

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost • Moments for Mission • July 14, 2024

WE GATHER

## A TALE OF TWO KINGDOMS

WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero, Pastoral Associate

PRELUDE *Allegro Concerto No. 1 in G minor* (G. F. Handel)

Ty Woodward, organ

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #577 United Methodist Hymnal — God of Grace and God of Glory

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Carlee Forbes, Lay Lector

Open wide the doorways of our sanctuary!

**May the king of glory come into our midst.**

Who is this king of glory?

**This king of glory is our Savior Jesus Christ.**

Open the doors of our hearts to receive Jesus Christ.

**May our spirits and our hearts receive his blessing now and forever.**

\*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

“Lift up your heads, O ye gates and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors. Lord of hosts, he is the King of Glory.”

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Carlee Forbes

*Please greet those worshipping near you.*

\*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 at the Preschool play yard.*

## OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Tricia Guerrero

Moments for Mission - United Women in Faith

Shalimar Carducci, UWF Board Member

We give thanks for God's Creating Spirit that continues to give us life and lead us forward!

**Thanks be to God!**

HYMN #378 UMH — Amazing Grace (verses 1-3, 6)

SILENT PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Tricia Guerrero

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

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## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE GOSPEL Mark 6:14-29

Carlee Forbes

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

SERMON "A Tale of Two Kingdoms"

Rev. Greg Batson, Senior Minister

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## WE RESPOND

### WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Andy Goebel, Lay Lector

*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](http://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  
Aiden Farrell, soprano saxophone

Jesus Loves Me (arr. Michael Hassell)

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so. Jesus loves me! He who died Heaven's gates to open wide! He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. Yes, Jesus loves me, (loves me,) yes Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so. Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way; if I love him when I die, he will take me home on high. Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, Yes! Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

### \*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Andy Goebel

**Creator of all things, we give back to you in praise of your glory. We do not wish to simply praise you with our song and our words and our hands; we wish to praise you by loving our brothers and sisters in Christ. Take and use our gifts, that they may serve your kingdom. Amen.**

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## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

### \*HYMN #377 UMH – It Is Well with My Soul

### \*BENEDICTION

Rev. Batson

### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

### POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune (Michael McCabe)

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](http://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](http://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 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](mailto:s.rolld@santamonicaumc.org). To request a Prayer Quilt for someone in need, go to: [www.santamonicaumc.org/prayerquiltministry](http://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](http://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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God is real. God is love. ■ Together we can change the world.

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# MISSION AND COMMON LIFE

[www.santamonicaumc.org](http://www.santamonicaumc.org)



## Blood Pressure Screenings

Did you know that regular blood pressure screenings can help detect hypertension early, which can reduce the risk of heart disease, stroke, and other complications? The Health Ministry Council continues to offer free monthly blood pressure screenings during Sunday coffee hour. We encourage everyone to stop by and check in for a free blood pressure screening and discussion of healthy lifestyle habits for maintaining optimal blood pressure levels.

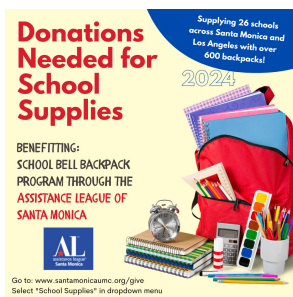
**Today after worship in the Alcove**



## UWF Christmas in July Boutique Sale

Be sure to stay after worship next 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. We welcome Shalimar Carducci today during Moments for Mission to talk about the UWF.

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



## Donations Needed for Backpacks and School Supplies Drive

Our church has a long history of supporting students through the gift of backpacks and school supplies each year. This year your donations will go towards the **School Bell Backpack Program through the Assistance League of Santa Monica**. With our help, this program will supply 26 schools across Santa Monica and Los Angeles with over 600 backpacks filled with school supplies.

During the month of July, First UMC will continue the tradition of taking donations that will enable us to support students heading to school. **We are ONLY accepting money donations (not supplies) towards the purchase of supplies in bulk.** To donate, go to [www.santamonicaumc.org/school-supplies](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/school-supplies), click Give Online, then select "School Supplies" in the dropdown menu. You may also send in a check made to First UMC, notate "School Supplies" in the memo. We recognize families continue to face great challenges, so let's come together and support the kids and families in our communities to help them to learn and succeed this school year!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### • 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](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/messy-camp)

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

### • Second Annual Community Free Market

First UMC is pleased to present the second Annual Community Free Market—a one day event where all are welcome to come by and pick up FREE new or gently used kitchen /household items! Bring your friends and family, and look for housewares, small appliances (toasters, blenders), holiday items, toys, books, and more!

