

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WORSHIP

ONLINE Worship • Holy Communion • September 5, 2021



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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. Kevan Torfeh)

Anna Kostyuchek, violin;
Kevan Torfeh, cello; James Smith, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Holly Pitrago, Lay Lector

Because Christ lives,

Because the ever-creating Spirit of God flourishes:

Grace, peace, mercy and joy are ours this day.

Help us, O God, to walk together, pray together, and live together in hope and joy.

RESPONSE My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep from Singing)

Ty Woodward

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation. I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation. No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.

Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing? The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.

Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

David Mayhan, Lay Lector

We give thanks for God's Creating Spirit that continues to give us life and lead us forward!

Thanks be to God!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE LESSON Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (NIRV)

David Mayhan

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

HOMILY "A Time for Everything: A Time to Laugh"

Rev. Patricia Farris

WE RESPOND

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Holly Pitrago

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

Anna Kostyuchek, violin; Kevan Torfeh, cello; and James Smith, piano

Excerpt from Piano Trio No. 1, opus 49 (Felix Mendelssohn)

II. Andante con moto tranquillo

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holly Pitrago

May the gifts we offer bring joy to our hearts, peace to our minds, and gladness to our souls. May your light and love, gracious God, shine forth in all that we do, and speak, and dare. We rejoice always in your new creation in and through us. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Farris

I invite you to take the communion elements you have in your home—a piece of bread or cracker and a cup of water or juice. After I consecrate the elements at the altar table, I invite us to commune all together, receiving the bread and cup which make Christ present and real to us in our bodies, hearts, and souls.

We experience the presence of Christ in our hearts through the grace of God which knows no walls or boundaries, in which there is no distance or separating. We are always truly “one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world!”

HYMN One Bread, One Body

Ty Woodward

One bread, one body, one Lord of all. One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.
Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Tricia Guerrero

Ever-creating fount of life and joy, spark in us new hope and stir up in us passion for new possibilities. Give us wisdom and courage for the living of these days, that we might together live into that bright future you envision and for which we yearn. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL 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.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

POSTLUDE Minuet *from* Suite Gothique (Léon Boëllmann)

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 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:** You may give 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

- **Men's Bible Study:** Tuesdays, 7 a.m. via Zoom
- **Young Adults/Open Space:** Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
- **Listening Hearts Women's Group:** Moving to 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, September 15 and October 6, via Zoom
- **Sunday School for Kids:** Hybrid schedule starting Sunday, September 12 (1st/3rd on Zoom, 2nd/4th In-Person)
- **Youth Ministry:** Resumes Sunday, September 12, In-Person

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

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AMERICAN RED CROSS
Community Blood Drive
hosted by First UMC, at
Mt. Olive Lutheran Church
1343 Ocean Park Blvd, Santa Monica, CA 90405
**Sunday, September 5
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**
HOSTED BY FIRST UMC
SEE YOU THERE!  Go to:
www.redcrossblood.org
search Mt. Olive Lutheran,
or call 1-800-RED-CROSS

Red Cross Blood Drive at Mt. Olive Lutheran - Thank You

Thank you to all who signed up to give for the Red Cross Blood Drive that our Health Ministry Council is hosting today at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church. Thank you to all who helped make this vital opportunity possible.

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2021-22
Tengyue (Ty) Zhang
GUITAR
Wednesday
SEPT 8
12:10 P.M. PT
STREAMING LIVE ON
Facebook: @santamonicaumc
YouTube: www.youtube.com/santamonicaumc
Online MID WEEK **RECITALS**

Online Mid-Week Recitals - Fall Season begins

Now in its 21st year, the Mid-Week Recitals are back online for the Fall! The first of the series features Tengyue (Ty) Zhang on classical guitar.

Wednesday, September 8, 12:10 p.m. ONLINE:

Facebook: @santamonicaumc • YouTube Channel : www.youtube.com/santamonicaumc • Website: www.santamonicaumc.org/livestream • The First UMC App: (To download, go to the App Store, search FirstUMC_SM)

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SUNDAYS
**BOTH 10 am In-Person
Worship IN THE SANCTUARY**
AND 10 am Online Worship
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Beginning September 12

A New In-Person and Online Church

With the support of the First UMC Church Council, District Superintendent Mark Nakagawa, and Bishop Grant Hagiya, First UMC Santa Monica is looking towards **NEXT Sunday, September 12**, to launch a new chapter in our life together. At that time, we will begin to worship in-person in the Sanctuary each week at **10 a.m.** and continue our online service that streams at the same time as well. Our online services will continue to be available 24/7.

Guidelines and more info on the website: www.santamonicaumc.org/task-force

COFFEE HOUR
SUNDAYS 11 A.M. ZOOM

COME BY FOR
COMMUNITY AND CONVERSATION!

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.**

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