

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday of Easter • April 28, 2024

WE GATHER

## WELCOME

Jamie Jones, Family Ministries Coordinator

## PRELUDE

Ma Tovu (Michael McClish)

Ty Woodward, organ

*But I, through Your abundant love, enter Your house: I bow down in awe at Your holy temple.*

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #88 United Methodist Hymnal —

Maker in Whom We Live

Maker, in whom we live, in whom we are and move, the glory, power, and praise receive for thy creating love. Let all the angel throng give thanks to God on high, while earth repeats the joyful song and echoes to the sky. Incarnate Deity, let all the ransomed race render in thanks their lives to thee for thy redeeming grace.

The grace to sinners showed ye heavenly choirs proclaim, and cry, "Salvation to our God, salvation to the Lamb!" Spirit of Holiness, let all thy saints adore thy sacred energy, and bless thine heart-renewing power. Not angel tongues can tell thy love's ecstatic height, the glorious joy unspeakable, the beatific sight. Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above, let all on earth below record and dwell upon thy love. When heaven and earth are fled before thy glorious face, sing all the saints thy love hath made thine everlasting praise.

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Glenda Martinez, Lay Leadership Team

Easter people, we are sustained by the Risen Christ, the life-giving Vine.

**We abide in God's Love.**

We are branches of the Vine—sustained, nurtured, and pruned by Love.

**We rest in God's Love.**

When we make our home in the Vine, and the Vine makes a home in us, we bear the fruit of Love.

**We produce the fruit of God's Love.**

Easter people, how shall we bear the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine?

**We will learn to love as we rest, play, work, and build community with God and one another. Amen.**

## \*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song!"



\*Asterisks indicate standing if you are able.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Ann Wilson

#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.*

I Am a Child of God

**I am a child of God; You are God's child, it's true. Children of God are called to love one another, as Jesus taught to do.**

*As the congregation sings, the children may go to Sunday School in Rooms 204 and 206.*

## OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Rev. Keri Olsen Paget, Deacon Associate

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

**Thanks be to God!**

## MOMENTS FOR MISSION

Linda Diane Anderson, Mission Council

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## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE GOSPEL John 15:1-8 (The Message)

Glenda Martinez

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

SERMON "Rooted in Love"

Tricia Guerrero, Pastoral Associate

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## WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #2150 TFWS — Lord, Be Glorified

In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.

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.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

## WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Glenda Martinez

*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/Dr. James Smith, Music Director

Achieved Is the Glorious Work *from* The Creation (Franz Joseph Haydn)

Achieved is the glorious work; our song let be the praise of God. Glory to his name for ever.  
He sole on high exalted reigns. Hallelujah.

\*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

## \*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Olsen Paget

**Gracious God, as we offer our gifts today, we recognize our connection to you, the source of our strength. Help us stay rooted in your love, producing fruit that brings peace and wholeness to Your world. May these gifts signify our commitment to abide in you and live joyfully in response to your love. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN #2153 TFWS – I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

## \*BENEDICTION

Tricia Guerrero

## \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Passover *from* Five Festival Preludes (Louis 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 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](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/im-new), or scan this QR code for the online form.



—**Rev. Patricia Farris** is attending the General Conference of The UMC in Charlotte, NC.

—**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.

—**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](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/flower-fund).

—**This Sunday's Flowers:** "In loving memory of Bob Moore."  
From Linda Fleischman.

—**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](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).

—**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](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.

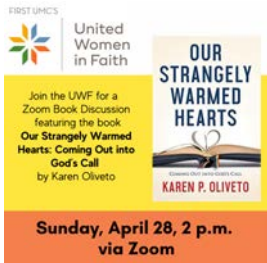
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Currently, based on state and local recommendations, **masks are optional, but always acceptable and welcome.** Everyone is strongly encouraged to get your vaccinations and booster shots. If you feel ill, please choose to worship from home online.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

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

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### Today! 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. Join in the conversation today! To RSVP and for Zoom link, email Robin Henning: [reggaerobin@yahoo.com](mailto:reggaerobin@yahoo.com)

