

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP

In-Person and Online Worship • Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany • February 20, 2022

Mirror, Mirror on the Wall



WE GATHER

WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero

PRELUDE Rhosymedre (R. Vaughan Williams)

Ty Woodward, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Michael Lamb, Lay Leadership Team

Holy God, be with us in our time of worship and help us to listen to your will for us.

Guide us to walk in the ways of Jesus.

Help us love our enemies and bless those who wrong us, for we cannot do so alone.

Guide us to walk in the ways of Jesus.

Teach us the joy of treating others with the same respect and goodness with which we hope to be treated.

Guide us to walk in the ways of Jesus.

May our every word and deed make known that we are your beloved children and vessels of your love.

Guide us to walk in the ways of Jesus. Amen.

RESPONSE #454 United Methodist Hymnal – Open My Eyes, That I May See

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine! Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear; and while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine! Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Michael Lamb

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 James 1:23-25

David Mayhan, Lay Lector

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

SERMON "Mirror, Mirror on the Wall"

Rev. John Woodall

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #408 UMH — The Gift of Love

Ty Woodward

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

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

David Mayhan

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

Come and See the Light (Words and Music by Craig Thomas Naylor)

Come and see the light of the radiant Jesus. Come and hear the voice, "I love my son. Listen to Him. Listen with your heart." Come and see the light. Come and see the sacred sight Shimmering, Glimmering, see the sacred sight. Listen to Him. And your heart leaps up to the mountain top where past and present meet as one. The light of our heart rises up to You and our spirit rises up like a bird on the wing. Look from the mountain and all you see is light from the love of Jesus. Let us be transformed. Come and see the light of shimmering love. "My son, listen, listen to Him." Listen.

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

David Mayhan

Source of every blessing, we give you our thanks and praise. You sent Jesus into our lives to show us the way of love. Bless these gifts and send them forth to be a source of love in our world. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

Rev. Woodall

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

Ty Woodward

Chancel Choir Octet: **Barbara Smith** & Karen Ing; **Jeanie Riddell** & Karen Cronquist
Anand Darsie & Patty Eskridge; **Andrew Pringle** & Richard Crawford

*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:** 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: Today we have a Prayer Quilt for Ana-Sofia (Annie) Fouquette.** To offer your prayers, you may call or email the church office to request a tie be made on the quilt for you; you will be informed of the requested prayers: (310.393.8258), or info@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:** Hybrid of online and in-person meetings
- **Listening Hearts Women's Group: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays,** Next meeting: Special Ash Wednesday service, March 2 via Zoom
- **Sunday School for Kids: 10 a.m.** Meet in Preschool Playground
- **Youth Ministry: Sunday, 6 p.m.**

Sunday Social Gathering: Both In Person and Online!

After Worship in the First UMC Courtyard

AND continuing **Online 11-11:30 a.m. Zoom Gathering** *note time change

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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YOUTH SUNDAY

SUNDAY, FEB 27, 10 A.M. WORSHIP



Youth Sunday

Come join us for Youth Sunday next Sunday, February 27! We will have a meaningful worship experience as our youth plan and lead the entire worship service, including our high school seniors who will be giving their sermon reflections. This year our seniors include: Annika Dodd, John Buxton, Emma Crawford, and Kim Hansen. We look forward to hearing what they have to share with us about their faith journey!

Girl Scout Cookie Sales

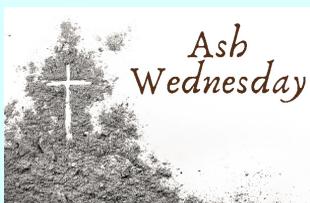
Would you like to support the youth Girl Scouts of First UMC Santa Monica? Emma, Megan, and Ashton belong to two different local troops. Each troop uses proceeds from cookie sales to support their troop with learning, activities, and community service. **Pick up or buy cookies at First UMC next Sunday, February 27, 11:00 a.m. after worship.** Payment can be made by cash, check, or credit card at pick up. To order: www.santamonicaumc.org/girl-scout-cookies



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is March 2, and this year we offer two ways to worship. We'll have a recorded livestream service beginning at 10 a.m. on Facebook, Youtube and the website. It will be available for you all through the day so that you may worship at a time that best fits your schedule. And this year anyone and everyone is invited to Listening Hearts for a Zoom Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 p.m., led by Tricia Guerrero. More info: www.santamonicaumc.org/lent

Ash Wednesday Services: Online at 10 a.m., & Listening Hearts via Zoom, 6:30 p.m.



The Road to Easter in John's Gospel

Lent Bible Study with Rev. Larry Young
Wednesdays - 7:15 p.m.
Thursdays - 2 p.m.
(duplicate class) via Zoom

First class: Wednesday, March 9, 7:15 p.m.

Lenten Bible Study with Rev. Larry Young

Rev. Larry Young will be leading a Zoom Lenten study on "The Road to Easter in John's Gospel" beginning March 9 and 10. In 2019-20 Rev. Young was leading a study of John which was cut short by the onset of Covid; so this will be a chance to complete that study with a focus on the events leading to Easter. All are welcome, whether or not you were a part of the previous study. Duplicate sessions will meet Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. and Thursdays at 2:00 p.m., running for 6 weeks. To sign up, email Rev. Young at lyoung@lyoung.net.

First Class dates: Wednesday, March 9, 7:15 p.m., Thursday, March 10, 2 p.m.

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