

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP

All Saints Sunday • Holy Communion • November 3, 2024

WE GATHER



## WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero, Pastoral Associate

**PRELUDE** Theme and 3 Variations on Handel's "See The Conqu'ring Hero Comes" from Judas

Maccabeus (Ludwig van Beethoven)

Kevan Torfeh, cello; Jim Smith, piano

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN** #711 United Methodist Hymnal — For All the Saints

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Dorothy Nichols, Lay Lector

In all our weakness and strength, with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies,

**we come to be your people, O God.**

Strong in faith and eager with questions, singing our praise and whispering our prayers,

**we come to be your people, O God.**

Filled with saintly determination yet mindful of our human limitations,

**we come to be your people, O God.**

Made strong in your endless love for us, we know ourselves to be yours,

**we come to be your people, O God.**

## **\*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE**

"The King of Glory passes on His way, Alleluia, Alleluia!"

## **\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*Please greet those worshipping near you.*

Dorothy Nichols

*\*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 in Rooms 204 and 206.*

## OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Dorothy Nichols

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

**Thanks be to God!**

## SILENT PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Tricia Guerrero

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### THE GOSPEL Revelation 21:1-6a

Larry Wilson, Lay Lector

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

### SERMON "All Things New"

Rev. Greg Batson, Senior Minister

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## WE RESPOND

### THE COMMEMORATION

Paul Eugene Ballmer, Frances Blemker, Robert Velez Casillas, Marcia Jean Gayle, Glenn Ernest Hopkins, Audrey Jean Ojala Rogers, Joyce Rose, Edith Rachel Schidel, Christine Stumpf, Lawrence Arthur Vredevoe, Allan Walker, Theodore Wood

### A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

### CORPORATE PRAYER

Rev. Batson

**O Eternal God, creator of humankind, giver and preserver of all life, we remember these sisters and brothers of the faith, these beloved ones, with love and gratitude. They were our companions in the way. They cheered us, encouraged us, loved us. We shall miss them. For them and for all those who have gone before, who encompass us as a cloud of witnesses, and make the distant heaven a home to our hearts, we bless thee and give thee thanks. May we be followers of those who now inherit the promises. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen.**

### CHORAL RESPONSE

### WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Larry Wilson

*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](http://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/Dr. James Smith, Music Director

Wayfaring Stranger (arr. Craig Courtney)

Kevan Torfeh, cello

I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger while trav'ling through this world below; yet there's no sickness, toil nor danger in that bright land to which I go. I'm going there to see my Father, I'm going there no more to roam. I'm just a going over Jordan, I'm just a going over home. I know dark clouds will gather o'er me, I know my way is rough and steep; yet golden fields lie out before me, where weary eyes no more shall weep. I'm going there to meet my mother, she said she'd meet me when I come. I'm just a going over Jordan, I'm just a going over home. I want to wear a crown of glory when I get home to that good land. I want to shout salvation's story in concert with the heav'nly band. I'm going there to meet my Savior, to sing His praise forevermore. I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger while trav'ling through this world below; I'm just a going over Jordan, I'm just a going over home.

\*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Larry Wilson

**Compassionate God, who weeps with us and offers us eternal hope, we present our gifts with grateful hearts. Call us to new life and purpose through our giving. Use these offerings to build your kingdom and bring comfort to the grieving and light to those in darkness. May our contributions reflect your love and grace, transforming our community into a place of hope and renewal. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Batson

*We will use the Musical Setting beginning on page 2257 in The Faith We Sing hymnal. Gluten-free vegan wafers are available. 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. Online worshippers are encouraged to prepare a piece of bread/cracker and juice to receive at home.*

#612 UMH – Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness

#618 UMH – Let Us Break Bread Together

#723 UMH – Shall We Gather at the River

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Tricia Guerrero

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*CLOSING HYMN #708 UMH – Rejoice in God's Saints

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Batson

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Elegy (George Thalben-Ball)

Ty Woodward, organ

*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.

—**Special thanks** to Dick & Mary Crawford for ringing the handbells during the Commemoration.

—**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](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/flower-fund).

—**This Sunday's Flowers:** "In memory of my beloved husband SMPD LT. Ronald Wise. Also, in honor of my kind and thoughtful grandson, Mason Sheridan's Birthday; I love you with all my heart & soul." From Ellen Wise.

—**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).

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

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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. The two opportunities below with our Mission Partners **Upward Bound House** and **Westside Food Bank** fund efforts to end homelessness and food insecurity.



### Westside Food Bank Hunger Walk 2024

Make a difference in our community! \$5 provides 20 meals for our neighbors in need. **It's not too late to donate to the First UMC Church and Preschool Team:**  
[www.santamonicaumc.org/hunger-walk](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/hunger-walk)

The First UMC team will be participating in today's free, family-friendly event to raise awareness and show support for Westside Food Bank.

**TODAY, November 3, Check-in begins at 12 p.m., race begins at 2 p.m.**



### Upward Bound House's 12th Annual Home Run for Kids

Experience a fantastic morning of exercise, community, and fun, all while supporting a good cause! This year's family friendly & dog friendly event will feature a live DJ, MC, a 5K run/walk, a "Kiddie K" race, and an expo area filled with fun, games and so much more! 100% of the funds raised go towards our mission to end family homelessness.

