

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP

Pentecost • May 19, 2024

WE GATHER



WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero, Pastoral Associate

PRELUDE Andante tranquillo *from* Sonata No. 3 (Felix Mendelssohn)

Ty Woodward, organ

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** #539 United Methodist Hymnal — O Spirit of the Living God

O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine, descend upon thy church once more, and make it truly thine. Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace; till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease. Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow until our minds are free from mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee. Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal, to preach to all thy great good news, God's glorious commonweal. Teach us to utter living words of truth which all may hear, the language all may understand when love speaks loud and clear; till every age and race and clime shall blend their creeds in one, and earth shall form one family by whom thy will is done. So shall we know the power of Christ who came this world to save; so shall we rise with him to life which soars beyond the grave; and earth shall win true holiness, which makes thy children whole; till, perfected by thee, we reach creation's glorious goal!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Keri Olsen Paget, Deacon Associate

Come—to know and experience the mighty works of God.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present power in all times and in all places.

Rejoice and give thanks for the gifts of God for the people of God.

We give thanks to God who knows us, loves us, breathes life into us, makes us whole and set us free.

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble. 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.

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. Olsen Paget

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 LESSON Acts 2:1-21

Bill Bumiller, Lay Lector

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

SERMON "Reconnect and Revive"

Rev. Patricia Farris, Senior Minister

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER Take, O Take Me As I Am

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall

be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Rev. Olsen Paget

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Bill Bumiller

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

Go Not Far From Me, O God (Niccolo Zingarelli)

Go not far from me, O God; cast me not away in the time of age: forsake me not when my strength faileth me. O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise: that I may sing Thy glory and honor all the day long.

*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bill Bumiller

Great and eternal God, we bring forth gifts of thanksgiving offered for a world in need. We praise you for your church and its witness. Breathe new life into each of us today. May our gifts and our lives be strengthened by your Spirit and further the ministries of your church. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN #2117 TFWS – Spirit of God

Spirit of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life begin, glow as you always do; create us anew. Give us the breath to sing, lifted on soaring wing, held in your hands, born on your wings. Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come! Spirit of God, bright Dove, grant us your peace and love, healing upon your wings for all living things. For when we live your peace, captives will find release, held in your hands, born on your wings. Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come! Spirit of God, bright Hands, even in far off lands you hold all the human race in one warm embrace. No matter where we go, you hold us together so, held in your hands, born on your wings. Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come! Spirit of God, bright Flame, send us in your holy name, the power to heal, to share your love everywhere. We cannot fail or fall, or know defeat at all, held in your hands, born on your wings. Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come! Spirit of God, in all, we gladly hear your call, the life in our hands that sings, the power of your wings. Born of your grace we rise, love shining in our eyes, held in your hands, born on your wings. Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come!

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Trumpet March (Geoffrey Bush)

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.

—**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.

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SUNDAY INSERT
MAY 19, 2024

MISSION AND COMMON LIFE

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TODAY! First UMC Spring Concert

Come to the Spring Concert, featuring **Michael McClish: World Premiere – Mass of Ascension; Poulenc: Gloria**, with our First UMC Chancel Choir and guest singers, the Los Angeles Concert orchestra and the Westwood Methodist Chancel Choir. *No admission charge, Freewill Offering will be taken. Reception to follow performance.*

Today: 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary/Reception in Simkins Hall

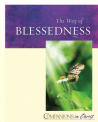
Companions in Christ – The Way of Blessedness

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

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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. *Messy Camp Cost: \$100/child*

Registration now open!

www.santamonicaumc.org/messy-camp

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

• Visit with the English Family

Rev. Robert English and family will be worshipping with us next 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

Stay after worship next Sunday, May 26, for the Annual Preschool Spring Fair. All are welcome! Festivities include a bounce house, food & drinks, bake sale, and more. Ticket prices: \$20 for first child, \$10 for each additional child (*Food and games included.*) \$10 for adults. (*Food included.*)

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!

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. www.santamonicaumc.org/ysp

Sunday, June 23, during worship and lunch in Simkins Hall



MISSION AND SERVICE

• May Month of Mission and Service

The Mission Council has coordinated a Month of Service for May, and there's still time to get involved in one more service project this month. With our hearts and hands, we move beyond the church walls and out into our community! Sign up at the Welcome Table during Coffee Hour today, or email Tricia Guerrero:

t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org.

- 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

This year'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.

• UWF Christmas in July 2024 Boutique Sale

Save the Date for Sunday, July 21, when the United Women in Faith's Christmas in July sale returns! Featuring Christmas ornaments, décor, and delicious homemade baked goods. Proceeds from the sale will benefit United Women in Faith mission projects.

Sunday, July 21, after worship in the Simkins Hall Alcove

• 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

• 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
Tonight: End of Year Banquet in Room 300

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 22**, via Zoom

• Prayer Quilt Ministry

Meets the 3rd Saturdays of the month, 9:30 a.m. in Room 300. Next meeting: **Saturday, June 15**

• 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, June 19**

• Blood Pressure Screenings

The Health Ministry Council provides free Blood Pressure Screenings **once a month** after worship. Next meeting: **Sunday, June 16**, 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.**

Love Gift

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. (Gifts of money should be made out directly to Patricia Farris) We have much to celebrate and look forward to your participation and contribution!

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.

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



The First UMC App:

First UMC offers a free app - download it and give it a try! With the app, you can:

- 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

