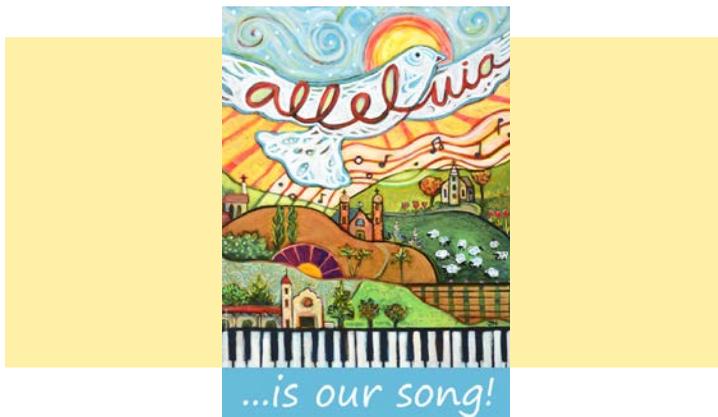


# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP

Easter Sunday • Family Sunday • April 17, 2022



## WE GATHER

WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero

PRELUDE Fanfare (John Cook)

Ty Woodward, organ

\*HYMN #302 United Methodist Hymnal – Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (vs. 1-4)

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia! Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia! Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia! Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Larry Wilson, Lay Lector

Rejoice and be glad:

**This is the day that the Lord has made!**

Rejoice and be glad:

**Heaven and earth will never be the same!**

Rejoice and be glad:

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

\*HYMN #186 UMH – Alleluia (vs. 1)

Al-le-lu-ia.

*\*Asterisks indicate standing if you are able.*

## OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Michael Lamb, Lay Leadership Team

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

**Thanks be to God!**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

The Chancel Choir / Dr. James Smith, Director

The Day of Resurrection (arr. Shelton Ridge Love)

The day of resurrection! Earth tell it out abroad; the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free, our Christ has brought us over, with hymns of victory. Let hearts be purged of evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; and list'ning to His accents, may hear, so calm and plain, "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain. Alleluia! Now let the heav'ns be joyful! Let earth the song begin! The round world keep high triumph, and all therein! Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend, for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end. Alleluia!

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## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE GOSPEL John 20:1-18

Larry Wilson

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

SERMON "Alleluia Is Our Song!"

Rev. Patricia Farris

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## WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #162 UMH – Alleluia, Alleluia (refrain and vs. 4)

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name. Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. *Refrain.*

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 Lamb

*Your continued financial support of the church is now more important than ever. You may place gifts of cash or checks made out to "First UMC" in the offering plates as they are passed. You may also mail your gift to the church or drop it into the mail slot of our offices any day of the week. Or, you may also give online at [www.santamonicaumc.org/give](http://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

The Chancel Choir

Thine Be the Glory (arr. J. Marty Cope)

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death has won; angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away. Kept the folded grave-clothes, where Thy body lay.

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom; let His church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing, for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting, Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won! Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son! No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of Life; life is naught without Thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than conqu'rors, through Thy deathless love: bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above. Thine be the glory, risen conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death has won! Thine be the glory! Amen!

\* RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

\* UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Larry Wilson

**We praise you, O God, and give you thanks that you have given us such joy, such grace, and such hope, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. Let our lives be proof of that good news. Let our words and our actions, our love and our generosity all bear witness to your resurrection power; for the sake of our living Lord, Jesus Christ. Alleluia!**

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## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

POSTLUDE Toccata from Symphony No. 5 (Charles Marie Widor)

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](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/im-new).

—**This Sunday's flowers:** Flowers at the Reredos: "In loving memory of my mother Gladys Youngman." From John Youngman. Flowers in the Narthex: "In loving memory of Robert Andrew Moore." Love, Linda and Stan Wilson.

—**Prayer Quilts:** **Today's Prayer Quilt is for Dave Rogers.** You are invited to to pray over and tie knots on the quilt on the north wall of the Sanctuary, or 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](mailto:s.rolld@santamonicaumc.org). To request a Prayer Quilt for someone in need, go to: [www.santamonicaumc.org/prayerquiltministry](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/prayerquiltministry).

—**Give:** You may place gifts of cash or checks made out to "First UMC" in the offering plates as they are passed, and are also located in the Narthex. You may also give securely online at [www.santamonicaumc.org/give](http://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](http://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 - April 20, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom
- **Sunday School for Kids: Today:** Family Sunday, activity bags are available for Children from the ushers.
- **Youth Ministry:** *No meeting today*

**Sunday Social Gathering:** There is an informal gathering time in the First UMC Courtyard after worship. Come say "hello" and help yourself to coffee and donuts.

