FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP

The Ascension • Baptism • Mother's Day • May 12, 2024

WE GATHER



WELCOME

Kylie and Ada Sarley, Lay Lectors

PRELUDE Chant de mai - Song of May (Joseph Jongen)

Ty Woodward, organ

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #102 United Methodist Hymnal — Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed; and free us from all ills, in this world and the next. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given; the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven; the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ada Sarley

We join together to praise God, who is the source of our life and our love.

We celebrate and support families who practice love in their homes and communities.

We pray for families who have no home, who live in fear, who find strength and courage to carry on.

Let us worship, trusting in God's love and mercy. Praise be to God!

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving Thee whom we adore. Amen and Amen."

*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 Zoe Izzabella Corsiga Hughes (see insert)

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Tricia Guerrero, Pastoral Associate

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 24:44-53

Kylie Sarley

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

HOMILY "Stay and Claim Your Baptism"

Rev. Patricia Farris, Senior Minister

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #393 UMH — Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Kylie Sarley

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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Sunday, May 12, 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. We believe that Jesus gives children a special place in the family of faith. He said to us: "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."

PRESENTATION

Michael Lamb, Lay Leadership Team

I am pleased to present to you ZOE IZZABELLA CORSIGA HUGHES for Baptism.

THOSE TO BE BAPTIZED (Questions to the Parents and Godparents)

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?

We do.

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?

We do.

Will you nurture Zoe in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

We will.

BAPTISM Rev. Farris

ZOE IZZABELLA

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

TO THE CONGREGATION

Michael Lamb

Members of the household of faith, I commend Zoe 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 #611 United Methodist Hymnal — Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (vs. 1)

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign; with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

The Road Home (adapted by Stephen Paulus)

Tell me where is the road I can call my own, that I left, that I lost, so long ago? All these years I have wandered, oh when will I know there's a way, there's a road that will lead me home? After wind, after rain, when the dark is done, as I wake from a dream in the gold of day, through the air there's a calling from far away, there's a voice I can hear that will lead me home. Rise up, follow me, come away is the call, with the love in your heart as the only song, there is no such beauty as where you belong, rise up, follow me, I will lead you home.

*RESPONSE #94 UMH - The Doxology

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Ada Sarley

Gracious and generous God, pour out your Spirit on us this day. May we know the depth, the breadth, the height, and the length of your love that passes all measure. Cause us to abide in that love so fully that it will overflow among us and through us to all the world. In that love, we freely offer ourselves as disciples of Christ Jesus, our Savior and our Redeemer. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN #]]] UMH — 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.

*BENEDICTION Rev. Farris

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Fugue in G Minor - the "Little" (J. S. Bach)

Ty Woodward

—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.
- —**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.
- —**Baptisms:** If you would like to learn more about baptism or inquire about baptism for your children or yourself, please call the church office.
- **—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.rold@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.

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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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MISSION AND COMMON LIFE

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Next Sunday! 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.querrero@santamonicaumc.org to make arrangements.

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

Companions in Christ The Way of Blessedness



Sundays, June 9 - August 4 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room

Companions in Christ – The Way of Blessedness

This 9-week small group study focuses on The Beatitudes from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount – on the meanings of the words and how we give them and receive them. The group is an opportunity to grow spiritually along with other "companions in Christ." Each week's readings and daily exercises introduce one of the Beatitudes and encourages reflections on it. We are grateful to Sue Payne and Char Smith who will be leading this study. To sign up, email Tricia: t.guerrero@santamonicaumc. org. Participants will need a copy of the Participant's book and their own journal or notebook in which to write down their reflections. You can purchase the Participant's book on Cokesbury or AbeBooks (not available on Amazon).

Sundays after worship: June 9 - August 4, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room



Messy Camp – God's Messy Creation

Exploring the world around us and how we can make a difference.

Join Santa Monica First UMC for Messy Camp (formerly known as Vacation Bible School/Camp), a one week summer program for children in grades TK through 5th grade. The week is full of fun and games, music and movement, scripture stories and crafts, science and mission projects. All of this within the context of exploring our beautiful and messy world together, and learning ways we can make our community and world a better place. Registration now open!