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



### 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](mailto:joy.williams9832@gmail.com), or Robin Henning: [reggaerobin@yahoo.com](mailto:reggaerobin@yahoo.com)  
Sunday, May 5, after worship in the Fireside Room



### 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 this event 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



### 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](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/methodistfoundation), or call the church office. **Deadline to apply (including essay): Sunday, May 5, 9 p.m.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### • 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**

### • May Mid-Week Recital

The May Mid-Week Recital features: **Philip Allen Smith, Organ.** Philip Smith is currently the organist for Congregation Har-El, in Palm Desert, and subs for various other churches in Palm Springs and Los Angeles. Mr. Smith was Interim Director of Music and Organist at The Church of St. Paul in the Desert, Palm Springs February 2020 – September 2023. In June 2015, Mr. Smith was given the title of Honorary Canon of the Cathedral Center of St. Paul, Los Angeles. Visit the website for full bio and past recitals:

[www.santamonicaumc.org/mid-week-recital-series](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/mid-week-recital-series)

**Wednesday, May 8, 12:10 p.m. ONLINE:**

Facebook: [@santamonicaumc](https://www.facebook.com/santamonicaumc) • YouTube Channel :

[@SantaMonicaUMC](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQmKjKjKjKjKjKjKjKjKjKj) • Website: [www.santamonicaumc.org](http://www.santamonicaumc.org)

[org/livestream](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/livestream) • The FirstUMC App: (To download, go to the App Store/ FirstUMC\_SM)

### • Visit with the English Family

Rev. Robert English and family will be worshipping with us on Sunday, May 26. Stay after worship to visit with him and his family in the Fireside Room.

**Sunday, May 26, 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**, or email Tricia Guerrero [t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org](mailto: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 - Relay for Life** (*see info below*)

**- 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

[www.santamonicaumc.org/may-month-of-service](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/may-month-of-service)

### • 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org).

Next meeting: **Wednesday, May 1**, Literati Cafe

### • Prayer Quilt Ministry

**Meets the 3rd Saturdays of the month, 9:30 a.m.** in Room 300. Next meeting: **Saturday, May 18**

### • 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](mailto: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](http://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.* Childcare available, email Tricia Guerrero [t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org](mailto:t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org) to make arrangements.

**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 \$50+

Friend of Music \$150

Patron of Music \$250

Benefactor \$500

Angels and Archangels \$1,000 (+)

Please make your check to the

Music Concert Fund - First United Methodist Church

1008 Eleventh Street, SM, CA 90403

Or give to the Music Department online:

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

Sunday, May 19, 2024 4:00 PM.

WORLD PREMIERE **MASS OF ASCENSION**

MICHAEL D. MCCLISH

**GLORIA**

FRANCIS POULENC

FUMC Santa Monica Chancel Choir, Dr. James Smith, Music Director  
Westwood UMC Chancel Choir, Dr. Andrew Schultz, Music Director  
Barbara Smith, Soprano  
Guest Singers  
Orchestra  
Ty Woodward, Organ

No Admission charge-Freewill offering  
Free Parking across the street  
1008 11th Street  
Santa Monica, California 90403

For those who can't attend Sunday night,  
**you may observe the Concert rehearsal  
Saturday morning (May 18) at 9 a.m. at  
no charge.** Out of courtesy to the musicians  
please no cell phones; families with babies/  
small children may listen from the Narthex.

## STAY CONNECTED

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

**First UMC website:** [www.santamonicaumc.org](http://www.santamonicaumc.org)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/santamonicaumc](https://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:

May Month of Service - *Ways to get involved in May, and help make an impact for good in our community and world:*

[www.santamonicaumc.org/may-month-of-service](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/may-month-of-service)

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

[www.santamonicaumc.org/sunday-service-archive](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/sunday-service-archive)

Audio Sermon Archives - *Listen to past sermons*

[www.santamonicaumc.org/sermon-archives](http://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](mailto:j.jones@santamonicaumc.org)



*The Dodd Family having a photo taken for the scrapbook.*