**Contribute items to the Market!** (We will NOT be accepting furniture, clothing of any kind, electronics, large appliances, or items that aren’t gently used or new. Tax ID Donation Slips available to those who contribute.)

#### **Drop-off days (in the Courtyard):**

Saturday, August 3, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Sunday, August 11, 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Contact Janet Guyette: 310-663-9861 or [janetlguyette@gmail.com](mailto:janetlguyette@gmail.com), with questions.

#### **Second Annual Community Free Market:**

**Saturday, August 17, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the Courtyard**

### • Pennies for Haiti 2024

Stay tuned for more info about our annual Pennies for Haiti drive, happening August 18 & 25. Haiti Team Leader Todd Erlandson will give us an update during Moments for Mission on Sunday, August 25.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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 Saturday 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](mailto:t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org). The shift is 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., but often ends earlier.

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## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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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](http://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](http://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, August 2, 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org)

Next meeting: **Wednesday, July 17**, Literati Cafe

### • Prayer Quilt Ministry

**Meets the 3rd Saturdays of the month**, 9:30 a.m. in Room 300. Next meeting: **Saturday, July 20**

### • 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](mailto:djes@roadrunner.com)

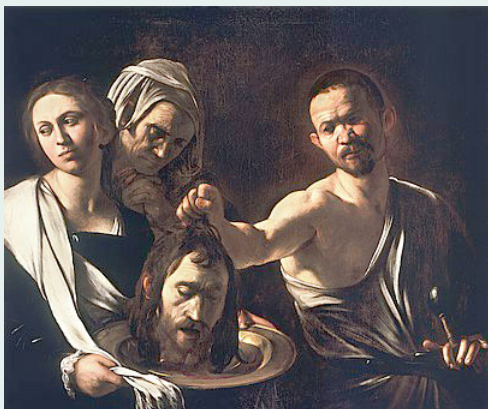
### • Open Space Young Adults

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](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/open-space). IG: @openspacesm. Next Meeting: **Wednesday, July 17**

### • Blood Pressure Screenings

The Health Ministry Council provides free Blood Pressure Screenings **once a month** after worship. Next meeting: Today, **July 14** in the Alcove.





## Salome with the Head of John the Baptist

by Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio (approx. 1609)

The story of the death of John the Baptist is related in the Gospel of Mark. This is a late work by Caravaggio, probably painted towards the end of his life. He has reduced the story to its essentials, focusing on the human tragedy and conveying the scene's emotional power through a restricted range of color, pronounced light and dark tones, and dramatic gesture. Independent images of this subject are a particular focus of devotion and became popular both as paintings and as sculpted objects made for the home - a tradition that continues to the present day.

## Giving Matters

There are many ways to contribute to the mission and ministry of First UMC. One way is to give online via the QR code to the right (*take a photo of the code with your phone camera*) [www.santamonicaumc.org/give](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/give)



## Living with Dignity Advanced Care Planning: Schedule an Appointment

The Pastoral Care Staff here at First UMC offers many services, including guidance with advance care planning, and memorial services. The Five Wishes is the first easy to-use Living Will that talks about your personal, emotional and spiritual needs as well as your medical wishes. If you're interested in scheduling an appointment with Anne Premer, Congregation Care Associate, she will assist in answering questions and filling out the paperwork:

[a.premer@santamonicaumc.org](mailto:a.premer@santamonicaumc.org), or call 310-393-8258 x 103.

## STAY CONNECTED

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

**First UMC website:** [www.santamonicaumc.org](http://www.santamonicaumc.org)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/santamonicaumc](http://www.facebook.com/santamonicaumc)

**Instagram:** @santamonicaumc

**YouTube:** @SantaMonicaUMC

**The First UMC App:** Go to the App Store, search FirstUMC\_SM.



## 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

## Website Pages to note:

Selected piece from the First UMC Spring Concert:  
Francis Poulenc's "Gloria,"

[www.santamonicaumc.org/music-theater](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/music-theater)

Sunday Worship Service archives -

[www.santamonicaumc.org/sunday-service-archive](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/sunday-service-archive)

Audio Sermon Archives - *Listen to past sermons*

[www.santamonicaumc.org/sermon-archives](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/sermon-archives)

## 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](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/flower-fund) Available Sundays: July 21, 28, all of August