

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP

Trinity Sunday • May 26, 2024

WE GATHER



Trinity Sunday

WELCOME

Henry and Witney Seibold, Lay Lectors

PRELUDE El Flautista Alegre (1980) *The Happy Flutist* (Ramon Noble) Ty Woodward, organ

***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

Henry Seibold

Holy, holy, holy God,

fill us with strength and courage, with discernment and compassion,

that we may be your instruments of justice and love in this world,

that it may be on earth as it is in heaven.

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"Holy, holy, holy, God in three persons, blessed Trinity! 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 worshipping 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

Witney Seibold

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 John 3:1-17

Tricia Guerrero, Pastoral Associate

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

SERMON "Seek and You Shall Find"

Rev. Patricia Farris, Senior Minister

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #2007 TFWS — Santo, Santo, Santo

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you! My heart knows how to say to you:

You are holy, Lord!

¡Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora! Mi corazón te sabe decir:

¡Santo eres, Dios!

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

Witney Seibold

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

Things That Never Die (Brad Nix)

The pure, the bright, the beautiful that stirred our hearts in youth, the impulses to wordless prayer, the streams of love and truth, the longing after something lost, the spirit's yearning cry, the striving after better hopes, these things can never die. The timid hand stretched forth to aid a brother in his need; a kindly word in grief's dark hour that proves a friend indeed; the plea for mercy softly breathed, when justice threatens high, the sorrow of a contrite heart, these things shall never die. Let nothing pass, for ev'ry hand must find some work to do, lose not a chance to waken love, be firm and just and true. So shall a light that cannot fade beam on thee from on high, and angel voices say to thee, "these things shall never die." The pure, the bright, the beautiful, the impulses to wordless prayer, these things shall never die.

*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Henry Seibold

Triune God—Creator, Christ, Holy Spirit—make your church a community across time and space that enjoys the gifts of your life and imitates the wonders of your love, until all come into your presence and gaze upon your glory. God in three persons, blessed Trinity, we give you thanks and praise. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN #119 UMH – O God in Heaven

O God in heaven, grant to thy children mercy and blessings, song never ceasing, love to unite us, grace to redeem us, O God in heaven, dear Lord, our God. Jesus, Redeemer, may we remember thy gracious passions, thy resurrection. Worship we bring thee, praise we shall sing thee, Jesus, Redeemer, Jesus, our Lord. Spirit descending, whose is the blessing, strength for the weary, help for the needy; sealed in our kinship, thine be our worship, Spirit descending, Spirit adored.

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Tuba Tune (C. S. Lang)

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 26, 2024

MISSION AND COMMON LIFE

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Farewell Celebration for Patricia Farris and David Bremer

Don't miss next Sunday as we celebrate 26 years in ministry with Rev. Farris after worship! We will have reflections, speakers, great food, children's activities, and a time to celebrate ALL of our years in ministry together!

We invite you to 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*) And an opportunity to take a polaroid photo and leave a note for Rev. Farris' scrapbook is also available today after worship. If you would like to email a message for the book, contact Jamie Jones: j.jones@santamonicaumc.org

Farewell Celebration: Next Sunday, June 2, after worship in Simkins Hall

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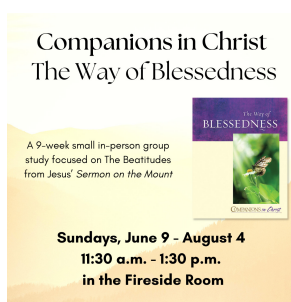
Today! The Preschool Spring Fair

All are welcome to the Annual Preschool Spring Fair after worship! 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 food for adults.

Today after worship in the Courtyard and Simkins Hall

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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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UPCOMING EVENTS

• We Welcome Rev. Robert English and Family

Rev. Robert English and his family are worshiping with us today! Stay after worship to visit with them in the Fireside Room.

• 40th Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference

Theme: Ending Spiritual & Physical Hunger: Flourish!

The 40th Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference will be held **June 12-15, in Burbank, CA.**

Participants from First UMC this year include Rev. Larry Young, Rev. Keri Olsen Paget, Mary Crawford, Dick Crawford, Jack Fry, Adam Guerrero and Karen Ing.

• Scholarship Sunday

As the school year draws to a close, the young scholars of First UMC are excited about their next educational step. Make sure to attend the 10 a.m. worship service to honor and recognize those being awarded with a Methodist Foundation Scholarship.

Sunday, June 23, during 10 a.m. worship

• Commissioning of the Youth Service Project Team, and Lunch & Learn Fundraiser

Following the Youth Service Project Team commissioning during worship, join the team for a community Lunch and Learn in Simkins Hall. Visit informational tables set up by the team with facts about the Sierra Service Project and the work they do.

Come for food and fun and learn more about the youth's service trip!

Support the team:

www.santamonicaumc.org

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**Sunday, June 23,
after worship in Simkins Hall**



MISSION AND SERVICE

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. Together we can change lives and transform the world. **Visit the website:**

www.santamonicaumc.org/outreach-missions

• 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.

• Westside Food Bank

Food is collected at First UMC every Sunday, as well as seasonal food drives, to benefit the Westside Food Bank. Food bins can be found outside the Sanctuary and in the Preschool.

• Volunteer Opportunity at The People Concern

Linda Diane Anderson runs a volunteer group on the **third Sunday of the month** at The People Concern, making sandwiches and assembling sack lunches. If you would like to be part of the group rotation of volunteers, contact Tricia: t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org. The shift is 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., but often ends earlier.

• 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

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
The Youth are now on summer break.

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, June 5**, 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.

Welcome to First UMC of Santa Monica!

Welcome to the worship, service, and fellowship of Santa Monica First United Methodist Church. First UMC is committed to a ministry that touches the lives of people in many significant ways. Through our worship and music, study opportunities, social groups, mission involvement and ministries of care, we proclaim the good news of God's love for all people. We also work to help make the world a better place in which to live, here in the communities of the Westside and around the world, and eagerly invite your participation in this beloved community. Our church has been a significant presence in the larger Santa Monica community for over 125 years.



Farewell Rev. Patricia Farris

We give thanks for all the years of service and joy



Rev. Patricia Farris' retirement and upcoming preaching schedule

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.**

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.

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