

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost • August 11, 2024

WE GATHER



WELCOME

Henry and Witney Seibold, Lay Lectors

PRELUDE *Adagio from Sonata No. 1 (Felix Mendelssohn)*

Ty Woodward, organ

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #103 United Methodist Hymnal — Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Henry Seibold

Wait for the Lord, like those who hope in God's mercy.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Watch for God, like those who eagerly await the morning.

We watch for God, whose power redeems us.

Hear God's hopeful word, like those who long for pardon.

Sing praise to God and rejoice in God's love.

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"Sing praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation. Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part: To God all praise and Glory!"

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Henry Seibold

Please greet those worshipping near you.

*Asterisks indicate standing if you are able.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Ann Wilson, Lay Lector

#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, Pastoral Associate

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

Thanks be to God!

HYMN #521 UMH — I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

SILENT PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Tricia Guerrero

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 HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE PSALM Psalm 130

Witney Seibold

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

SERMON "Out of the Depths"

Rev. Greg Batson, Senior Minister

WE RESPOND

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

Come Home (Craig Courtney)

Vera Lugo, soloist; Zack Borowiec, oboe

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me: See, on the portals He's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me. Come home, come home, you who are weary come home. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me? Why should we linger and heed not His mercies, mercies for you and for me. Come home, come home, you who are weary, come home. O for the wonderful love He has promised, promised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. Come home, come home, you who are weary come home.

*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

Witney Seibold

God of boundless love, in this sacred moment of giving, we come before you, recognizing your unwavering compassion and tender mercy. As we offer our gifts, we also lift our hearts in prayer for all who are burdened with pain and uncertainty. May your healing touch reach those in need and may your love bring comfort and strength to troubled hearts. We entrust our prayers to you, knowing that you hear and respond with boundless grace. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN #529 UMH – How Firm a Foundation (verses 1,2,3 & 5)

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Batson

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Psalm 19 (Benedetto Marcello)

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

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SUNDAY INSERT
AUGUST 11, 2024

MISSION AND COMMON LIFE

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



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!

Today is the last day to 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 TODAY (in the Courtyard/Library):

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

Contact Janet Guyette: 310-663-9861 or janetguyette@gmail.com, with questions.

Second Annual Community Free Market:

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



Pennies + for Haiti

Our annual Pennies + for Haiti drive is happening August 18 and 25 after worship. Haiti Team Leader Todd Erlandson will give us an update during Moments for Mission on Sunday, August 25. Drop off your loose change, cash or checks at in-person worship, or give online at: www.santamonicaumc.org/give, select *Haiti Mission Donation* in the drop-down menu.

Sundays, August 18 & 25, after worship in the Alcove

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UPCOMING EVENTS

• Spirit Sisters Event

The Spirit Sisters, led by Pastor Dorothy Bimber Worley, are holding a gathering in August. They study scripture, pray, reflect, sing together, and get to know Jesus and each other better. They “seek out to live out Jesus’ Great Commandment to love with every fiber of our being.” All are welcome. For more information, please contact Pastor Dorothy (626)826-8301.

Saturday, August 17, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Fireside Rm

• Youth Service Project Report Back

We are excited to hear from the YSP team about their Summer trip to Del Norte County in Northern California with the organization, Sierra Service Project. They worked in the community on a variety of projects, including building home railings and a ramp, working in community gardens and forest trail work, and painting horse fences at the local fairground, just to name a few of the tasks! Stay after worship for a light lunch and listen to the Youth’s stories and experiences.

Next Sunday, August 18, after worship in Simkins Hall

• Back to School Blessings

Every year in August, First UMC carries on the tradition of providing Back to School Blessing tags to all of the First UMC students and teachers. Be sure to attend worship on **Sunday, August 25, as we celebrate Back to School Blessings!** We will have a special blessing for our Preschool teachers as well as a blessing for students of all ages and other teachers not in the Preschool. If you would like a blessing tag(s) but can’t make it to church, call the church office (310-393-8258) and we are happy to put them in the mail for you. Don’t miss this special Sunday! **Sunday, August 25, 10 a.m. worship**

• Cyber Security Workshop

Save the Date for a Cyber Security workshop led by First UMC members **Adam Guerrero, Ben Ing, Will Sweat and Brandon Searfoss** on Sunday, September 8, after worship. These First UMC members work in the field of cyber security, and will update us on the latest in scams and frauds, and answer any of your questions. **Sunday, September 8, after worship in the Fireside Rm**

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

• 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.



• 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.

• 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. The shift is 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., but often ends earlier.

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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 Co-Associate Directors Dane or Johanna 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 meetings will return from Summer break beginning with their Fall Kick-Off on Sunday, September 8, 6 - 8 p.m., Room 300 and Youth Lounge

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, September 6, 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, August 14**, via Zoom

• Prayer Quilt Ministry

Meets the 3rd Saturdays of the month, 9:30 a.m. in Room 300. Next meeting: **Saturday, August 17**

• 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 until September 5, 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: **August 17**

• Blood Pressure Screenings

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

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.



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, or call 310-393-8258 x 103.

Giving Matters

There are many ways to contribute to the mission and ministry of First UMC. You may give online via the QR code on the right (*Point your phone camera at the QR code and click on yellow link—you should be able to still receive the necessary information*), 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



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:

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

www.santamonicaumc.org/music-theater

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

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: August 18/25, Sept 1/8/15/22/29