

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP

IN-PERSON **AND** ONLINE Worship • Consecration/Thanksgiving Sunday • November 21, 2021



WE GATHER

WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero

PRELUDE *Andante Tranquillo Sonata No. 3 (Felix Mendelssohn)*

Ty Woodward, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Michael Lamb, Lay Lector

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

We glorify our God with songs of thanksgiving and joy.

God has done great things for us, filling us with grace.

God fed our ancestors in the wilderness. God clothes us with hope.

We will offer our hearts to God, saying together, "Thank you!" to the One who loves us.

We ask your blessing, O God our Creator, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

RESPONSE *A Charge to Keep I Have*

Ty Woodward

A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify, a never-dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky.

To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill; O may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will!

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Stewardship Moment

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

Thanks be to God!

Michael Lamb

Connan and Julia Snider

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE PSALM Psalm 139:7-10

Michael Olsson, Lay Leadership Team

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

SERMON "To Serve the Present Age"

Rev. Patricia Farris

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER What Gift Can We Bring

Ty Woodward

Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision, who planted and watered so dreams could come true. Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship, for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed. Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises, for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring, the Word is our promise always, forever; we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.

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

Michael Olsson

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

Tune My Heart to Sing God's Praise (arr. Lloyd Larson)

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise His name, I'm fixed upon it, name of God's redeeming love. Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I've come; and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God; He to rescue me from danger, bought me with His precious blood. Tune my heart to sing God's praise! O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee: prone to wander, Lord, I know I'm prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O, take and seal it, seal it from Thy courts above. Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace, Come! Streams of mercy, never ceasing, come! Call for songs of loudest praise! Tune my heart to sing God's praise!

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Michael Olsson

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, now and tomorrow and tomorrow. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

POSTLUDE Now Thank We All Our God (J. S. Bach/arr. Virgil Fox)

Ty Woodward

Chancel Choir Octet: **Barbara Smith** & Claudia Flanders; **Katelyn Dietz** & Ruth Peeples
Dennis Parnell & David Bremer; **Troy Robertson** & Richard Crawford

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:** We accept donations to the Flower Fund to remember or honor a loved one for Sunday Worship service. 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 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 24, via Zoom
- **Listening Hearts Women's Group:** Next meeting, December 1
- **Sunday School for Kids:** November: In-person, meet in the Courtyard
- **Youth Ministry:** Sundays, 6 p.m. First UMC Courtyard

Sunday Social Hour: Both In Person and Online!

After Worship in the First UMC Courtyard

Today: No Online Coffee Hour, instead attend **Church Charge Conference at 1 p.m. via Zoom:**

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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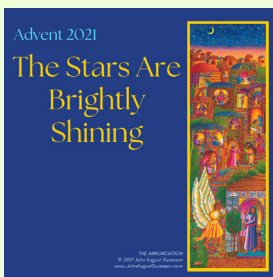


Today at 1 p.m. Online Church Charge Conference

Attend the First UMC online Church Charge Conference **today at 1 p.m.** via Zoom (*note meeting time is not directly after worship service.*) Even though we're not gathering in person this year, we will still engage in a joyful and worshipful celebration of this year's accomplishments, highlighting the theme "Restoration." West District Superintendent Rev. Mark M. Nakagawa will preside.

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ONLINE Charge Conference: Today, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. via Zoom



Advent

"The Stars Are Brightly Shining," our Advent theme this year, is taken from the beloved Christmas song "O Holy Night." Through challenging times, the light shines brightly, in us and through us. We invite you to join us in the journey through Advent this season – through in-person and online worship, Advent Devotions and Bible Study, Alternative Christmas and Angel Tree, and our Christmas Eve worship services. For more information, visit: www.santamonicaumc.org/advent



Stewardship 2021

Your steady and reliable financial support has seen us through lean times. We rejoice in these blessings and give thanks to God! Now it's time to lean into the hope that comes from God, pledging to do our part through our generous giving and financial pledge for 2022. Each gift makes a difference. Each pledge is an investment in the lives of God's people. Each act of faithful giving spreads God's love and hope far and wide and deep.

www.santamonicaumc.org/stewardship



Sunday Social Hour: In-Person today

Following worship, come outside to the courtyard to visit and say Hello to one another. This week we're meeting online at the Church Charge Conference at 1 p.m. via Zoom (*see info above*). Regular Zoom coffee hour resumes next Sunday.

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