Visit the website: [www.santamonicaumc.org](http://www.santamonicaumc.org)

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## Westside Food Bank Food Drive

Thank you for participating in our Easter giving opportunity with the Westside Food Bank! The food bins will be outside today after worship in front of the Sanctuary. We give thanks for opportunities to love our neighbors and give where needed in our community.



## Methodist Foundation Scholarships

Every year the Loans & Scholarships committee seeks to support our graduating high school seniors, continuing undergraduates, and graduate students. Applications are now open for our First UMC students pursuing their educational goals - deadline for the application is May 15th. For the online application, go to: [www.santamonicaumc.org/methodistfoundation](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/methodistfoundation)



## Spring Concert 2022: Two Performances!

First UMC is excited to announce that the 2022 Spring Concert will feature the combined choirs of First UMC Santa Monica and First UMC Pasadena, accompanied by a full orchestra, for a presentation of "Brahms: A German Requiem."

**Sunday, May 15, 2022 at 4 p.m. at First UMC Santa Monica**

**Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 4 p.m. at First UMC Pasadena**

More info: [www.santamonicaumc.org/spring-concert](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/spring-concert)



## Upward Bound House - Home Run for Kids

Save the date for Sunday May 15 - the 10th Annual Upward Bound House Home Run for Kids is back, and this year it's in-person! Join the First UMC Church and Preschool team, and let's run together to end family homelessness. Sign up on the website: [www.santamonicaumc.org/home-run-for-kids](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/home-run-for-kids)

**Sunday, May 15, in Brentwood** (more details coming soon)

Your continued financial support of the church is now more important than ever: [www.santamonicaumc.org/give](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/give)

# UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS



## Kids Night Out

Sign up now for Kids Night Out! While parents enjoy a well-deserved night out, children are provided a safe and fun evening of games, activities and crafts, pizza dinner, and a movie with our trained childcare team. Children's Ministry offers a fun evening of childcare for kids ages 2 through 5th grade, giving parents a night of rest, relaxation and fun! Registration is open and available on the website: [www.santamonicaumc.org/kids-night-out](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/kids-night-out)

**Saturday, April 23, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the First UMC Education Building**



## The Youth Service Team presents: Movie Night on the Lawn

Come and enjoy the movie "Encanto," and help the First UMC Youth raise money for their Summer youth service project, where they are teaming up with the Epworth Project to serve communities in the New Orleans area that have been severely damaged and neglected from hurricanes. Tickets are \$10 per person/\$25 per family. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair.

**Movie Night: Sunday, May 29: seating opens at 7:30 p.m.,  
Movie begins at 8 p.m., in the First UMC Courtyard**



## Blood Pressure Screenings Return!

The Health Ministry Council is excited to announce that Blood Pressure Screenings are returning to the Fireside Room after Sunday worship, beginning **Sunday, April 24**. No need to sign up, just stop in for the free screening.



## UMC in Ukraine

United Methodists around the world are condemning the Russian invasion of Ukraine and responding to the plight of those affected. The denomination's ResourceUMC.org website has created a landing page, "United Methodists Stand with Ukraine." To read this and all articles relating to UMC and Ukraine, UMCOR, and how to help, visit the website: [www.santamonicaumc.org/disaster-response](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/disaster-response)



## Stay Connected!

There are many ways to stay connected through First UMC. We invite you to explore our ongoing ministries: Men's Online Bible Study, Listening Heart Women's Group, Open Space Young Adult Group, Children and Youth Ministries, Mid-Week Recitals, and more! Following worship every Sunday, we invite you to come outside for fellowship, community and a snack in the courtyard. To stay connected to us on social media, go to [@santamonicaumc](https://www.facebook.com/santamonicaumc) on both Facebook and Instagram. And, don't forget to try out the First UMC App if you haven't already! To download, go to the App Store, search FirstUMC\_SM (allow Notifications from the app).

**For more information on all of our programs, visit: [www.santamonicaumc.org](http://www.santamonicaumc.org)**

# Presented for the Glory of God



## Easter Flowers 2022

First United Methodist Church would like to express appreciation to the Seasonal Displays Committee and Mike Eskridge, Chairperson, for the seasonal appointments in the Sanctuary, and to the individuals and families listed in this Order of Worship insert for their gifts of Easter flowers.

