



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP

Second Sunday after Pentecost • June 22, 2025

WE GATHER



WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero, Pastoral Associate

PRELUDE El Flautista Alegre - *The Happy Flutist* (Ramón Noble)

Ty Woodward, organ

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #578 United Methodist Hymnal — God of Love and God of Power

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Marla Bradstock, Lay Lector

Come, let us worship the Lord our God, whose love quenches our thirst.

We are parched and thirsty for God's healing word.

Let us praise God who is with us always.

We seek the one who will not desert us.

Let us open our hearts to God who calls us by name.

We come, seeking a reconciled relationship with God.

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"O come, let us sing unto the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation."

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Marla Bradstock

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 in the Preschool playground.

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Tricia Guerrero

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

Thanks be to God!

HYMN #550 UMH — Christ, from Whom All Blessings Flow (verses 1,2,5,6)

SILENT PRAYER & 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 LESSON Galatians 3:23-29

David Wilson, Lay Lector

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

SERMON "One in Christ"

Rev. Greg Batson, Senior Minister

WE RESPOND

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

David Wilson

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

Ride on, King Jesus (Traditional Spiritual, arr. Howard Helvey)

Refrain: Ride on, King Jesus; no man can a hinder me. King of Kings. He is Lord of Lords, Jesus Christ, the First and Last; no man a-works like Him. (Refrain) King Jesus rides a milkwhite horse; no man a-works like Him. The river of Jordan He did cross; no man a-works like Him. King Jesus rides in the middle of the air, no man a-works like Him. He calls the saints from ev'rywhere; no man a-works like Him. (Refrain)

*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 Wilson

Gracious and transforming God, you clothe us in grace and love. Receive these gifts as signs of our desire to live into Christ's vision of your beloved community. Use these offerings to build bridges, mend hearts, and proclaim that in Christ, all are one—equal, cherished, and free. May our giving reflect the boundless love you pour into us. We pray this in the name of the one who makes us whole. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN #548 UMH – In Christ There Is No East or West

*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, 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.

—**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.

—**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: July 6, August 3/10/17/24/31.

—**This Sunday's Flowers:** "In loving memory of my husband Carl." From Carol Greenwood.

—**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 Squares:** The Youth Service Project team departs July 5. Please pray over and tie a knot in the prayer squares along the north wall; each member of the team will take a prayer square with them.

—**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.

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SUNDAY INSERT
JUNE 22, 2025

MISSION AND COMMON LIFE

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Today! Keys to Maximizing Your Social Security

Stay after worship today for 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.

Today, 11:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room



Westside Food Bank Volunteer Opportunity

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 (**coming up this Friday!**) to help Westside Food Bank with packaging produce boxes.

Email Tricia to sign up: t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org

Fridays: June 27, July 25, August 29

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



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

Next Sunday, June 29: YSP Team Commissioning during 10 a.m. worship, 11 a.m. Lunch and Learn after worship in Simkins Hall

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

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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.

Next 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

• Ongoing 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. 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. If you would like to be part of the group rotation of volunteers, contact Tricia:

t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org.

• Mission and Outreach partners

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.

www.santamonicaumc.org/outreach-missions

• 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:

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Tricia Guerrero: t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org

or call the church office: (310) 393-8258.



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: **July 2** 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, July 19**

• 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 Thursday night 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: **TODAY! 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.



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