

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP

IN-PERSON **AND** ONLINE Worship • September 19, 2021



WE GATHER

WELCOME

Glenda Martinez, Lay Lector

PRELUDE Be Thou My Vision (arr. Gordon Young)

Ty Woodward, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

David Bremer, Lay Lector

Come, people of God. Come all of you, wherever you may be.

God is the Creator of all.

Come now and worship our faithful and forward-looking God.

God calls us to new life!

Come and worship the God of promise and hope.

We worship with our lives and with our hearts, with our voices and with our actions.

Let us worship God!

RESPONSE In Christ There Is No East or West

Ty Woodward

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north; but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Glenda Martinez

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 *From 1 John 3*

David Bremer

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

SERMON "One Great Fellowship of Love"

Rev. Patricia Farris

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER Spirit of the Living God

Ty Woodward

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Rev. Farris

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

Glenda Martinez

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

Anand Darsie, solo

Hymn of Promise (Natalie Sleeth)

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be; unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see. In our end is our beginning, in our time, infinity. In our doubt, there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death a resurrection; at the last a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see; unrevealed until its season, something yet unknown, which God alone can see.

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

David Bremer

Gracious God, move our hearts to praise your goodness by sharing with others. Make us bold in asking, tireless in seeking, joyful in finding, thankful in receiving, and generous in giving, following Christ our Lord. Empower us to “be the hope” for your church and for your world. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

POSTLUDE God of Grace and God of Glory (arr. Paul Manz)

Ty Woodward

Worship concludes with the Postlude music which prepares us to transition from worship to life in the world. You are invited to remain seated until the Postlude concludes, or to exit quietly.

—**Welcome New Visitors!** We're happy you're here. You may fill out a New Visitor Sign-In form outside the sanctuary, or 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:** Offering plates are located in the Narthex. You may also 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.

—**Westside Food Bank:** We resume collecting food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. Bins are located outside the Sanctuary Sunday mornings.

STAY CONNECTED

- **Men's Bible Study: Tuesdays, 7 a.m.** via Zoom
- **Young Adults/Open Space: Hybrid schedule: Tues/Wednesdays, 7 p.m.**
- **Listening Hearts Women's Group : 1st and 3rd Wednesdays,** Next meeting - October 6, via Zoom
- **Sunday School for Kids: Hybrid schedule: (1st/3rd Sundays on Zoom, 2nd/4th Sundays In-Person)**
- **Youth Ministry: Sundays, 6 p.m. (no meeting tonight)**

Sunday Social Hour: Both In Person and Online!

After Worship in the First UMC Courtyard
AND continuing Online 11 a.m. Zoom Social Hour

Zoom info: <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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BIBLE STUDY
with Rev. Larry Young

Reading
the Old Testament
Through Jewish
Eyes

Begins Thursday, Oct 7
2 p.m. & 7 p.m. (6 week course)



New Bible Study with Rev. Larry Young

We're excited to announce that Rev. Larry Young will be leading a new Zoom class entitled "Reading the Old Testament Through Jewish Eyes," beginning on Thursday, October 7 and running for 6 weeks. Duplicate sessions will be offered at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. each Thursday. The class will focus on the Torah - the first five Old Testament books, and will follow the Rabbi Evan Moffic's workbook and videos. Instructions for ordering the student book will be given when you sign up for the class. To sign up, email Rev. Larry at lyoung@lyoung.net.



The First UMC App - Livestream Worship Service

If you haven't had a chance to download the First UMC app, give it a try! The app offers one more way to participate in the Sunday worship service. If you can't make it to church, or you're traveling and are away from your computer, you can still pull up the Sunday service Livestream on your smartphone or tablet, Sundays at 10 a.m., or anytime afterwards at your convenience. To download the app, go to the App Store, and search FirstUMC_SM. If you need help downloading the app, call the church office.

BOTH | AND

Sunday Social Hour
BOTH In Person AND Online!

After Worship in the
First UMC Courtyard
AND
11 a.m. Zoom Coffee Hour



Sunday Social Hour: **Both In-Person and Online!**

Come say "Hi" and spend some time in community after worship today! We offer two ways you can participate - in person and online - or you can do both! Following worship, come outside to the courtyard to visit and say Hello to one another. Then at 11 a.m., we will continue to offer Zoom Coffee Hour to all who would like to participate.

Sundays at 11 a.m.

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