



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP

Pentecost • Reception of New Members • June 8, 2025

WE GATHER



BREATH OF LIFE

WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero, Pastoral Associate

PRELUDE Andante tranquillo *from* Sonata No. 3 (Felix Mendelssohn) Ty Woodward, organ

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #539 United Methodist Hymnal — O Spirit of the Living God

*CALL TO WORSHIP Emily Payne, Lay Lector

Come, Holy Spirit! Fill our hearts with joy and confidence!

For God has done wondrous things for us.

Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us with the power of the rushing wind that we may faithfully serve you in all that we do.

For Christ has called each of us and blessed us!

Come, Holy Spirit! Be with us today.

Help us to boldly proclaim Christ Risen.

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"The Lord has done great things for us, we are glad!"

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Emily Payne

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 worshiping 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 the Preschool playground.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Rev. Greg Batson, Senior Minister

Marla Bradstock, Antonio "Toni" Manuel Corta, Evelyne Yvonne Markel

TO THOSE BEING RECEIVED

As members of Christ's universal church, will you be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

I will.

As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

I will.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant to participate faithfully in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Rev. Keri Olsen Paget, Deacon Associate

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

Thanks be to God!

HYMN #475 UMH — Come Down, O Love Divine

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Olsen Paget

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE LESSON Acts 2:1-21

Emily Payne

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

SERMON "Breath of Life"

Rev. Batson

WE RESPOND

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Glenda Martinez, Lay Leadership Team

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

I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing (arr. Howard Helvey) Andrew Pringle, soloist
I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing, and obey the Spirit of the Lord. I'm gonna preach
when the Spirit says preach, and obey the Spirit of the Lord. I'm gonna pray when the Spirit
says pray, and obey the spirit of the Lord. I'm gonna shout when the Spirit says shout, and
obey the Spirit of the Lord.

*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

Glenda Martinez

**Gracious God, breath of life and movement of all creation, we bring these gifts
today as signs of our faith and our hope in your Spirit's work among us. As you
did on Pentecost, pour out your Spirit anew, leading us to speak words of welcome
and love across every boundary. May these offerings support ministries that cross
divides and embody the hospitality of Christ. Open our eyes to see your deeds of
power and to follow where your Spirit sends. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN #2241 TFWs – The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Batson

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Rondeau from Sinfonies de Fanfares (Jean Joseph Mouret)

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.



—We welcome **Community UMC of Pacific Palisades** each Sunday at 11 a.m. in the chapel with open arms and generous hospitality as they move forward during this time of transition.

—**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. Available Sundays: June 15/29

—**This Sunday's Flowers:** "In loving memory of Heidi von Martens Crooks." From Jenna Beckerman.

—**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.



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SUNDAY INSERT
JUNE 8, 2025

MISSION AND COMMON LIFE

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Keys to Maximizing Your Social Security

We're pleased to announce that we will host a Social Security Seminar, organized by First UMC member David Guyette. Topics covered:

- Key components of Social Security benefits
- Understanding the Impact of Taxes on your Retirement Plan
- Exploring Spousal and Survivor Benefit Options
- The Social Security Fairness Act: Purpose and Beneficiaries.

Lunch will be provided, and all are welcome to attend. We especially encourage those nearing retirement, as well as those who may still be years away. To assist us in getting an accurate headcount, please RSVP to Anne Premer at

a.premers@santamonicaumc.org by June 13.

Sunday, June 22, 11:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room



All Church Cookbook - Send in Your Recipes!

Now's the time to send in your cherished family favorite, a dish with a story, or something that brings back fond memories - we'd love to feature your recipe!

- **Share your recipe(s):** Submit one or two recipes that have been passed down through your family or hold a special place in your heart.
- **Include a photo:** Share a picture—whether it's of the dish itself or a beloved family photo to bring your recipe to life.
- **Tell us why:** Write a short (2-3 sentence) story about why this recipe means so much to you and your family.

• **Submit your recipes to:** Tina Gage: t.gage@santamonicaumc.org or drop them off at the Sunday Welcome Table. Cookbooks will be available for purchase in the Fall.

EXTENDED Deadline: Sunday, June 15 (if you need more time contact Tina)



Messy Camp 2025! – God's Wild World

Join us for an unforgettable week of adventure at Messy Camp!

- **Theme:** God's Wild World – Celebrating God's Creatures Big and Small
- **Who:** Ages 5 years old/entering K to those finishing 5th grade
- **When:** Monday, July 28 – Friday, August 1
- **Time:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Cost:** \$150 for the first child and \$125 for each additional sibling.

Register your kids on the website now! www.santamonicaumc.org/messy-camp

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UPCOMING EVENTS

• **Pride Month Service at St. Augustine's**

First UMC Santa Monica will participate in the Community Pride Worship Service. This is a collaboration between local churches across Santa Monica and we invite all in our community to participate either in person or online.

Michael Lamb and Molly Smith will be representing First UMC. The service is being hosted at St. Augustine by the Sea Episcopal Church on **Friday, June 13, 7:30 p.m.**

All are welcome! 1227 4th Street, SM 90403.

