

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP

Baptism • Good Shepherd Sunday • April 21, 2024

WE GATHER

WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero, Pastoral Associate

PRELUDE Sheep May Safely Graze (J. S. Bach) Ty Woodward, organ

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #111 United Methodist Hymnal —

How Can We Name a Love

How can we name a Love that wakens heart and mind, indwelling all we know or think or do or seek or find? Within our daily world, in every human face, Love's echoes sound and God is found, hid in the commonplace. If we awoke to life built on a rock of care that asked no great reward but firm, assured, was simply there, we can, with parents' names, describe, and thus adore, Love unconfined, a father kind, a mother strong and sure. When people share a task, and strength and skills unite in projects old or new, to make or do with shared delight, our Friend and Partner's will is better understood, that all should share, create, and care, and know that life is good. So in a hundred names, each day we all can meet a presence, sensed and shown at work, at home, or in the street. Yet every name we see, shines in a brighter sun: In Christ alone is Love full grown and life and hope begun.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Keri Olsen Paget, Deacon Associate

O come, let us worship the Good Shepherd, for we are the sheep of his fold.

He gives us food from green pastures, water from pure fountains.

He plants our feet on safe paths and leads us through dark valleys.

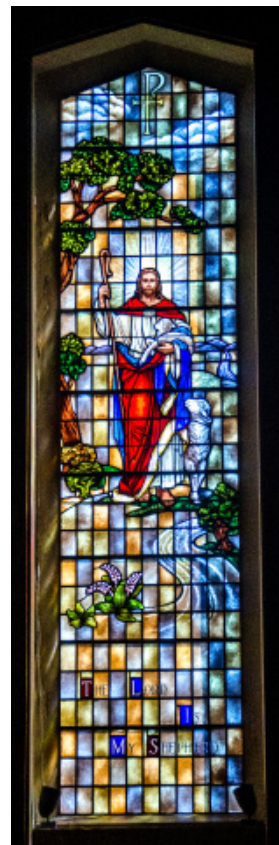
He protects us with his rod and supports us with his staff.

He grants us safe keeping and refuge with the righteous.

O come, let us worship the Good Shepherd, for we are the sheep of his fold.

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"O come, let us sing unto the Lord. Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation."



*Asterisks indicate standing if you are able.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jamie Jones, Family Ministries Coordinator

#2233 The Faith We Sing — Where Children Belong

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.

Water, God's word, bread and cup, prayer and song: This is where children belong.

As the congregation sings, all children are invited to come forward.

BAPTISM Devon Caroline Weiss (*see insert*)

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Carlee Forbes, Lay Lector

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

PSALM 23 (*in unison*)

Carlee Forbes

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters; he restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

THE GOSPEL John 10:11-18

Rev. Olsen Paget

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

HOMILY "Shepherd Me, O God"

Rev. Patricia Farris, Senior Minister

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #2058 TFWS — Shepherd Me, O God

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life. (*repeat*)

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Rev. Olsen Paget

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.



SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM



Sunday, April 21, 2024

INTRODUCTION

Rev. Patricia Farris

Brothers and Sisters, from the beginnings of Christianity, baptism has been our entrance into the family of faith. We believe baptism is a visible sign of the grace and love of God at work in our lives. In baptism, we are marked as Christ's follower and welcomed as part of the universal church.

PRESENTATION

Molly Smith, Lay Leadership Team

I am pleased to present to you **DEVON CAROLINE WEISS** for Baptism.

THOSE TO BE BAPTIZED

Rev. Farris

Do you believe in God the source, the fountain of life; and in Christ, the offspring of God, embodied in Jesus of Nazareth and in the church; and in the liberating Spirit of God?

I do.

Rev. Keri Olsen Paget

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you of new life in Christ, resisting evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

BAPTISM

Rev. Farris

DEVON CAROLINE

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

TO THE CONGREGATION

Molly Smith

Members of the household of faith, I commend Devon to your love and care. Let us do all in our power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

As members with her in the body of Christ and in this community of faith, we renew our promise to participate faithfully in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

HYMN #2114 The Faith We Sing — At the Font We Start Our Journey (verses 1-2)

At the font we start our journey, in the Easter faith baptized; doubts and fears no longer blind us, by the light of Christ surprised. Alleluia! Alleluia! Hope held out and realized. At the pulpit we are fashioned by the Easter tale retold into witnesses and prophets, by the power of Christ made bold. Alleluia! Alleluia! Faith proclaimed, yet still untold.

