtyard at 8 a.m. and the group will make their way towards Ocean Avenue and back.
Every Sunday, 8 a.m., meet in the First UMC Courtyard

Summerfest
First UMC is excited that the All-Church Summerfest, presented by the Fellowship & Events Committee, is back! Fun for the whole family – be together in community, enjoy games, crafts for the kids, a photo booth, and more. Masks please.
Saturday, July 17, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. 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:
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