Watch the livestream:

www.youtube.com/c/StAugustinebytheSea

• **Speaking Across Differences: Navigating Dialogue in Polarized Times**

Throughout the summer we invite you to watch this three part minicourse from the Institute for Islamic, Christian, Jewish Studies (ICJS) in Baltimore, MD, featuring **Jewish Scholar Ben Sax, Ph.D.** This course will interrogate the question of what it means to dialogue within our current sociopolitical climate, and will consider a variety of views and try to chart a new dialogical path together by examining how different philosophers, political theorists, historians, and theologians have broached these questions during their own times of political peril. First UMC will provide the links to prerecorded class sessions and resources that you can watch when it is convenient for you. **Then, via Zoom, Rev. Keri will facilitate a dialogue with those who have viewed the content.**

Second class: Wednesday, July 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Class Two: Dialogue as Liberation. To RSVP and receive the course content, register at the following link:

www.santamonicaumc.org/differences-workshop

• **First UMC Membership**

Membership is a celebration of the fact that someone belongs to our faith community in connection and commitment. Our belonging promotes service to and with each other, values mutual care, and develops meaningful and supportive relationships. Becoming a member of First UMC is an act of publicly entering into a relationship with our faith community. The church offers thanks and welcome in the spirit of belonging to one another. At First UMC, we belong to God and to one another. If you have questions on becoming a member of First UMC, you may contact: Rev. Greg Batson (g.batson@santamonicaumc.org), Rev. Keri Olsen Paget (k.olsenpaget@santamonicaumc.org), Tricia Guerrero (t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org), or call the church office: (310) 393-8258.

We will be receiving new members today during worship.

MISSION AND SERVICE

TWO ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

1. Westside Food Bank

Westside Food Bank continues to help with the long recovery period in the aftermath of the LA fires. Join First UMC for the last Fridays of the month to help Westside Food Bank with packaging produce boxes.

Fridays: June 27, July 25, August 29

10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. 1710 22nd Street, SM 90404.

2. 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. The shift is 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., but often ends earlier. Volunteers do not have to work every Saturday or Sunday but are asked to commit to a regular shift each month. **Contact Tricia to sign up for either of these opportunities:** t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org

• **Youth Service Project 2025 Trip**

This year a group of 10 youth and adult volunteers from First UMC Santa Monica will be spending a week (**July 5-13, 2025**) working in San Diego's South Bay with an organization called the Sierra Service Project. The type of work includes costly home repair projects for low income families and elderly residents, as well as environmental restoration projects and community-led initiatives. More info: www.santamonicaumc.org/ysp

Save the Date for YSP Commissioning and the Lunch and Learn Fundraiser:

Sunday, June 29, during worship, followed by luncheon in Simkins Hall

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

• Children's Ministry

Families are invited to begin worship in the Sanctuary.

During the summer: following the Children's Message, children are guided to Sunday School for ages 12 months through 5th grade in the Preschool Playground. 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 - Open Now

Schedule a tour today with Preschool Co- 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

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!

Friday, July 11, 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/

• 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, led by Pastoral Associate Tricia Guerrero. Contact Tricia for upcoming meetings: t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org. Next meeting: **June 11** via Zoom, 2 p.m.

• Prayer Quilt Ministry

Meets the 3rd Saturdays of the month, 9:30 a.m. in Room 300. Next meeting: **Saturday, June 21**

• The Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir provides music every Sunday during the 10 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service. Sing in the Chancel Choir! The choir is on Summer break from rehearsals, but you may contact Jim Smith if you are interested in joining: djes@roadrunner.com

• Messy Church

Messy Church is a monthly all age worship experience that explores God's love in an accessible way.

On Summer Break

• Open Space Young Adults

Meeting today, 11:30 a.m after worship, offsite.

- Open Space Summer Gathering

Calling all young adults! Join us for a casual backyard get-together in July to celebrate the summer and connect with one another. If you're interested in attending, reach out to Tricia Guerrero: t.guerrero@santamonicauc.org, or call 310-393-8258 x104.

Sunday, July 20 at 5 p.m. Offsite

• Blood Pressure Screenings

The Health Ministry Council provides free Blood Pressure Screenings once a month after worship. Next meeting: **Sunday, June 22** in the Alcove

150th Planning is Underway!!

2025 is a special year for First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica - our 150th Anniversary! Our church was founded the same year as the City of Santa Monica, and we have been an integral part of this community since the beginning. **We look forward to a special worship service and celebration event on Sunday, October 12, 2025.** We will also have special events throughout the season, starting September 7, to commemorate this special milestone. We look forward to the planning and moments together as we remember our past, celebrate the present, and hope for the future. Contact the church office for special volunteer opportunities: info@santamonicaumc.org



*Artist rendering of signage
(not exact representation)*

Become a Part of History!

In celebration of the 150th Anniversary, we are asking all to consider making a special milestone gift. The special donations received will be used to digitize the Sanctuary welcome monument sign, located at the corner of 11th & Washington, so we can spread our message throughout the community. Additional amounts will be used for fellowship and events during the Fall. Donations accepted anytime, online or a part of Sunday's offering. Thank you!

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 (*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



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: App Store, search FirstUMC_SM.



Flowers

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

www.santamonicaumc.org/flower-fund

Available Sundays: June 15/29, July 6/27



*On Tuesday, May 20, at the Westwood Federal Building, **Larry Wilson** led the 37th Annual FBI Fallen Agent Memorial Service. **Mary and Dick Crawford** served as bell ringers after each name was commemorated.*