



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OF SANTA MONICA

MID-WEEK RECITALS

ONLINE SERIES



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Wednesday, November 12, 2025
12:10 p.m.

LAURENT JOCHUM, organ

Variations sur Christus Vincit	D. Bédard (1950)
Pièce héroïque	C. Franck (1822-1890)
Chœur de Voix Humaines	L.J.A. Lefébure-Wély (1817-1869)
Yes	M. L. Takle (1942)

The First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica welcomes you to this concert. To view this performance and other past concerts, go to: Facebook (@santamonicaumc); YouTube (@SantaMonicaUMC); the website: www.santamonicaumc.org/mid-week-recital-series; or the First UMC App: App Store, search FirstUMC_SM

About The Artists

Holder of the great Cavaillé-Coll organ of the Saint Jean-Baptiste church in Belleville in Paris, where he succeeded great musicians such as Pierre Vidal, and of the organ of the chapel of the Saint Louis-de-Gonzague college and high school, **Laurent Jochum** has had a particularly eclectic career for more than twenty years.

Originally from Thionville, the son and grandson of a liturgical organist, he discovered the organ at a very young age. However, he began his musical studies by learning the piano before joining the organ class of Raphaëlle Garreau de Labarre. He continued his studies with André Stricker at the Strasbourg Conservatory, then with Louis Robilliard in Lyon, where he received a first prize with unanimous congratulations from the jury and a first prize for advanced training.

He completed and enriched his training with renowned professors such as Vincent Warnier, Jean-Charles Ablitzer, Jean Boyer and Thierry Escaich. He is a winner of several competitions, including the Lorraine International Organ Competition and, in 1999, the Grand Prix d'Organ Inter-Conservatoires d'Angers, newly named the Jean-Louis Florentz-Académie des Beaux-Arts Prize, awarded by a jury chaired by Thierry Escaich.

Since then, Laurent Jochum has performed regularly, in recitals or with various instrumental and vocal groups, in France and abroad. He has notably played in prestigious venues in Paris (Notre-Dame Cathedral, Saint-Etienne-du-Mont, La Madeleine, Sainte Clotilde), and in the provinces. He is regularly invited to major festivals such as those in Bordeaux, Guîtres, Saint Rémy-de-Provence, Roquevaire, Saint-Malo, Thionville, Saint Bertrand de Comminges... Abroad, he has been invited to the Czech Republic, Poland, England, Switzerland, Greece, Italy, Azerbaijan, Oman, as well as Luxembourg, Canada and the United States. He is also asked to participate in the inaugural concerts and performs with renowned artists, the organist Vincent Warnier, the violinist Marina Chiche, the soprano Fabrice di Falco, the baritone Philippe Brocard, soloist of the French army choir.

His dual training in piano and organ also led him to be accompanist of the little singers of Saint-Marc under the direction of Nicolas Porte then that of the French army choir in 2000. Currently, he accompanies the Saint Louis de Gonzague choir of Sophie Chiu as well as the Francis Bardot choirs (children's choir, young choir and vocal ensemble of Ile-de-France), which leads him to perform in very beautiful orchestras (Orchestre Colonne, Orchestre Bel'Arte).

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2025-26 Schedule

Sept 10 **Philip Vaiman**, violin

Oct 8 **Classical Gass**, cello, guitar, and bass

Nov 12 **Laurent Jochum**, organ

Dec 10 **Meagan Martin**, mezzo soprano

Jan 14 **Noah Sonderling**, piano

Feb 11 **Gold Line Saxophone Quartet**

Mar 11 **Sangam: Paul Livingstone**, sitar; **Peter Jacobson**, cello

Apr 8 **Trio Pacifico**, flute, guitar and cello

May 13 **Esther Yune, Susan Kim-Pedroza**, 4-hand piano



Presented by Dr. James E. Smith, First UMC Music Director, the Mid-Week Recital series is held online on the second Wednesdays of the month in the Fall and Spring. Recitals begin promptly at **12:10 p.m. online** then are available to view anytime afterwards.

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