CHORAL RESPONSE

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Carlee Forbes

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.

OFFERTORY

The Chancel Choir/Dr. James Smith, Music Director

The Lord Is My Shepherd (Thomas Matthews)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: For Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Carlee Forbes

Good Shepherd, we give you thanks that you have shown us the meaning of love. With love for God and neighbor, we offer all that we have and all that we are to you. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN #660 UMH – God Is Here

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts. Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each. Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us, as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore. Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Rondeau *from* Sinfonies de Fanfares (Jean Joseph Mouret)

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 Let's Connect Card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate, or sign in online: www.santamonicaumc.org/im-new, or scan this QR code for the online form.



—**Children and Families on Sundays:** Families are invited to begin worship in the Sanctuary. Following the Children's Message, children are guided to Sunday School for ages 12 months through 5th grade in the Education Building. Parents with infants are welcome to worship in the Sanctuary or in the Family Zone in the Narthex.

—**Baptism:** If you would like to learn more about baptism or inquire about baptism for your children, please see one of our pastors.

—**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.

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

—**Give:** Your gifts help us grow our ministries today and into the future. Thank you for considering giving to the General Church Fund to support everything we do. You may give today during service, or other ways; by mailing payment, dropping by the business office, or securely through the online giving portal located on the website front page. Questions about financial gifts, or gifts of time? Give us a call anytime at the church office.

—**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.

—**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. 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.

—**Sunday Social Gathering:** Come say "Hello" and help yourself to coffee and donuts after worship in the Courtyard. Stop by the Sunday Welcome Table if you have any questions!

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Currently, based on state and local recommendations, **masks are optional, but always acceptable and welcome.** Everyone is strongly encouraged to get your vaccinations and booster shots. If you feel ill, please choose to worship from home online. Let us know if you need assistance in joining online.

God is real. God is love. ■ Together we can change the world.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of SANTA MONICA

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Today! Legacy Circle Luncheon Celebration

Everyone is invited! Please join us as we recognize all of the generosity of Legacy Circle Members. Planned giving is an important pillar of support for the church and we give thanks for all the members that include First UMC and Methodist Foundation in their estate plans. *Catered lunch will be provided.* Learn more about the Legacy Circle on the website: www.santamonicaumc.org/planned-giving
Today after worship, Simkins Hall

United Women in Faith Host Zoom Book Discussion

The United Women in Faith invite all to attend a Zoom discussion featuring the book "Our Strangely Warmed Hearts: Coming Out into God's Call," by Karen Oliveto, the first openly lesbian bishop to be elected in the United Methodist Church. The book traces the history of the church's struggle with homosexuality, highlighting critical incidents in the culture and church polity which shape the church's response. Read the book anytime in April and join in the conversation! To RSVP and for Zoom link, email Robin Henning: reggaerobin@yahoo.com

Sunday, April 28, 2 p.m. via Zoom

Join the UWF for a Zoom Book Discussion featuring the book **Our Strangely Warmed Hearts: Coming Out into God's Call** by Karen Oliveto

Sunday, April 28, 2 p.m. via Zoom

First UMC Blood Drive

The Health Ministry Council is pleased to announce an in-person Blood Drive here at First UMC! The American Red Cross is in critical need for donors of all blood types - give blood and you'll have the knowledge that you've truly helped save someone's life! For more information, questions, or to volunteer, contact Debi Jenkinson (debijwong@yahoo.com). **Schedule your appointment now on the Red Cross website: www.redcrossblood.org**, and enter sponsor code FirstUMCSM. **Get a \$10 e-gift card for any merchant PLUS, you'll be entered to win a \$7K e-gift card!**

Sunday, April 28, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Simkins Hall

Blood Drive sponsored by First UMC

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Sunday, April 28 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Simkins Hall

Schedule your appointment now on the website: www.redcrossblood.org, and enter sponsor code FirstUMCSM.

Get a \$10 e-gift card for any merchant PLUS, you'll be entered to win a \$7K e-gift card!

