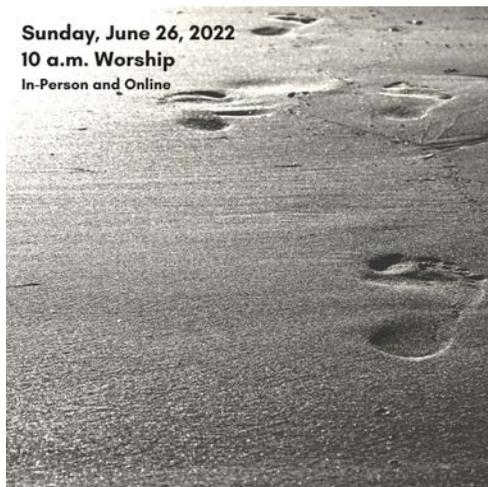


FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP

Third Sunday after Pentecost • June 26, 2022



WE GATHER

WELCOME

Molly Smith, Lay Leadership Team

PRELUDE *Aria from Baroque Suite* (Gordon Young)

Ty Woodward, organ

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #100 UMH – God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us (vs. 1, 2, 5)

God, whose love is reigning o'er us, source of all, the ending true; hear the universal chorus raised in joyful praise to you: Alleluia, Alleluia, worship ancient, worship new. Word of God from nature bringing springtime green and autumn gold; mountain streams like children singing, ocean waves like thunder bold: Alleluia, Alleluia, as creation's tale is told. Lift we then our human voices in the songs that faith would bring; live we then in human choices lives that, like our music, sing: Alleluia, Alleluia, joined in love our praises ring!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Keri Olsen Paget

God, whose love like rolling ocean waves is never ceasing, yet ever refreshing:

Wash us in the clean, calm waters of your mercy and grace.

Make us new this day, bathed in the tides of your forgiveness, peace, and love.

Grant us a mind to meditate on you, eyes to behold you, and a life to proclaim you.

**Asterisks indicate standing if you are able.*

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Moments for Mission - Harvest Home

Molly Smith

Lorri Benson, Board of Directors

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 GOSPEL Luke 9:57-62

Rev. Olsen Paget

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Kingdom Priorities"

Rev. Larry Young

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER

#454 UMH – Open My Eyes, That I May See (vs. 1)

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!

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Olsen Paget

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

Molly Smith

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, 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.

THE OFFERTORY

The Chancel Choir / Dr. James Smith, Director

We Walk by Faith (Lloyd Larson)

We walk by faith, and not by sight. No gracious words we hear from Him who spoke as none e'er spoke; but we believe Him near. We may not touch His hands and side, nor follow where He trod; but in His promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!" We walk by faith and not by sight, led by God's pure and holy Light! Prepare us for the journey, Lord, and may we know Your pow'r and might, as we walk by faith and not by sight. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on You when You are near, and seek where You are found: that, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold You as You are, with full and endless sight. We walk by faith, and not by sight, led by God's pure and holy Light! Prepare us for the journey, Lord, and may we know Your pow'r and might, as we walk by faith and not by sight.

*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Young

Loving God, you have seen our needs and have come to us. At this time, we think of others; and our minds and hearts reach out to them through this act of giving. There are so many who are hurting in this world. Some are right here in our community. Some are in distant lands. Since we are all a part of your family, we share what we have. We rejoice that we can participate in this act of sharing your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

Rev. Young

POSTLUDE Festival Prelude No. 5 (Louise Lewandowsky)

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, go online: www.santamonicaumc.org/im-new, or scan this QR code for the online form.



—**Back Later Today:** Tricia Guerrero, Jamie Jones and the Youth Service Project Team are returning from New Orleans where they worked with the Epworth Recovery Project, working to repair homes in the New Orleans area.

—**Flowers:** To order flowers to remember or honor a loved one for Sunday Worship service, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/flower-fund.

—**Safe Sanctuaries®:** First UMC takes the safety of the children and youth very seriously. We follow Safe Sanctuaries® practices, which is our commitment to the physical safety and spiritual growth of all of our children, youth, and adults.

—**Prayer Quilts:** If there is a Prayer Quilt in worship, you are invited 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: Sarah Rold (310.393.8258), or s.rolld@santamonicaumc.org. To request a Prayer Quilt for someone in need, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/prayerquiltministry.

—**Give:** There are many ways to give! Checks, cash, stocks or wills, or your gift of time! You may 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. Request a prayer at any time, and our Prayer Chain will be notified. 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, 6:30 p.m. Meetings via Zoom
2nd and 4th Wednesdays, "Coffee and Connect" 10 a.m. Literati Cafe
- **Sunday School for Kids:** Today: 10 a.m., Church Playground
- **Youth Ministry:** The Youth are on Summer Break.