The mission of Upward Bound House (UBH) is to eliminate homelessness among families with children in Los Angeles by providing housing, supportive services, and advocacy. Upward Bound House has established an extraordinary record of success in addressing family homelessness. Since our inception, we have helped more than 2,500 families including over 4,900 children transition from homelessness to permanent housing. Over 95% of these families were still in their homes more than a year after placement.

**Sunday, November 17, 2024 (11620 San Vicente Blvd)**

**Join/Donate to the First UMC Church and Preschool Team:**  
[www.santamonicaumc.org/home-run-for-kids](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/home-run-for-kids)

*Race Day Schedule:*

8 a.m. Event Opens • 8:30 a.m. 5K Warm Up  
9 a.m. 5K Start • 9:15 a.m. Kiddie K Warm Up  
10 a.m. Kiddie K Start

## UPCOMING & ONGOING EVENTS

### • All Church Charge Conference

Join First UMC for the annual Church Charge Conference! We will engage in a joyful and worshipful celebration of this year's accomplishments, both in person in Simkins Hall, and via Zoom so online viewers can be a part of the conference. This year's theme is "Ending Spiritual & Physical Hunger: Flourish!" We are excited to welcome District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Siosaia Tu'itahi. Lunch will be served and child care will be provided (email Jamie Jones:

[j.jones@santamonicaumc.org](mailto:j.jones@santamonicaumc.org))

**Sunday, November 17, after worship, in Simkins Hall**

### • November Mid-Week Recital

We welcome our November Mid-Week Recital musicians, **Nora Chiang Wrobel, piano, and Chika Inoue, saxophone.** Nora Chiang Wrobel has performed as a soloist and chamber musician throughout the United States, Canada and China in major venues including Carnegie Hall, Alice Tully Hall, Rolston Recital Hall, Hahn Hall, Jordan Hall and Zipper Hall of the Colburn School. Concert saxophonist **Chika Inoue**, has been praised by The Los Angeles Times with "beautiful tone, acute sensitivity and virtuosic technique." To read complete artists' bios, visit the website: [www.santamonicaumc.org/mid-week-recital-series](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/mid-week-recital-series).

How to watch the Livestream: • Facebook: [@santamonicaumc](https://www.facebook.com/santamonicaumc) • YouTube Channel: [@SantaMonicaUMC](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSantaMonicaUMC) • Website: [www.santamonicaumc.org/livestream](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/livestream) • App: (Search FirstUMC\_SM at the App Store ) *After livestream airs, recitals remain on above platforms to view anytime.*

**Wednesday, November 13, at 12:10 p.m., online**

### • November Messy Church

Messy Church is an all age worship experience that explores God's love in an accessible way. At Messy Church, today's busy families of all shapes and sizes are invited into a welcoming space to experience faith. November's theme: Messy Thanksgiving! [www.santamonicaumc.org/messychurch](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/messychurch)

**Saturday, November 23, 4 – 6 p.m.**

## MISSION AND SERVICE

### • 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. To explore a service opportunity, please reach out to Tricia Guerrero, Pastoral Associate: [t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org](mailto: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](mailto:t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org). The shift is 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., but often ends earlier.

### • Disaster Response

The California-Pacific Conference Disaster Response Task Force is extremely active and able to present at churches, groups, or events information related to Disaster Response. UMCOR and its partners respond to disasters in the U.S. and across the globe every day. Learn more about current Cal-Pac and UMCOR disaster relief efforts:

[www.santamonicaumc.org/disaster-response](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/disaster-response)

### • United Women in Faith Christmas Bazaar

The United Women in Faith are gearing up to sell their handmade peanut brittle and Christmas Bazaar items! Through annual events like the Bazaar, the UWF support local and global missions/organizations, including The Westside Food Bank, The People Concern Children, Youth, & Family Collaborative, Meals on Wheels, The Wesley Foundation serving UCLA, and more. **Sunday, November 24, after worship in the 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](http://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](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)

**Upcoming Meetings: Nov 3, 10, 24**

## 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, December 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/prayer-requests/](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/prayer-requests/)

### • 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 meetings: **Wednesday, Nov 6**, Literati Cafe;  
**Wednesday, Nov 13**, via Zoom

### • Prayer Quilt Ministry

**Meets the 3rd Saturdays of the month**, 9:30 a.m. in Room 300. Next meeting: **Saturday, Nov 16**

### • 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 from 7:30 - 9 p.m. in the Choir Room. 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: **Nov 20, 7 - 8:30 p.m., off-site.**

### • Blood Pressure Screenings

The Health Ministry Council provides free Blood Pressure Screenings **once a month** after worship. Next meeting: **Sunday, Nov 24** 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.



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

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

**Instagram:** @santamonicaumc

**YouTube:** @SantaMonicaUMC

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

## Website Pages to note:

Church Charge Conference Zoom link:

[www.santamonicaumc.org/church-charge-conference](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/church-charge-conference)

Messy Church - upcoming dates:

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

Audio Sermon Archives - *Listen to past sermons*

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

Sunday Worship Service archives -

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

## 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.

## 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: Nov 17, 24

## 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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