

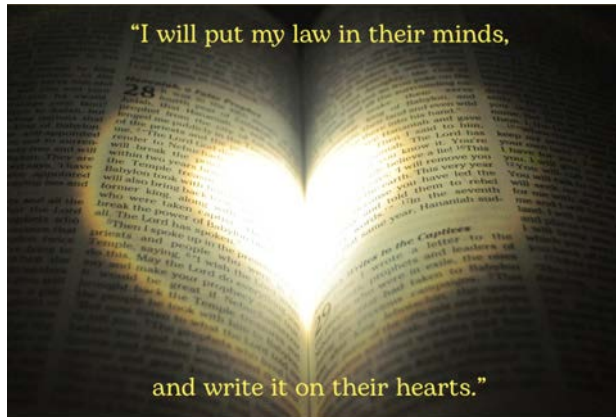


FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# WORSHIP

19th Sunday After Pentecost • October 19, 2025

WE GATHER



WELCOME

Ben Ing, Lay Lector

PRELUDE Be Thou My Vision (Gordon Young)

Ty Woodward, organ

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #384 United Methodist Hymnal — Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Crawford, Lay Lector

"The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Jacob."

**God has made a new covenant with us in Christ Jesus.**

"I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

**But we have failed to be God's people. We have chosen our own way.**

Turn again, says the Lord, through the prophets and through God's own Son.

**Turn us again to you, O Lord, and awaken our spirits to your love and mercy.**

\*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"Lift up your hearts! We lift them Lord to Thee: here at Thy feet none other may we see: lift up your hearts! E'en so, with one accord, we lift them up, we lift them to the Lord."

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Mary Crawford

*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.**

*Following the Children's Message children (6 months through 7th grade) will be led to Sunday School on the 2nd floor of the Education Building.*

## OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Ben Ing

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

**Thanks be to God!**

HYMN #465 UMH — Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

## SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

Mary Crawford

## 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

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## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE LESSON Jeremiah 31:27-34

Mary Crawford

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

SERMON "The New Covenant"

Rev. Greg Batson, Senior Minister

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## WE RESPOND

### WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Ben Ing

*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](http://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

O Jesus, I Have Promised (Howard Helvey)

O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end; be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend: I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my guide. O let me hear Thee speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of selfwill; O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; O speak, and make me listen, Thou Guardian of my soul. O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee, that where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be; and, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend. Amen.

### \*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

Ben Ing

**Persistent and just God, you do not turn away when your people cry out. Receive these gifts as acts of our faith—faith that keeps moving, faith that keeps hoping, faith that keeps working for justice, even when the world says it's too late or too little. Make us a people who do not lose heart. Shape our prayers into action and our generosity into grace. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

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## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

### \*HYMN #383 UMH – This Is a Day of New Beginnings

### \*BENEDICTION

Rev. Batson

### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

### POSTLUDE March of the Priests (Felix Mendelssohn)

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](http://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:** Children meet in the Sanctuary, following the Children's Message children (6 months through 7th grade) will be led to Sunday School in the Education Building on the 2nd floor.

—**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](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/flower-fund). Available Sundays: November 16/23/30.

—**This Sunday's Flowers:** "In honor of Ronald Krieger, we miss you every day." With love from Sandra and Catherine, Claire and Mike Hagerty.

—**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).

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—**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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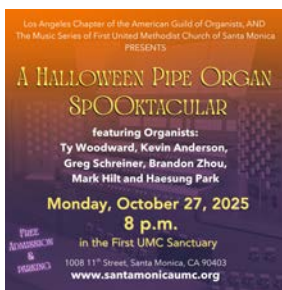
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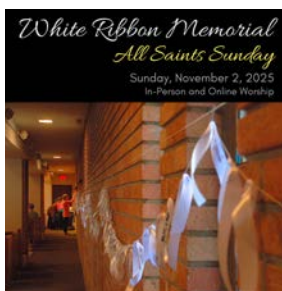
## UWF Peanut Brittle Making Days