Sunday Social Gathering: Come say "Hello" and help yourself to coffee and donuts after worship in the Courtyard. Stop by the Sunday Welcome Table and visit with staff member David Penson if you have any questions!

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First UMC Mission Partners

featuring:

Harvest Home

Harvest Home transforms the lives of homeless pregnant women and their children by providing housing, support, and programs that equip women to become great mothers.

The LA County Health Department has reported that 8,000 women were homeless at some point during their pregnancy in 2013. And, in the city of Los Angeles, there are currently less than 65 shelter beds available for women who are pregnant and in crisis. Of these, Harvest Home provides 8. This means that each year thousands of women lack housing and supportive programming during one of the most critical times in a mother and baby's life.

Harvest Home is seeking to address this growing gap in services by expanding its services. In 2017, program capacity was expanded by 25% by repurposing space in its current home to add 2 new bedrooms.

Harvest Home LA opens second housing facility

Harvest Home Grand Opening of their Pico Home was celebrated on Saturday, April 30, 2022. Harvest Home's second home will triple the number of pregnant women who receive housing, support and programs through their transitional housing program each year.

Visit the website: www.harvesthomela.org



Open Space Young Adult Group

Open Space is a young adult ministry that offers community for young adults to journey alongside one another in spiritual discovery, growth, and belonging. They gather on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for a Zoom Bible Study along with offering occasional in-person meet-ups. On Sundays in June, you can find our young adults hosting a PRIDE display in the Courtyard following worship. All are invited into conversation and connection through this learning and celebration opportunity. www.santamonicaumc.org/open-space



Coffee with the Pastors - Exploring Membership at First UMC

Pastors Patricia Farris and Tricia Guerrero will host an info session on Sunday, July 10, after worship in the Fireside Room to answer any questions you might have about membership, affiliation or next steps in getting more connected with the First UMC community. If you want to join, please RSVP to Sarah in the church office (s.rolld@santamonicaumc.org). If you want info but can't make it in-person, please let Sarah know.

Sunday, July 10, after worship in the Fireside Room



Moments for Mission - Harvest Home

We at First UMC work in partnership with a variety of groups and organizations throughout our community and the larger UMC to bring hope and healing where it is needed most. Today, we are excited to have special guest Lorri Benson, with a Moment for Mission speaking about Harvest Home, one of our mission partners. To find out more about our mission partners, visit:

www.santamonicaumc.org/mission-partners



Sunday Social Gathering

Following worship, come outside to the courtyard to visit and say "Hello" to one another, and pick up coffee and a donut. Stop by the Sunday Welcome Table and visit with staff member David Penson if you have any questions!

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ONGOING MINISTRIES AT FIRST UMC



Ongoing Ministries at First UMC

If you'd like more information for ministry opportunities, you may contact the church office (310) 393-8258, or visit the website: www.santamonicaumc.org

• Men's Bible Study Tuesdays, 7 a.m. via Zoom

Men's Bible Study is a weekly online meeting where men of all ages and generations gather to ground themselves in the Holy Scripture. As men try to navigate the stresses and complexities of this modern world and daily life, Men's Bible Study is a place for community, prayer and fellowship through the sharing of God's Holy word.

• Open Space Young Adult Group 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

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• Listening Hearts Women's Group, with Tricia Guerrero

Listening Hearts is a spiritual community of women who gather to listen to one another in the midst of life's chaos, led by Pastoral Associate Tricia Guerrero. They now have regular meet-up opportunities!

1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings, 6:30 p.m. Meetings via Zoom

2nd and 4th Wednesday mornings, "Coffee and Connect" 10 a.m. Grab a cup of coffee or tea and chat/catch up out in the community. *Literati Cafe (12081 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90025)*

• Sunday School for Kids

Summer 2022: Sunday School is currently happening weekly on **Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. on the church playground.** Parents can drop off and pick up children ages 2 through 5th grade during morning worship. Children are also welcome to remain with families in the Sanctuary, and worship activity bags can be found in the Narthex or from an Usher. Reach out to Jamie Jones (j.jones@santamonicaumc.org) if you have any questions.

• Youth Group

The Youth Ministry at First UMC is a community of youth and adult volunteers who gather to explore and grow in faith together. During the school year they meet weekly Sunday nights. During the summer, the youth participate in a Service Project, assist as worship leaders, and volunteer with Sunday School and Vacation Bible Camp. Email Tricia Guerrero (t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org) if you would like to get connected to this group for youth in grades 6-12.

• Blood Pressure Screenings

The Health Ministry Council provides free Blood Pressure Screenings every third Sunday of the month in the Fireside Room. We give thanks for this ministry of health and wellness.