

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP

IN-PERSON **AND** ONLINE Worship • September 26, 2021

A Day of New Beginnings



WE GATHER

WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero

PRELUDE Rhosymedre (R. Vaughan Williams)

Ty Woodward, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rachel Snider, Lay Lector

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

God is the Creator of all.

Come and worship our ever-creating God,

God calls us to new life!

Come and worship!

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

Let us worship God!

RESPONSE This Is a Day of New Beginnings

Ty Woodward

Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do.

This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Witney Seibold, 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 *From* Revelation 21

Rachel Snider

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

SERMON "A Day of New Beginnings"

Rev. Patricia Farris

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

Ty Woodward

Oh, how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways! To your name be glory, honor!

With our lives we worship, praise! We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit born. By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!

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 Seibold

Your continued financial support of the church is now more important than ever. Offering plates are located in the Narthex. You may also give online at www.santamonicaumc.org/give; mail your gift to the church; or drop it into the mail slot of our offices any day of the week. You may continue to earmark gifts for our various mission projects. May God grow in us generous and joyful hearts. Thank you.

OFFERTORY

Chancel Choir Octet

The Heavens Are Telling *from* The Creation (Franz Joseph Haydn)

The heavens are telling the glory of God, the wonders of his work displays the firmament; to-day that is coming, speaks it the day, the night that is gone, to following night. The heavens are telling the glory of God, the wonder of his work displays the firmament. In all the lands resounds the word, never unperceived, ever understood. The heavens are telling the glory of God, the wonder of his work displays the firmament.

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Witney Seibold

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 Prelude in C (J. S. Bach)

Ty Woodward

Chancel Choir Octet: Janet Searfoss, Barbara Smith, Vera Lugo, Ann Wilson, Anand Darsie, Patty Eskridge, Richard Crawford, Troy Robertson
Solo trio: Barbara Smith, Anand Darsie, Troy Robertson

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:** "In loving memory of Don Wagner on what would have been his 92nd birthday." From daughter and son-in-law Ann and David Wilson.

—**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.** First UMC Courtyard

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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15th Annual Blessing of the Animals

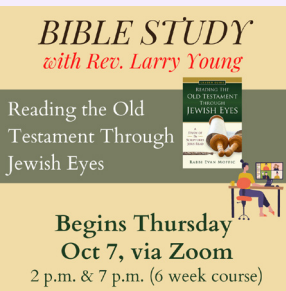
First UMC is pleased to present the Annual Blessing of the Animals! This year we offer **Drive Thru car blessings** in the loading zone area in front of the Sanctuary, and also **Walk-Up blessings** in the First UMC Courtyard. We'll also collect pet supplies for a local pet shelter, have a Memorial Wall, and arts and crafts for the kids. Bring your pets for this beloved annual tradition! *We hold this year's event in memory of Nancy Perov, former First UMC office manager, who conceived and organized the first Blessing of the Animals 15 years ago.*

If you can't make it on Saturday, attend Zoom coffee hour after worship on Sunday, October 3, at 11 a.m., for an online blessing.

In-Person Blessings: Saturday, October 2, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

in the First UMC Courtyard

Online Blessings: Sunday, October 3, 11 a.m. via Zoom



New Bible Study with Rev. Larry Young

There's still time to sign up for Rev. Larry Young's new Zoom Bible Study, 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.



31st Annual Westside Food Bank Online Hunger Walk

The Hunger Walk is online again this year, but for the thousands of people in our community still suffering due to COVID-19, hunger has never been more real. Join First UMC members Russ and Barbara Whittenburg as they co-captain the First UMC Team, and let's walk together to end hunger!

1. **Sign up on the First UMC page:** Go to www.santamonicaumc.org (look for the link under *Mission* on the homepage)

2. Let's Walk! Tune into the kickoff livestream at on Sunday, October 17th. Then **you'll have a week to complete your 5K** at your convenience.

Westside Food Bank Hunger Walk Online: October 17 - 24

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