Help the UWF gear up for the holidays and make their legendary Peanut Brittle! There are two upcoming volunteer days, and all are welcome to join in! They need 12 volunteers. Send an email to the UWF to sign up: [UWFsantamonica@gmail.com](mailto:UWFsantamonica@gmail.com)  
**Friday, October 24, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.; and Saturday, November 1, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Simkins Hall Kitchen**



## A Halloween Pipe Organ Spooktacular!

The Los Angeles Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and the First UMC Music Series present “A Halloween Pipe Organ Spooktacular”—an evening of hauntingly good performances by **Ty Woodward** and other talented organists from the Santa Monica area. Free and open to all!  
**Monday, October 27, 8 p.m. in the Sanctuary**



## White Ribbon Memorial

As we approach All Saints Day, First UMC will honor those who have died with the White Ribbon Memorial. On the Sundays of October 19, 26, and November 2, look for a table set up by the north wall of the sanctuary near the prayer quilts. There, before or after service, you may write the names of loved ones on a white ribbon (as many as you like or one name per ribbon), say a prayer, and tie it to the string or place it in the bowl on the table. Ribbons hung last year will be rehung this year. You may also come to the Welcome Table or the church office to write a name on a ribbon. For our All Saints Day service on November 2, all ribbons will be tied to the string and hung in the sanctuary for the worship service.

**All Saints Sunday: Sunday, November 2, during 10 a.m. worship**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### • History & Archives Exhibit in the Fireside Room Continues

As part of our 150th Anniversary celebration, the First UMC Archives Committee has opened the treasure chests of our past! From carefully preserved photographs to cherished memorabilia, we've gathered pieces that tell the rich story of our church's 150 years at the heart of Santa Monica. Come wander through the memories, discover familiar faces, and celebrate the legacy that has shaped our community.

**Exhibit open at 9 a.m. thru coffee hour each Sunday**

### • Take a Tour of the First Church Building

The History and Archives Committee recently discovered that the First UMC original church structure is still standing at 2621 2nd Street, and is part of a Santa Monica Conservancy 3rd Street Tour. Join us on Sunday, November 9, at noon, to take a tour by registering through the Santa Monica Conservancy:

<https://smconservancy.org/event/third-street-walk-16/>

**Sunday, November 9, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.**

*2520 2nd St. Santa Monica, CA 90405*

### • Church Charge Conference: Save the Date!

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.

**Sunday, November 16, after worship in Simkins Hall**

### • November Highlights

Save the dates for these additional November events:

Sun Nov 9 **Laity Sunday**

Wed Nov 12 **November Mid-Week Recital**

Fri/Sat Nov 21/22 **All Community Theater presents "Scrooge: The Musical"**

Sun Nov 23 **United Women in Faith Christmas Bazaar**



## MISSION AND SERVICE

### • United Women in Faith Craft Day

Come explore your crafty side! Please join the UWF and other friends TODAY after worship to create ornaments and decorations to **sell at our annual Christmas Bazaar in support of mission projects**. All you need to bring are your nimble fingers and joyful hearts. All materials and instructions will be provided. RSVP to [UWFsantamonica@gmail.com](mailto:UWFsantamonica@gmail.com) or just come! **TODAY, 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m., UWF Workroom**

### • Westside Food Bank Hunger Walk - Sign Up Now!

Join Westside Food Bank's 35th Annual 5K Hunger Walk at Ocean View Park. We are walking to help those facing hunger in LA County. Let's come together to make a difference in our community. **Join Team First UMC!** Sign up here: <https://my.wsfb.org/team/770534>

**Sunday, November 2, 12 p.m.** check-in and expo begin at Ocean View Park (2701 Barnard Way, SM, CA)

## 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 two Fridays in October to help Westside Food Bank with packaging produce boxes.

**Fridays: October 24 & 31, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

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

### 2. The People Concern

Linda Diane Anderson (with the help of Janet Searfoss) run 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.

