

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP

Rev. Patricia Farris Farewell • Holy Communion • June 2, 2024

WE GATHER



WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero, Pastoral Associate

PRELUDE The Peace May Be Exchanged *from* Rubricks (Dan Locklair) Ty Woodward, organ

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** #64 United Methodist Hymnal — Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity! Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Maddy Ing, Lay Lector

God has been our help in ages past,

Our hope for years to come.

God has been our safe home,

Our shelter in the face of every storm.

So we come with praise,

And we bring our prayer: God, be our guide forevermore.

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!"

**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

Spencer Dewald, 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

ANTHEM

The Chancel Choir/Dr. James Smith, Music Director

Alleluia (Randall Thompson)

Alleluia. Amen.

THE PSALM Psalm 96:1-4a

Tricia Guerrero

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

HOMILY "A New Season Begins"

Rev. Patricia Farris, Senior Minister

WE RESPOND

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Maddy Ing

Your continued financial support of the church is now more important than ever. Offering plates are located in the Narthex. You may also give online at www.santamonicaumc.org/give; mail your gift to the church; or drop it into the mail slot of our offices any day of the week. 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

Cornerstone (Shawn Kirchner)

O the stone that the builders rejected became the cornerstone of a whole new world. A grain of wheat may be knocked to the ground and suffer through the winter's cold, only to rise right up again and bear its seed a thousandfold. Never can our journey fail; a little child will lead the way, whose eyes are filled with a shining light, to whom the night is bright as day. The love that rolls the stone away gives us life and that we may sing, "Grave where is thy victory? Death, o death, where is thy sting?"

*RESPONSE #94 UMH — The Doxology

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Spencer Dewald

O God, giver of every good gift, now and in times past, we give thanks for your abiding and steadfast love for us and for the whole creation. Be now our shelter and our guide, this day and forevermore. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Farris

The ushers will guide you in coming forward to receive the communion elements. You will be invited to take a piece of bread or gluten-free wafer, dip into the cup, and receive. Individual communion packs are available from an usher for any who prefer to receive the sacrament in that form. Online worshippers are encouraged to prepare a piece of bread/cracker and juice to receive at home.

#2195 TFWS – In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

#2036 TFWS – Give Thanks

#2175 TFWS – Together We Serve

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Keri Olsen Paget, Deacon Associate

Eternal God, whose steadfast love for us is from everlasting to everlasting, we give you thanks for cherished memories and commend one another into your care as we move in new directions. Keep us one in your love forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN #2172 TFWS – We Are Called

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God! **Refrain: We are called to act with justice. We are called to love tenderly. We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.** Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless, so all hatred and blindness will be no more! (Refrain.) Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love! (Refrain.)

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Farris

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Final Symphony No. 1 (Louis Vierne)

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.

—**Communion Server Ministry:** After today's service, members of the Communion Server Ministry will be taking the communion elements to those who were unable to worship with us.

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

—**This Sunday's Flowers:** "From David Bremer and Patricia Farris to the beloved community of First UMC Santa Monica, with love and deep gratitude. May God continue to bless and prosper you into a beautiful and faithful future with hope!"

—**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.

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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
JUNE 2, 2024

MISSION AND COMMON LIFE

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



Join us in honoring Rev. Patricia Farris' retirement and 26 years of service on her last day at First UMC

Farewell Celebration/Brunch
Sunday, June 2 - 11 a.m.
Simkins Hall

Today! Farewell Celebration for Patricia Farris and David Bremer

Stay after worship today as we celebrate 26 years in ministry with Rev. Farris! 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*)

Farewell Celebration: today after worship in Simkins Hall



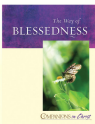
Walk the Labyrinth / Chapel Open

The Labyrinth is open on the first Friday of every month, 1–3 p.m. in Simkins Hall. If you've never walked the Labyrinth before, there are printed instructions to help with your walking meditation, or see a labyrinth host for guidance. Children and families welcome! For those unable to walk, we have finger labyrinths available. The Chapel is also open for prayers during this time.

Friday, June 7, 1 - 3 p.m. in Simkins Hall and the Chapel

Companions in Christ
The Way of Blessedness

A 10-week small in-person group study focused on The Beatitudes from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount



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

Companions in Christ – The Way of Blessedness

This 10-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.

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

• 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. Patricia Farris, 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/ysp

Sunday, June 23, after worship in Simkins Hall

• Messy Camp – God's Messy Creation

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

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

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• 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

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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 is today.

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.

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

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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

