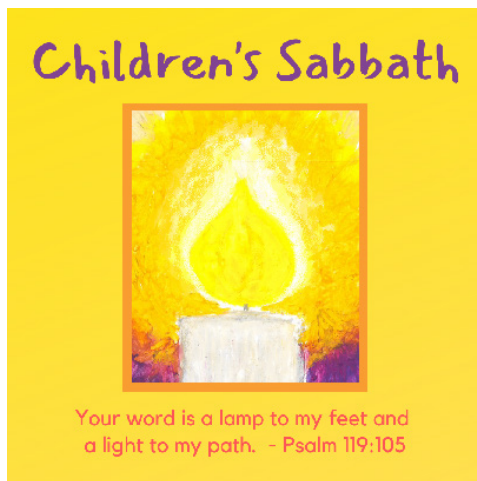


FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP

IN-PERSON **AND** ONLINE Worship • Children's Sabbath • October 31, 2021



WE GATHER

WELCOME

Molly Smith, Lay Lector

PRELUDE *Andante from Sonata No. 4 (Alexandre Guilmant)*

Ty Woodward, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ann Wilson, Lay Lector

This day we gather to celebrate all of God's children.

We come thanking God for children and the joy they bring to our world.

We rejoice together, seeking God with our whole hearts.

Some of us are young. Some of us are older. But we are all children of God.

The light of God, Jesus the Christ, lights our path and shows us the way.

Together we will praise God!

RESPONSE *Thy Word Is a Lamp*

Ty Woodward, organ

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me, and nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end. Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Now I will not forget your love for me and yet my heart forever is wandering. Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side, and I will love you to the end. Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Moments for Mission - Haiti Mission

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

Thanks be to God!

Molly Smith

Todd Erlandson

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE GOSPEL Luke 11:33

People don't light a lamp and then put it in a closet or under a basket.

Rather, they place the lamp on a lampstand

so that those who enter the house

can see the light.

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

Ann Wilson

SERMON "Walk with the Light"

Tricia Guerrero

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Ty Woodward

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. *Refrain:* In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

RESPONSIVE LITANY OF BLESSING (see insert)

Rev. Patricia Farris

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.



CHILDREN'S SABBATH



Sunday, October 31, 2021

RESPONSIVE LITANY OF BLESSING

Rev. Patricia Farris

Storytelling God, as you speak to us through your scriptures, we are gathered between the covers of your glory and find our story in your story. Bless our 4th graders as they receive a Bible as a gift from our congregation.

May they cherish it as their own, learn it by heart, and thus always grow in faith and love.

Inscribing God, the stories of the scriptures belong to us all and its words speak to us all. They tell us who we are. They tell us that we belong to one another. They point us to new discoveries and glimpses of who we might become.

Open our hearts to the life-giving power of your Word.

Bless our Sunday School teachers who so generously share of themselves with the children and families of our congregation, teaching and guiding them in your ways. Give them calm strength and patient wisdom.

May they find joy and fulfillment as they lead us all in your paths of wisdom and truth.

Inspiring God, you have given us your scriptures for teaching and for learning to ground us in faith and righteousness and to build us up in service to you and your world. May we continue to learn together, growing in love for your word and you children in every place.

Bind us together in love of you and love for all the world.

Pour out your blessings upon us all this day, as we join with our 4th graders and our Sunday School teachers as students and disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together, saying:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Molly Smith

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

Children of the Heavenly Father (arr. Eric Nelson)

Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given. God his own doth tend and nourish; in his holy courts they flourish. From all evil things he spares them; in his mighty arms he bears them. Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever, unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth. Praise the Lord in joyful numbers, your Protector never slumbers; in the will of your Defender ev'ry foe then must surrender. No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home. Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Molly Smith

Thank you, gracious God, for the blessings we receive. Accept these gifts and use them to fill our world with light and hope. Direct our attention to things that inspire and build up, so we may share the light you have entrusted to us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

Tricia Guerrero

POSTLUDE Prelude and Fugue in F (J. S. Bach)

Ty Woodward

*Chancel Choir Octet: **Barbara Smith**, **Claudia Flanders**, **Vera Lugo**, **Karen Cronquist**, **Anand Darsie**, **Patty Eskridge**, **Troy Robertson**, **Michael McClish***

Worship concludes with the Postlude music which prepares us to transition from worship to life in the world.

—**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 honor of Children's Sunday School teachers: Dot Plukas, Sandra Jones, Jamie Jones and Megan Crawford. Thank you for your light that you share with our children. We appreciate you!"

—**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 collect 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:** Next meeting: November 10, in-person
- **Listening Hearts Women's Group: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays,** Next meeting - November 3, via Zoom
- **Sunday School for Kids: Hybrid schedule:** (1st/3rd Sundays on Zoom, 2nd/4th Sundays In-Person) *Not meeting today, Children in worship for Children's Sabbath*
- **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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Westside Food Bank Hunger Walk - Thank You!

Thanks to all who donated and supported our efforts for the Westside Food Bank Hunger Walk. Our First UMC team raised nearly 12k, earning the #1 Top Team for Congregations, and the #2 spot overall! We celebrate a successful week of walking and raising awareness, and making a difference in our community!



Next Sunday - White Ribbon Memorial

During the All Saints Day worship service on November 7, we honor those who have died during the past year. One of the ways we remember our loved ones is with the White Ribbon Memorial. You may write the names of loved ones on a white ribbon on the table located outside the Sanctuary today, say a prayer, and put the ribbon in the bowl. Ribbons hung in years' past will be rehung this year. If you are worshipping online, you may call or email the church office with your loved one's name, and we will make a ribbon for you.

White Ribbon Memorial: Sunday, November 7, during 10 a.m. worship.
Ribbons available to sign today.



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. **Wear your Halloween costume for the Zoom meeting!*

Sundays at 11 a.m. Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/96578397184>

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