**Next volunteer day: Saturday, November 15**

Contact Tricia to sign up for either of these opportunities: [t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org](mailto:t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org)

## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

### • Children's Ministry

Families are invited to worship in the Sanctuary. Parents with infants are welcome to worship in the Sanctuary, in the Family Zone in the Narthex, or in the nursery.

[www.santamonicaumc.org/childrens-ministry](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/childrens-ministry)

We have 3 groups for **Sunday School** following the children's message in worship:

- Nursery Care for 6 months through toddler
- Younger Elementary for Kinder-3rd graders
- New Sunday School group for 4th-7th graders

Please contact Jamie ([j.jones@santamonicaumc.org](mailto:j.jones@santamonicaumc.org)) for more info.

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

## YOUTH

### • United Methodist Youth Fellowship Group

The Youth Ministry at First UMC is a community of youth and adult volunteers who gather weekly to explore and grow in faith together. [www.santamonicaumc.org/youth-ministry](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/youth-ministry) **Sundays, 6-8 p.m. in the 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!

**Friday, November 7, 1 - 3 p.m.** Simkins Hall/Chapel

### • 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, led by Pastoral Associate Tricia Guerrero. Contact Tricia for upcoming meetings: [t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org](mailto:t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org). Next meeting: **Wednesday, November 5, 10 a.m.** at Literati Cafe

### • Prayer Quilt Ministry

Meets the 3rd Saturdays of the month, 9:30 a.m. in Room 300. Next meeting: **Saturday, November 15**

### • The Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir provides music every Sunday during the 10 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service. Sing in the Chancel Choir! **Thursday evening rehearsals are from 7:40 p.m. - 9 p.m.** Contact Jim Smith if you are interested in joining: [djes@roadrunner.com](mailto:djes@roadrunner.com)

### • Messy Church

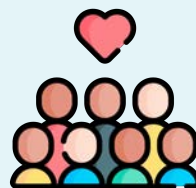
Messy Church is a monthly all age worship experience that explores God's love in an accessible way.

**Next meeting: Saturday, November 8, 4 - 6 p.m. in Simkins Hall. Theme: Growing Generosity**

### • Blood Pressure Screenings

The Health Ministry Council provides free Blood Pressure Screenings once a month after worship.

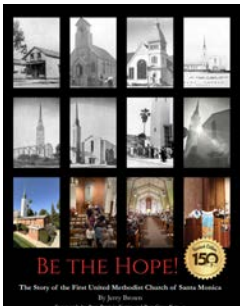
Next meeting: **TODAY, October 19 after worship** in the Alcove





# 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 150 years.



## Be the Hope: The Story of First UMC - Second Edition

First UMC is pleased to announce that a second edition of First UMC member Jerry Brown's book: *Be the Hope! The Story of the First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica*, is available to pick up Sundays in the Fireside Room, as part of the History and Archives Exhibit. Included is a new chapter written by Jerry encapsulating 2018-2025; a new forward by Rev. Batson; and a new set of photographs. Copies also available at the Welcome Table, and a downloadable pdf book is available on the website:

[www.santamonicaumc.org/first-umc-history](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/first-umc-history)

## 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](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:** App Store, search FirstUMC\_SM.



## 150th Anniversary T-shirts and Bags!

Join the celebration of our 150th Anniversary in style! Order online one of our premium logo t-shirts—available in adult and children's sizes with a variety of colors to choose from—and don't forget the sturdy, high-quality canvas bag to carry with you everywhere. There's also a sweatshirt hoodie, available in several colors! Let's wear our joy and celebrate together! Samples can be seen at the Welcome Table after worship on Sundays.

Visit the online store: <https://www.bonfire.com/store/first-united-methodist-church-of-santa-monica/>



Store QR code

## 150th Commemorative Mug

If you missed last Sunday's 150th Celebration, you may still pick up a FREE Commemorative Mug after worship today in the Courtyard! (*one per person*).

