



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP

Trinity Sunday • Father's Day • June 15, 2025

WE GATHER



WELCOME

Jamie Jones, Family Ministries Coordinator

PRELUDE Allegretto (Sonata No. 4) (Felix Mendelssohn)

Ty Woodward, organ

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #117 United Methodist Hymnal — O God, Our Help in Ages Past

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sandra Krieger, Lay Lector

God is here in this place, making us God's people.

Lord, lead us to your promise to be with us always.

Lord, take our hands to lead us in your ways.

Lord, your steadfast ways endure forever.

We are your people who seek your love and assurance.

We are ready to receive you into our hearts and lives.

*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

Sandra Krieger

Please greet those worshipping near you.

**Asterisks indicate standing if you are able.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jamie Jones

#2233 The Faith We Sing — Where Children Belong

This, this is whwere 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 the Preschool playground.

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

David Mayhan, Lay Lector

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

Thanks be to God!

HYMN #393 UMH — Spirit of the Living God

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

Ron Theile, Certified Lay Speaker

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 LESSON Romans 5:1-5

Sandra Krieger

THE GOSPEL John 14:8-17, 25-27

Ron Theile

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

SERMON "Be Assured"

Ron Theile

WE RESPOND

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

David Mayhan

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

See What Love *from* Saint Paul (Felix Mendelssohn)

See what love hath the Father bestow'd on us in His goodness, that we should be called God's own children.

*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

David Mayhan

Dear Lord, you give us guidance and assurance that provides, for us, your grace and love. We offer these gifts today so that your grace and love can be realized by others. Use these gifts to lift those who are stricken by loss and poverty, by addiction, and we pray that their lives are transformed. Lord, use these resources for missions here and around the world so that others may experience your promising message that, through You, all can live in peace, harmony, and love. Receive our simple offerings. We pray this prayer in your name. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN #369 UMH – Blessed Assurance

*BENEDICTION

Ron Theile

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Fanfare (Jacques Lemmens)

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. 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 29, July 6/27.

—**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:** After worship today, come say "Hello" for Coffee Hour in Simkins Hall. Stop by the Sunday Welcome Table if you have any questions.



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41st Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference

With the theme “Ending Spiritual & Physical Hunger: Cherish!” the 41st Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference was held this week from **June 11-14, in Indian Wells, CA**. Participants from First UMC this year included Rev. Greg Batson, Rev. Keri Olsen Paget, Rev. Larry Young, Mary Crawford, Dick Crawford, Adam Guerrero, Karen Ing, and Todd Erlandson.



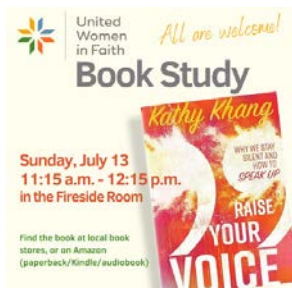
Keys to Maximizing Your Social Security

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.premer@santamonicaumc.org.

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



United Women in Faith Book Study

The United Women in Faith are excited to host an in-person book study featuring *Raise Your Voice: Why We Stay Silent and How to Speak Up* by Kathy Khang. It can be hard to speak up, especially in the ugliness of social media. Activist Kathy Khang roots our voice and identity in the image of God. Khang offers insights from faithful heroes who raised their voices for the sake of God's justice and shows how we can do the same today in person, in social media, in organizations, and in the public square. Find the book at local book stores, or on Amazon (paperback/Kindle/audiobook).

Sunday, July 13, 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Fireside Room

UPCOMING EVENTS

• Scholarship Sunday

The Methodist Foundation of Santa Monica, founded in 1967, exists to provide aid to religious, educational and charitable causes. Every year the Loans & Scholarships committee acknowledges outstanding scholars, including graduating high school seniors, continuing undergraduates, and graduate students, for their scholastic excellence, commitment to community, and dedication to our church.

Sunday, June 29, during worship

• Speaking Across Differences: Navigating Dialogue in Polarized Times

Participate in part two of a three part minicourse from the Institute for Islamic, Christian, Jewish Studies (ICJS) in Baltimore, MD, featuring **Jewish Scholar Ben Sax, Ph.D.** This course interrogates the question of what it means to dialogue within our current sociopolitical climate, and examines how different philosophers, political theorists, historians, and theologians have broached these questions during their own times of political peril. You may join in the prerecorded class sessions that you can watch when it is convenient for you. **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 here:

www.santamonicaumc.org/differences-workshop

• Messy Camp 2025! – God’s Wild World

Join us for an unforgettable week of adventure at Messy Camp, where kids will explore the amazing creatures and wonders of God’s Wild World! Each day, kids will enjoy hands-on science experiments, exciting games, Bible story adventures, creative crafts, catchy songs, and participate in a hands-on mission project.

• **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 sibling.

Register your kids on the website now!

www.santamonicaumc.org/messy-camp

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.

Contact Tricia to sign up for either of these opportunities: t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org

• Commissioning of the Youth Service Project Team and Lunch & Learn

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. Following the Youth Service Project Team commissioning during worship, join the team for their YSP Lunch and Learn Fundraiser in Simkins Hall. Visit informational tables set up by the team with facts about the SSP 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 29: YSP Team Commissioning in worship,

Lunch and Learn after worship in Simkins Hall

Suggested donation:
\$20/person (*kids eat free!*)



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 18** at Literati Cafe, 10 a.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

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@santamonicaumc.org, or 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



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!



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(not exact representation)

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.



Third Annual Community Free Market

First UMC is pleased to present the third 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! Now's the perfect time to start decluttering and donate your gently used goods to the Market. We're gladly accepting:

- Kitchenware & housewares
- Small appliances
- Holiday decorations
- Toys & books



We will NOT be accepting furniture, clothing of any kind, electronics, large appliances, or items that aren't gently used or new. Contact Janet Guyette: 310-663-9861 or janetguyette@gmail.com with questions.

Drop-off days: Saturday, August 9, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.; Sunday, August 17, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Third Annual Community Free Market:
Saturday, August 23, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Courtyard