Methodist Foundation Scholarships

Every year the Loans & Scholarships committee has the pleasure of acknowledging outstanding scholars, including graduating high school seniors, continuing undergraduates, and graduate students, for their scholastic excellence, commitment to community, and dedication to our church. To apply for this year's scholarships, visit the website: www.santamonicaumc.org/methodistfoundation, or call the church office. **Deadline to apply: Sunday, May 5, 9 p.m.**

METHODIST FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications Open April 7

Visit: www.santamonicaumc.org/methodistfoundation

UPCOMING EVENTS

• World Labyrinth Day

First UMC is pleased to join the World Labyrinth Society for World Labyrinth Day. Every year on the first Saturday in May thousands of people around the world participate in WLD as a moving meditation for world peace and shared appreciation of the labyrinth experience. **Walk as One at 1:** On this 16th Annual World Labyrinth Day, as in previous years, many will walk a labyrinth at **1 p.m. local time** creating a unified rolling wave of peaceful energy passing from one time zone to the next around the globe.

Saturday, May 4, 1 – 3 p.m. in Simkins Hall

• Walk the Labyrinth - Open on Sunday May 5

As a continuation of World Labyrinth Day we will have the Labyrinth open after worship on Sunday, May 5. Join us for meditative walking, to ask questions, and to hear experiences about the spiritual practice of walking the Labyrinth. For those unable to walk, we have finger labyrinths available (*see docents for assistance.*)

Sunday, May 5, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. in Simkins Hall

• United Women in Faith Senior Scholarship Luncheon

The United Women in Faith are excited to celebrate three high school graduates for a special scholarship recognition, on Sunday, May 5, after worship in the Fireside Room. All are invited to join in the celebration! *There is a \$10 charge for the lunch to offset costs.* Please RSVP by April 29 (for lunch count): to Joy Williams 310-709-6608; joy.williams9832@gmail.com, or Robin Henning: reggaerobin@yahoo.com

Sunday, May 5, after worship in the Fireside Room

• Preschool Spring Fair

Save the Date and stay after worship on Sunday, May 26, for the Annual Preschool Spring Fair. All are welcome! Festivities include a bounce house, food & drinks, bake sale, and more.

Sunday, May 26, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., in the Courtyard and Simkins Hall

MISSION AND SERVICE

• May Month of Mission and Service

The Mission Council is coordinating a Month of Service for May. With our hearts and hands, we will move beyond the church walls and out into our community! Working alongside our mission partners, we will have a variety of hands-on service opportunities throughout the month of May. **Sign up at the Mission Table during Coffee Hour today, and next Sunday, April 28, or email Tricia Guerrero t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org.**

- Saturday, May 4, 12 - 2 p.m. - Harvest Home

Help Harvest Home set up for their Mother's Day event for the moms at Pico House, their newest location.

- Saturday, May 11 (*info coming soon*)

- Saturday, May 18, 8 - 11 a.m. - The People Concern

The People Concern host an on-going sandwich making service. Location: The Access Center, 503 Olympic Blvd. SM 90401

- Saturday, May 25 - 11:00 a.m. - The Westside Food Bank

Food sorting day at their facility. Location: 11800 Olympic, LA 90064, 2nd Warehouse Annex

• American Cancer Society's Relay for Life

The Health Ministry Council is excited to announce that First UMC will be supporting the American Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life at Drake Stadium at UCLA. Relay for Life strives to bring communities together to remember loved ones lost, honor survivors of all cancers, and raise money to help the American Cancer Society make a global impact on cancer.

To join or donate to the First UMC team, visit: www.santamonicaumc.org/health-ministry, click on our link to team **Wesley Walkers** Relay for Life page.

Contact Debi Jenkinson at 310-337-7626 or

debijwong@yahoo.com

for more information.

Saturday, May 11, 12 p.m.

- 10 p.m. UCLA Drake Track and Field Stadium, 340 Charles E Young Dr W, Los Angeles, 90024



CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

• Children's Ministry

Families are invited to begin worship in the Sanctuary. Following the Children's Message, children are guided to Sunday School for ages 12 months through 5th grade in the Education Building. Parents with infants are welcome to worship in the Sanctuary or in the Family Zone in the Narthex. You are invited to look around and greet a child and their family in worship. You might hear a few more giggles and whispers or see some wiggles...let's celebrate the joyful and life-filled presence beloved children bring to our community each week! www.santamonicaumc.org/childrens-ministry

• Preschool Enrollment Ongoing

Schedule a tour today with Dee Menzies, Preschool Director at 310-395-7292, or visit our webpage for more information: www.santamonicaumc.org/preschool

YOUTH

• United Methodist Youth Fellowship Group

Weekly UMYF meetings held Sundays 6 - 8 p.m. in the Youth Lounge. www.santamonicaumc.org/youth-ministry