Messy Camp Cost: \$100/child

Monday, August 5 – Friday, August 9, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit with the English Family

Rev. Robert English and family will be worshiping with us on Sunday, May 26, and they look forward to seeing everyone! 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

• Farewell Celebration for Patricia Farris and David Bremer

All are welcome as we celebrate 26 years in ministry with Rev. Farris on June 2 after worship. We will have great food, children's activities, speakers, reflections, and time to celebrate ALL of our years in ministry together!



Anytime before June 2 we invite you to contact the church office or stop by the Sunday Welcome Table to make a **Love Gift** honoring Patricia and David, and/or a picture/love note for her memory book. (*Gifts of money should be made out directly to Patricia Farris*) We have much to celebrate and look forward to your participation and contribution!

Sunday, June 2, after worship in Simkins Hall

Youth Service Project Fundraiser Luncheon

Save the Date for Sunday, June 23, as the Youth Service Project Team will be commissioned during worship. Then, join the team for a community Lunch and Learn in Simkins Hall. This year the team will be working with the Sierra Service Project, in Del Norte County, Northern California.

Sunday, June 23, during worship and luncheon after worship in 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 Welcome Table during Coffee Hour today, or email Tricia Guerrero t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org.

- 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
- American Cancer Society's Relay for Life Yesterday's Relay for Life was cancelled for now. But, you may still donate to the American Cancer Society through the First UMC Team page, and funds will continue to benefit research. Go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/health-ministry, click on link

to our team Wesley Walkers Relay for Life page.

· Ways to Serve at First UMC

Many of you have asked... How can I do more? How can I serve? These are excellent questions to consider! We have ways to serve out in the community with our Mission Partners - AND ways to serve here in our church community. Opportunities include: Labyrinth Host, Lay Lector, Welcome Ambassador, Usher, In-Home Communion Server, Singing in the Chancel Choir. All are vital ways to faithfully share your gifts. If you are interested in learning more or exploring a service opportunity, please reach out to Tricia Guerrero, Pastoral Associate: t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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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 May Meetings: No meeting tonight; May 19: last meeting

until the Fall

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:

- Next Opportunity: 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, May 15, 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

· 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: **Today**, in the Fireside Room.

Farewell Rev. Patricia Farris We give thanks for all the years of service and joy



Rev. Patricia Farris' retirement and upcoming preaching schedule

May Rev. Patricia Farris preaching all Sundays

June 2 Holy Communion, Rev. Patricia's last Sunday

June 9 Rev. Keri Olsen Paget preaching

June 16 Bill Buxton preaching

June 23 Scholarship Sunday - Tricia Guerrero preaching

June 30 Rev. Larry Young preaching

July 7 Holy Communion - Rev. Gregory Batson's first

Sunday in worship

Rev. Patricia Farris' last Sunday will be Sunday, June 2. Rev. Gregory Batson's first Sunday will be Sunday, July 7.

Thank You from the United Women in Faith

"Because of those who generously supported our St. Patrick's Day Luncheon on March 17, United Women in Faith were able to present a donation of \$820 to 580 Café, a project of Wesley Foundation at UCLA, in honor of Rev. Patricia Farris for her 26 years of ministry. 580 Café provides meals, a food pantry, and a place for fellowship, meditation, study, and prayer to UCLA students. UWF, on behalf of those we serve, are grateful to make this gift." - Linda Diane Anderson and the UWF



STAY CONNECTED

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

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.

Website Pages to note:

New Bible Study: - Companions in Christ – The Way of

Blessedness

www.santamonicaumc.org/companions-in-christ

Sunday Worship Service archives -

www.santamonicaumc.org/sunday-service-archive

Audio Sermon Archives - Listen to past sermons www.santamonicaumc.org/sermon-archives

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- Participate in Sunday's service, in real time or anytime at your convenience, right from your smartphone or IPad.
- Access our calendar of our events
- Invite a friend to an event, or share info about a special program we offer.
- Access an **audio/written Bible** with a built-in daily reading plan.

To download the app, go to the App Store, search FirstUMC_SM

Give Online You may give online via the QR code on the right, via mail, or onsite through the church office mail slot. To learn more: www.santamonicaumc.org/give

