

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP

Third Sunday after Pentecost • June 9, 2024

WE GATHER



WELCOME

Dane and Dominic Rold, Lay Lectors

PRELUDE Sarabande (Seth Bingham)

Ty Woodward, organ

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #577** United Methodist Hymnal — God of Grace and God of Glory
God of grace and God of glory, on the people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour. Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days. Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dominic Rold

Steadfast God, we gather this morning with those who love You,
that we might sing Your praises and share Your love with one another.
You have shown Your faithfulness to us every day in ways that we do not always recognize,
so we gather today in order to thank You for Your constant care over us.
You have taught us how to love and serve one another
So we gather united in love as siblings in Christ.

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days. 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 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

Dane Rold

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 Youth Service Project

Jamie Jones

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE GOSPEL Mark 3:20-25, 31-35

Dan Nessel, Lay Lector

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

SERMON "Life Together: The Family of Christ"

Rev. Keri Olsen Paget, Deacon Associate

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO PRAYER #2222 TFWS — The Servant Song (verse 2)

We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on this road. We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

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

Dan Nessel

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

Those Who Wait on the Lord (Craig Courtney)

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord, the everlasting God, creator of the ends of the earth tires not, tires not nor grows faint. He gives pow'r and strength to the weak. And His understanding is unsearchable. Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. They will mount up with wings as eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not faint, those who wait on the Lord. Though the young shall grow weary and tired, though the youth may stumble and fall, you will mount up with wings as eagles, you will run and not grow weary; you will walk and not faint when you wait on the Lord. Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength.

*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dan Nessel

God of all creation, in humble gratitude, we offer our gifts, celebrating your steadfast love that endures forever. Lead us in the work of your hands, empowering us to love as you do. Bless these offerings, magnifying your love in our community and beyond. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN #2222 TFWS – The Servant Song

Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too. We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on this road. We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the pace you long to hear. I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through. When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony, born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony. Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Olsen Paget

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Prelude and Fugue in C (J. S. Bach)

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.

—**The Chancel Choir:** During the summer months the Chancel Choir is singing some of their favorite anthems from the prior year. We hope they are your favorites also.

—**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 Squares:** The Youth Service Project team departs June 29. Please pray over and tie a knot in the prayer squares along the north wall; each member of the team will take a prayer square with them.

—**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.

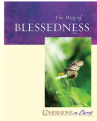
God is real. God is love. ■ Together we can change the world.

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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. If you would still like to sign up, you may attend today's first class and check in with Sue and Char.

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



40th Annual Session of the
California-Pacific Conference

June 12-15, 2024
Burbank, CA



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. We keep them in our prayers as they gather for holy conferencing and represent our church community.

YSP Fundraiser
LUNCH
AND LEARN



SUNDAY JUNE 23, 11 A.M.
SIMKINS HALL

Join us for lunch and learn about the Youth's Service Trip this summer to Sierra Service Project in Del Norte County, Northern California

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

Following the Youth Service Project Team commissioning during worship on June 23, 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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

• Community Reflection Tree

During the month of June we as a church community are preparing for a new part of our journey as FUMC Santa Monica. We will spend this month in transition and anticipation, a time to be in reflection, preparing our hearts and our minds, and inviting God to lead us with hospitality and grace. To do this work, we offer the Community Tree as an opportunity to individually and collectively prepare to welcome Pastor Greg and his wife, Tania, into our community and our work together in sharing God's love. Each leaf has a reflection question on it - choose a leaf, answer the question in written or image form, and then add it to the tree and our community's journey of transition and preparation.

Sundays in June beginning today, after worship in the Courtyard

• 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

• 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.

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• 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, July 5, 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 12**, 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! Thursday evening rehearsals are on summer break, but you may still 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.



Giving Matters

There are many ways to contribute to the mission and ministry of First UMC. You may give online via the QR code below (*take a photo of the code with your phone camera*), via mail, or onsite through the church office mail slot. To learn more about ways to give, including the annual Stewardship campaign, Planned Giving, Tree of Life, support for the Music Program, and the flower fund, visit:

www.santamonicaumc.org/give



June Preaching Schedule

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	Rev. Gregory Batson's first Sunday in worship

Sunday Flowers

Do you have a loved one you would like to dedicate flowers to on a given week? The church office can assist with the dedication and the cost is \$80. Order at the Sunday Welcome Table, or online:

www.santamonicaumc.org/flower-fund

Available Sundays: June 16, 30 / all Sundays in July

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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