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**Linda Diane Anderson:** In loving memory of James Evan Anderson, Jr., who encouraged her to consider the lilies; Mary Christian Anderson, who planted them and helped them grow; In loving memory of Lisa Le Fors, beloved cousin and life-long friend.

**JoAnne Bailey:** In honor of my beautiful mother Thelma Jo Mislovic who dances now in Heaven, and my dad Maury Bailey who beat her there a few years ago.

**Mark Burnett:** In memory of Merrill and Mary Burnett.

**Lindsay Crossan & Spencer Dewald:** In memory of Elwood and Dorothy Crossan, Barbara and Dick Charls, Art Dewald.

**Patricia Farris and David Bremer:** In loving memory of Norma Farris.

**Diana Lynn Fraser:** In loving memory of Richard and Barbara Parker.

**Kendra Gorlitsky:** Memory of my sister Dawn and niece Darilyn.

**Carol Greenwood:** In loving memory and honor of all my family.

**Tricia Guerrero:** In dedication with gratitude for our parents: Phebe and Henry Guerrero and Donna and Leon Lindley.

**Glenda Martinez:** In honor of my children Alejandro and Natalia.

**Emily Payne:** In honor of Dennis and Sue Payne; in memory of Dee and Chuck Payne, and Mary and Frank Friedrichsen.

**Jennie E. Scheer:** In loving memory of William Alfred Scheer.

**Janet Searfoss:** In loving memory of David Searfoss, beloved husband, father, musician, teacher.

**Christine Strumpf:** In loving memory of Larry Strumpf and Ted and Lois Gehringer.

**John Youngman:** In honor of my daughters Kate and Kelsey Youngman.

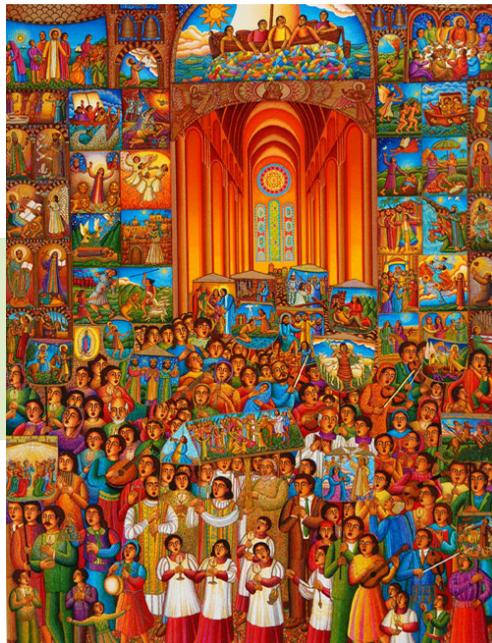
# In Celebration of the Easter Season

We are excited to have on display for Easter a print by John August Swanson, entitled *The Procession*. Given to the church in honor of Rev. Patricia Farris' most recent birthday, *The Procession* will be displayed in the Narthex and seen as you walk into the Sanctuary.

As with all of John August Swanson's work, *The Procession* is one example of John's meticulous handling of detail and story. John said of the piece, "The places that inspired this image are the beautiful cathedrals I have seen in Europe and Mexico: Chartres, France; Canterbury, England; Notre Dame, Paris; the Sagrada Familia, Barcelona; the Basilica of Guadalupe, Mexico City and Our Lady of the Angels, Los Angeles. These are sacred places used for procession. There are sacred places throughout the world for all beliefs, places that have special meaning in the lives of people who journey to get there. They experience a centering, a healing, and a safe place to remember and to hope.

The journey or procession takes us out of our ordinary lives to experience a transcendental or universal connection. The outward walk reflects an inner journey. We have taken the steps to move to another space in the journey of our lives. I see in the walking meditations led by Thich Nhat Hanh, the Buddhist monk and global peacemaker, a profound example of a true procession. Each step for him is a gesture and a hopeful prayer for peace.

It is not my desire that the complexity and intricacy of this work confuse or confound, but that it illuminate and inspire. We are invited to join together in the procession to help each other see in ways we have



*The Procession (detail)*  
by John August Swanson

never seen before, to help each other see again what we have forgotten, to see something familiar in a new way, in a new light, from a different perspective.

The great procession is a celebration of life and faith where the rich and poor march in unison; the strong carry the weak, and the weak humble the proud; those who know the dance teach those who are just learning; and a child lifts high the banner for all to follow in joy, in peace, in love. This is the reality, the spirit I want to make real in this work."

John, may you Rest in Peace knowing that your creations of God's Creating Spirit will continue to give us life and lead us forward in this Easter season.