PRAYER

• Walk the Labyrinth/Chapel Open for Prayers

The Labyrinth and Chapel are open on the first Friday of the month, from 1 - 3 p.m. Families welcome! Open dates:
- **Upcoming Dates: World Labyrinth Day, Saturday, May 4, 1 - 3 p.m. / Sunday, May 5, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. / Friday, June 7, 1 - 3 p.m.**

• Prayer Requests

The Prayer Chain is a network of persons who pray in response to prayer requests. You may send a prayer request to the church at any time.
www.santamonicaumc.org

• Request a Prayer Quilt

The Prayer Quilt Ministry is a group that makes Prayer Quilts as a service for those in need. (**Prayer quilts may only be requested and sponsored by members of the First UMC congregation.*) To request a Prayer Quilt, visit:
www.santamonicaumc.org/prayerquiltministry

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.
www.santamonicaumc.org/biblestudy

• Listening Hearts Women's Group

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. Contact Tricia for upcoming meetings:
t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org

Next meeting: **Wednesday, April 24, via Zoom**

• Prayer Quilt Ministry

Meets the 3rd Saturdays of the month, 9:30 a.m. in Room 300. Next meeting: **Saturday, April 20**

• The Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir provides music every Sunday during the 10 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service. **Sing in the Chancel Choir!** We always welcome new members who would like to sing with the choir! Rehearsals on Thursday evenings, and sing in church each Sunday morning. Contact Jim Smith if you are interested:
djes@roadrunner.com

• Open Space Young Adults

Open Space is a young adult ministry that offers community for young adults to journey alongside one another in spiritual discovery, growth, and belonging. Learn more: www.santamonicaumc.org/open-space. IG: @openspacesm. Next Meeting: **Wednesday, May 15**

• Blood Pressure Screenings

The Health Ministry Council provides free Blood Pressure Screenings **once a month** after worship. Next meeting: **Sunday, May 12**, in the Fireside Room.

First UMC Spring Concert

We look forward to this year's Spring Concert, featuring Michael McClish: World Premiere – Mass of Ascension; Poulenc: Gloria, Chancel Choir with guest singers, orchestra & Westwood Methodist Chancel Choir. *No admission charge, Freewill Offering will be taken. Reception to follow performance.*

Sunday, May 19, 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary/Reception in Simkins Hall

Your Support

The First UMC Music Department is deeply indebted to you for your generosity in order to continue. All contributions are tax deductible.

Amounts for suggested categories are:

Contributor \$100

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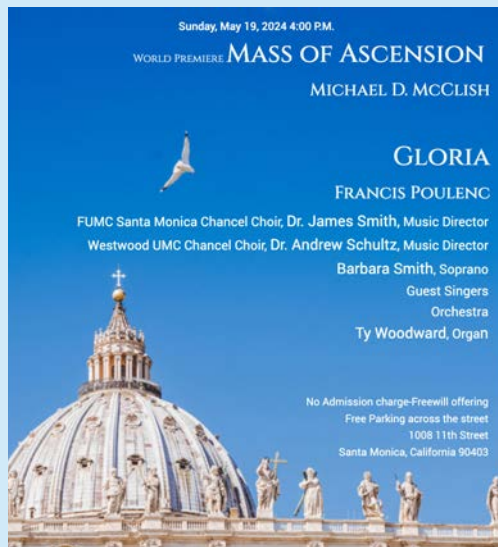
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1008 Eleventh Street, SM, CA 90403

Or give to the Music Department online:

www.santamonicaumc.org/give (select Music Ministry in Fund drop-down menu)



STAY CONNECTED

To join in fellowship and ministry online, here's how to connect:

First UMC website: www.santamonicaumc.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/santamonicaumc

Instagram: @santamonicaumc

YouTube: @SantaMonicaUMC

The First UMC App: Go to the App Store, search FirstUMC_SM. For more info, see column on the right.

Website Pages to note:

Reaching Out - *Ways to get involved and help make an impact for good in our community and world:*

www.santamonicaumc.org/reaching-out

Sunday Worship Service archives - *Past services may be viewed at any time:*

www.santamonicaumc.org/sunday-service-archive

Audio Sermon Archives - *Listen to past sermons*

www.santamonicaumc.org/sermon-archives



Sign Rev. Farris' Retirement Scrapbook

An opportunity to take a polaroid photo and leave a note for Rev. Farris' scrapbook is available on Sundays after worship. If you would like to email a message for the book, contact:

j.jones@santamonicaumc.org



The Dodd Family having a photo taken for the scrapbook.